



Folsom City Council Staff Report

MEETING DATE:	5/24/2022
AGENDA SECTION:	Consent Calendar
SUBJECT:	Resolution No. 10855 – A Resolution Authorizing Staff to Submit Active Transportation Program Grant Applications (Cycle 6) to the California Transportation Commission and the Sacramento Area Council of Governments for the Folsom-Placerville Rail Trail Project
FROM:	Parks and Recreation Department

RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION

Staff recommends the City Council approve Resolution No. 10855 – A Resolution Authorizing Staff to Submit Active Transportation Program Grant Applications (Cycle 6) to the California Transportation Commission and the Sacramento Area Council of Governments for the Folsom-Placerville Rail Trail Project.

BACKGROUND / ISSUE

The City of Folsom Bikeway Master Plan (adopted by City Council in 2007) and the City of Folsom Draft Active Transportation Plan (Final ATP to be adopted by City Council June 2022) identifies a Class I bike trail, referred to as the Folsom-Placerville Rail Trail, extending from the Humbug-Willow Creek Trail near Mercy Hospital to White Rock Road. There are eventual plans to extend the trail to the City of Placerville. The ultimate alignment would provide 30 miles of connectivity between and through Sacramento and El Dorado counties.

The proposed project, should we receive the grant funding, would provide Class I Trail improvements for bicycles and pedestrians for approximately 1.25 miles from Humbug-Willow Creek Trail, which is between Creekside Drive and Oak Avenue Parkway on the west, to Iron Point Road on the east. Most of the proposed project would parallel East Bidwell Street along the Southern Pacific Placerville Branch right-of-way and would be within the existing Sacramento-Placerville Transportation Corridor (SPTC) Joint Powers Authority (JPA).

In June 2015, Parks and Recreation Department staff prepared and submitted a grant application to the Regional Active Transportation Funding Program in the amount of

\$1,048,036 to provide the necessary funds for design and construction of the Folsom Placerville Rail Trail. On December 3, 2015, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments Board approved the City's proposal for the full amount of the grant request. The City Council at the March 8, 2016 meeting approved the grant award acceptance for the Folsom/Placerville Rail Trail Project. In March 2017, the City Council awarded a contract to Kimley-Horn and Associates to prepare the environmental analysis and design/engineering plans (up to 30% complete) for the Folsom Placerville Rail Trail Project.

Parks and Recreation Department staff is requesting approval from City Council to apply for Caltrans Active Transportation Program (Cycle 6) and the Sacramento Area Council of Governments Grant funds. The objective in applying for the grants is to seek the remaining funding needed to complete the design/engineering and fund construction of the rail trail project.

POLICY / RULE

The California Department of Transportation requires the applicant's governing body to certify by resolution the approval of the application before submission and commitment of matching funds.

ANALYSIS

The Folsom-Placerville Rail Trail project is estimated to be approximately 1.25-miles in length and will be constructed within the JPA corridor. The trail will be 12-feet wide with shoulders and will connect with an existing segment of the Folsom Placerville Rail Trail that extends from Scholar Way to Broadstone Parkway.

East Bidwell Street experiences heavy traffic volumes and cyclists and pedestrians currently have very limited facilities to move within this corridor. This new trail would provide a facility physically separated from East Bidwell Street, providing direct connections to the many destinations along the East Bidwell Street corridor, specifically Folsom Lake College and businesses along the corridor. The proposed project is consistent with the Draft Active Transportation Plan (Final ATP to be adopted by City Council June 2022), SACOG Final Regional Trail Network (adopted April 2022), and East Bidwell Street Complete Streets Corridor Plan (adopted by City Council in February 2015).

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The total grant funding being requested is \$1,700,000. There is no required local match for this project's grant application because it is considered a Small Infrastructure project per the Active Transportation Program Guidelines. However, leveraging local matching funds is looked on favorably for the project's application. The total match proposed for this project would be \$300,000, or 15% of the total grant funding request. The total project funding from this grant would be \$2,000,000 (\$1,700,000 + \$300,000). If the grant is awarded the total project budget would increase from \$1,233,838 to \$3,233,838, which would be enough funds to complete design and construction of the Folsom-Placerville Rail Trail.

Staff recommends that the City designate \$300,000 in matching funds to be divided between Transportation Demand Management Fund (Fund 248) and Transportation System Management Fund (Fund 206). These funds would not need to be appropriated until Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and based on the current balance and projections through Fiscal Year 2022-23; Funds 248 and 206 will have sufficient funds for the required match.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) only applies to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The requested action is not considered a project under CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3).

ATTACHMENT

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Submitted,

Lorraine Poggione,
Parks and Recreation Department Director

ATTACHMENT 1

Resolution No. 10855

RESOLUTION NO. 10855

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STAFF TO SUBMIT ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATIONS (CYCLE 6) TO THE CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND THE SACRAMENTO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE FOLSOM-PLACERVILLE RAIL TRAIL PROJECT

WHEREAS, in March 2022, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) released a Request for Project Applications for the Active Transportation Program (Cycle 6) Grants; and

WHEREAS, the Active Transportation Program (ATP) is funded from various federal and state funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Folsom proposes to apply for funds to complete design and fund construction of the Folsom-Placerville Rail Trail Project; and

WHEREAS, the total grant funding requested is \$1,700,000 for a total project budget of \$2,000,000 (\$1,700,000 + \$300,000 city match); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Folsom hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an application for the Caltrans Active Transportation Program.
2. Certifies that said applicant has or will have available prior to commencement of any work on the project included in this application, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project.
3. Appoints the Parks and Recreation Department Director, as agent of the City of Folsom to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.
4. Approves the use of grant matching funds in the amount of \$300,000 to be utilized from the Transportation Demand Management Fund (Fund 248) and Transportation System Management Fund (Fund 206).

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of May 2022, by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Councilmember(s):
NOES: Councilmember(s):
ABSENT: Councilmember(s):
ABSTAIN: Councilmember(s):

Kerri M. Howell, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Christa Freemantle, CITY CLERK

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