



Folsom City Council Staff Report

MEETING DATE:	7/25/2023
AGENDA SECTION:	Consent Calendar
SUBJECT:	Resolution No. 11081 – A Resolution Accepting the Grant Award from the Regional Active Transportation Program for the Folsom-Placerville Rail Trail Gap Closure Project and Appropriation of Funds
FROM:	Parks and Recreation Department

RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION

Staff recommends the City Council approve Resolution No. 11081 – A Resolution Accepting the Grant Award from the Regional Active Transportation Program for the Folsom-Placerville Rail Trail Gap Closure Project and Appropriation of Funds.

BACKGROUND / ISSUE

The City of Folsom Active Transportation Plan (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 Iron Point Road. The proposed project will provide Class I trail improvements for bicycles and pedestrians for approximately 1.6 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.

On March 3, 2023, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments Board approved the City's proposal for the full amount of the grant request. Staff is now seeking City Council approval for acceptance and use of the grant. Parks and Recreation Department staff is requesting approval from City Council for accepting the Sacramento Area Council of Governments Regional Active Transportation Program Grant funds.

ANALYSIS

The Folsom-Placerville Rail Trail project is estimated to be approximately 1.6-miles in length and will be constructed within the JPA corridor. The trail will be 12-foot wide with shoulders and will extend from the Humbug-Willow Creek Trail near Mercy Hospital to Iron Point Road.

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 Active Transportation Plan (ATP 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 requested was \$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 local match 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 grant + \$300,000 match). 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.

The City designated \$300,000 in matching funds to be divided between Transportation Demand Management Fund (Fund 248) and Transportation System Management Fund (Fund 206). The Department recommends appropriating \$175,000 from Fund 206 and \$125,000 from Fund 248. There are sufficient funds available to cover these matches.

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. 11081

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE GRANT AWARD FROM THE REGIONAL ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FOR THE FOLSOM-PLACERVILLE RAIL TRAIL GAP CLOSURE PROJECT AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Active Transportation Program was created by Senate Bill 99 in 2013 to fund projects and programs that will increase biking and walking. SACOG must submit a final funding recommendation to the CTC in May to be adopted by the June CTC meeting; and

WHEREAS, The ATP is a highly competitive program jointly managed by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the California Transportation Commission (CTC). Metropolitan planning organizations like SACOG distribute a portion of these funds through a competitive process, with all final regional recommendations subject to approval from the CTC; and

WHEREAS, in May 2022, the City Council approved the submittal of the Regional Active Transportation Program Grant application for the Folsom Placerville Rail Trail Gap Closure Project; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2023, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments Board approved the full grant amount of \$1,700,000.

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

1. Approves the acceptance of a grant award from the Regional Active Transportation Funding Program in the amount of \$1,700,000; and
2. 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; and
3. Authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to increase revenue estimates and expenditure appropriations by \$1,700,000, the grant award, to the Humbug-Willow Creek Fund (Fund 223); and
4. Authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to appropriate matching funds in the amount of \$300,000 split between the Transportation System Management Fund (Fund 206) \$175,000 and Transportation Demand Act (Fund 248) \$125,000.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 25th day of July 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

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