



City of Colusa California

STAFF REPORT

DATE: May 3, 2022

TO: City of Colusa Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Fernanda Vanetta, Grant Writer and Dave Swartz, City Engineer

AGENDA ITEM:

Subject: US Department of Transportation (DOT) Rural Surface Transportation Grant

Recommendation: Council to approve Resolution 22-___ for the city to submit grant bid to the DOT for the resurfacing of Fremont Street.

BACKGROUND ANALYSIS: The Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program will support projects to improve and expand the surface transportation infrastructure in rural areas to increase connectivity, improve the safety and reliability of the movement of people and freight, and generate regional economic growth and improve quality of life.

The parameters of the DOT's RURAL grant would allow the city to submit a complete street project for Fremont Street (between Bridge St. and 10th St.) The project would include grinding the existing surface in place and overlay with new asphalt, along with placing new water lines, the installation of storm and drainage infrastructure (36' dia), and installation of sewer where it either is in or crosses the street. New signage and striping, new curb, gutter and sidewalk along with new cross walks and rapid flashing beacon and inground lit cross walks would also be part of the project.

City Engineer Swartz has estimated the project to have a total cost of \$2,890,000 broken down as follows:

Fremont St. Preliminary Project Cost Breakdown	
CEQA / NEPA	\$15,000
Preliminary Engineering	\$25,000
Design Engineering (including surveying)	\$120,000
Construction Cost	\$2,400,000
Construction Administration & Inspection	\$80,000
Contingency	\$250,000
TOTAL	\$2,890,000

This is a competitive grant which does require a 20% cost match to program funds. Applications are due by May 23, 2022. Awards are predicted to be announced between August and October of 2022. If the city is awarded the grant, the project would have to be obligated to the DOT by September 30, 2025, with construction finalized within 18 months of obligation date.

BUDGET IMPACT: The 20% match required for this grant would result in a cost to the city of \$578,000.00 for the project as proposed. The project could be scaled back which would result in a reduction in matching funds.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Council to approve the Resolution 22-_____ approving the submittal of the grant to the department and committing funds if grant is awarded.

ATTACHMENT: Resolution