



Folsom City Council Staff Report

MEETING DATE:	6/13/2023
AGENDA SECTION:	Consent Calendar
SUBJECT:	Resolution No. 11049 – A Resolution Authorizing Staff to Submit Recreational Trail Program (RTP) Grant Application to the California Department of Parks and Recreation for the Trail Connections Projects
FROM:	Parks and Recreation Department

RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION

Staff recommends the City Council approve Resolution No. 11049 – A Resolution Authorizing Staff to Submit Recreational Trail Program (RTP) Grant Application to the California Department of Parks and Recreation for the Trail Connections Projects

BACKGROUND / ISSUE

The City of Folsom Bikeway Master Plan (adopted by City Council in 2007) and the City of Folsom Active Transportation Plan (adopted by City Council June 2022) identifies three Class I bike trail connections, referred to as the Trail Connections Projects.

The three Trail Connections Projects include the following:

- Oak Parkway Trail - Willow Creek Drive Connection – Complete the Class I Oak Parkway Trail connection to Willow Creek Drive. When this Oak Parkway trail segment was constructed, funding was limited, and the trail came 900-feet short of connecting to Willow Creek Drive. Cyclists and pedestrians currently share a 4-foot-wide sidewalk through BT Collins Park, which creates unnecessary conflicts. The project would be to complete the remaining 900 feet of trail to connect with the Willow Creek Drive crosswalk.
- HBWC Trail - East Bidwell Street Connection - Provide a much-needed Class I trail connection from the Humbug-Willow Creek trail undercrossing to East Bidwell Street Class II bike lanes.

- Oak Parkway Trail - McFarland Drive Connection - Provide a 100-foot-long Class I connection from the Oak Parkway Trail to McFarland Drive for the neighborhood south of the trail corridor. Currently pedestrians and cyclists use unpaved access to the trail.

Parks and Recreation Department staff is requesting approval from City Council to apply for Recreational Trail Program (RTP) Grant funds. The objective in applying for the grants is to fully fund construction of all three Trail Connections Projects.

POLICY / RULE

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

ANALYSIS

The three trail connection projects being proposed would fill important gaps in the city-wide trail network. Two of the connections being proposed are along the Oak Parkway Trail and the third is along the Humbug-Willow Creek Trail at the East Bidwell Street undercrossing. Project design/engineering was completed in 2021.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The total grant funding requested is \$1,580,000 with a local fund match of up to \$220,000. The local match of up to \$220,000 will be utilized from the Transportation Tax Fund (Fund 248) and there are sufficient funds available to cover this match. The total amount of \$1,800,000 will provide the funding to complete all three connection projects. Staff will return to City Council at a later date for approval of a contractor and appropriation of the grant funds. There is a minimum required local match for this project’s grant application of 12% per the Recreation Trails Program Procedural Guide.

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,

Kelly Gonzalez,
Parks and Recreation Department Director

RESOLUTION NO. 11049

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STAFF TO SUBMIT RECREATIONAL TRAIL PROGRAM (RTP) GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR THE TRAIL CONNECTIONS PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the “Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users” provides funds to the State of California for Grants to federal, state, local and non-profit organizations to acquire, develop and/or maintain motorized and non-motorized trail Projects; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing Project Application under the program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the Applicant to certify by resolution the approval of Application(s) before submission of said Application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant will enter into a Contract with the State of California to complete the Project(s);

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

1. Approves the filing of an Application for the Recreational Trails Program; and
2. Certifies that the Project is consistent with the Applicant’s general plan or the equivalent planning document; and
3. Certifies that said Applicant has or will have available prior to commencement of any work on the Project(s) included in this Application, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project(s); and
4. Certifies that the Applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the Contract shown in the Procedural Guide; and
5. Appoints the Parks and Recreation Director as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to Applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the Project.
6. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and guidelines.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of June 2023, by the following roll-call vote:

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

Rosario Rodriguez, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Christa Freemantle, CITY CLERK