



Folsom City Council Staff Report

MEETING DATE:	4/22/2025
AGENDA SECTION:	Consent Calendar
SUBJECT:	Resolution No. 11369 - A Resolution Authorizing Staff to Submit Grant Applications to the Sacramento Area Council of Governments for the 2024-25 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Funding Round
FROM:	Public Works Department and Parks and Recreation Department

RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION

The Public Works and Parks & Recreation Departments recommend that the City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 11369 - A Resolution Authorizing Staff to Submit Grant Applications to the Sacramento Area Council of Governments for the 2024-25 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Funding Round.

BACKGROUND / ISSUE

The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba Counties, is responsible for preparing and submitting the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), which programs each county's share of STIP funds.

In February 2024, SACOG adopted a new STIP framework that split county shares into two categories:

1. A **regional pool** for competitive projects across all counties (10%), and
2. **Individual intra-county competitive programs**, which would manage the majority (90%) of each county's share.

In October 2024, SACOG formalized funding guidelines under this revised framework, emphasizing collaborative planning among regional stakeholders. Most recently, in February 2025, SACOG issued a call for projects, confirmed STIP fund estimates, and reaffirmed that

90% of each county's STIP share would be allocated through intra-competitive county programs.

In response to SACOG's revised framework for STIP funding, the Sacramento Transportation Authority has proposed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to fulfill the requests among local transportation agencies within Sacramento County to strategically coordinate a collectively beneficial approach to the 2025 SACOG Four-County STIP Funding Program and future funding programs to reduce the number of applications submitted, improve coordination, and to increase the funding predictability within their respective 90% county share allocation. Through the partnership, Member Agencies increase predictability in how much funding will be available each funding cycle. This MOU will be presented to City Council for approval in the near future.

The member agencies for this MOU consist of the County of Sacramento, the Cities of Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Folsom, Galt, Rancho Cordova, Isleton, and Sacramento, the Capital SouthEast Connector JPA, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, Paratransit Inc., Sacramento Regional Transit District, and San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission.

The anticipated 2025 allocations for **Individual intra-county competitive programs** based on population (75%) and lane miles (25%) are as follows:

Folsom	\$ 1,274,000
Citrus Heights	\$ 1,109,000
Elk Grove	\$ 2,400,000
Galt	\$ 363,000
Isleton	\$ 100,000
Rancho Cordova	\$ 1,168,000
Sacramento	\$ 6,889,000
Sacramento County	\$ 8,712,000

The Empire Ranch Interchange Project was considered for this funding opportunity however it was determined that the project does not meet the criteria for STIP funding due to the project's classification as a capacity-increasing project as well as the funding criteria that any project funded through this STIP funding round must be scheduled to begin construction no later than June 2029. Staff does not think this is a reasonable schedule based on recent attempts to obtain Caltrans approval and the anticipated timeline for project design. If Council chooses to direct staff to submit a funding request for the Empire Ranch Interchange project, and the project is deemed to not meet the eligibility criteria, there would be no risk of losing these available funds however the funds wouldn't be available to apply for again until the 2027 STIP call for projects.

The Public Works Department and Parks and Recreation Department are proposing to submit grant applications for this STIP funding round for the two projects listed below. Staff attended

a pre-application meeting with SACOG staff and received positive feedback that both projects below align well with the STIP guidelines.

Riley Street Complete Streets (Public Works)

On Riley Street, between East Bidwell Street and Wales Drive: This project will consist of complete street improvements that will include transitioning from a four lane, two-way street to a single lane in each direction, creation of dedicated bike facilities, pedestrian improvements, and the development of four roundabouts at East Bidwell Street, Walmart/Kohls Driveway, Glenn Drive, and Wales Drive. The implementation of roundabouts, bicycle lanes, and crosswalks in the project area will slow traffic, reducing the risk for pedestrians and allowing safer vehicle access into and out of the commercial properties along the corridor. These roundabouts were identified and received the highest composite benefit scores in the Roundabout Screening Evaluation that was recently presented to City Council. The requested funding for this project would be utilized for the Project Approval/Environmental Document Phase.

Highway 50 Class I Trail Undercrossing & Trail Improvements (Parks & Recreation)

Located along the Sacramento-Placerville Transportation Corridor Joint Powers Authority (SPTC-JPA) railroad track corridor between Iron Point Road and the southside of the US Highway 50 overcrossing of Old Placerville Road.

The Highway 50 Class I Trail Undercrossing & Trail Improvements project would complete the critical gap in Folsom's only planned Class I trail connection to the Folsom Plan Area (FPA). The project would connect the existing Class I trail that runs from Iron Point Road to just before the Highway 50 undercrossing to the existing trail that parallels Old Placerville Road on the south side of Highway 50. Currently, there is no Class I trail facility under Highway 50.

The project would also improve the existing trail that runs from Iron Point Road to just before Highway 50 undercrossing (parallels the SPTC-JPA railroad tracks) and the trail adjacent to the In-N-Out parking lot. Currently, the existing Class I trail parallel to the tracks begins approximately 175 feet east of the East Bidwell/Iron Point intersection crosswalks requiring bicyclists and pedestrians to use a narrow sidewalk to access the Class I trail. The proposed trail improvements include widening the existing Class I trail (10 feet to 12 feet), adding 2-foot shoulders on each side, and constructing a new Class I trail connection from the existing Class I trail, parallel to the railroad tracks, to the existing trail that runs behind In-N-Out, connecting trail users to the East Bidwell sidewalk approximately 80 feet south of the East Bidwell/Iron Point intersection crosswalks. The staging area for bicyclists and pedestrians adjacent to the East Bidwell/Iron Point intersection crosswalks would be widened to accommodate additional trail users queuing to cross the intersection.

POLICY / RULE

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 10405 Amending Financial Policies of the City of Folsom regarding grant administration on April 14, 2020. Section D – Intergovernmental Revenues, Paragraph A – Grant Applications states, “Grant application shall be the responsibility of the department seeking the grant. Grant applications that require an expenditure of funds by the City of less than or equal to the City Manager contract authority amount may be approved by the City Manager prior to submittal to the grantor. All other grant applications, including any requiring an ongoing commitment of resources or staff, shall be reviewed and approved by the City Council prior to submittal. In circumstances where it is not possible for the City Council to approve the grant application prior to submittal, the City Manager may approve the application subject to the City Council ratification as soon as practicable to do so.

Requests to the City Council or the City Manager for approval of a grant application shall identify anticipated long-term maintenance and/or renovation costs, required City matching funds, and additional personnel that may be needed if the grant is awarded for a capital project. Concerning grants for staffing, the source of funds for long-term staffing after the expiration of the grant shall also be identified in the request for approval of the grant application.

All grant applications on behalf of the City shall be reviewed by the Finance Director before submittal to the City Council or the grantor.”

ANALYSIS

Staff from the Public Works and Parks & Recreation Departments collaborated on priority projects that meet STIP funding eligibility to compile a list of candidate projects for possible grant funds.

Staff is requesting that Council provide prioritization between these two projects, which could consist of proceeding with only one of the projects or a split funding request (e.g., 60/40), with the understanding that the most Folsom can receive this funding round is \$1,274,000. Staff is requesting approval to submit both projects for funding consideration, proposing a request of \$974,000 for the Riley Street Complete Streets project and a \$300,000 request for the Highway 50 Class I Trail Undercrossing and Trail Improvements project.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no direct financial impact associated with this action at this point. Should the City be awarded grant funding for any of these projects, the City would be required to provide local matching funds of approximately 11% of the amount granted. Once any of the projects are awarded grant funding staff will return to Council to identify the source of the match required, request Council accept the grant award, and request an increase to revenue estimates and appropriations for the amount awarded..

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This action is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

ATTACHMENT

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