



# Folsom City Council Staff Report

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| <b>MEETING DATE:</b>   | 2/13/2024  |
| <b>AGENDA SECTION:</b> | Consent Calendar   |
| <b>SUBJECT:</b>        | Resolution 11166 – A Resolution Authorizing Staff to Submit a Grant Application for Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Carbon Reduction Program for the Folsom Boulevard Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing Project |
| <b>FROM:</b>           | Parks and Recreation Department  |

### **RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

A resolution authorizing staff to submit a grant application for Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Carbon Reduction Program for the Folsom Boulevard Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing project.

### **BACKGROUND / ISSUE**

In 2018, staff submitted an application as part of the Active Transportation Program (Cycle 4) grant funding opportunity for a Folsom Boulevard Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing. In 2019, staff was informed that the project did not receive funding. The comments received from the application reviewers focused on the lack of public outreach. Understanding the need for a more robust public outreach process to support the project in the next grant funding opportunity, staff worked to secure funding for a feasibility study.

On August 26, 2022, the City of Folsom issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for professional design services for the Folsom Boulevard Class I Overcrossing Feasibility Study. The RFP was distributed to qualified design consultants and advertised on CIPlist.com. The due date for the proposals was September 30, 2022, and three proposals were received. A full review of these proposals was performed by city staff from both the Public Works and Parks and Recreation departments. Dokken Engineering's proposal demonstrated the expertise, capacity, and ability to complete the scope of services which entails project management, public workshop facilitation, bridge design, and cost estimation.

Between March and October 2023, the Parks and Recreation Department along with its consultant team conducted extensive outreach on a range of possible overcrossing routes and designs across

Folsom Boulevard between the Glenn Station area Parkshore Drive. Based on public input, the range of routes and designs was narrowed down from four alternatives to two. One alternative is north of the Glenn light rail station and the second is south of the station area as shown in Attachments 1 and 2. Based on community input and project team expertise, staff believe the North Alternative Alignment provides the most benefits to pedestrians and bicyclists.

On January 23, 2024, City Council approved the North Alternative Alignment as the preferred alternative for the Folsom Boulevard Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing project.

### **POLICY / RULE**

The environmental review process and mitigated negative declaration preparation and filing is pursuant to Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Article 6, Sections 15070 and 15071 of the California Administrative Code. The City of Folsom is the responsible agency, and the City Council is responsible for the final determination of the environmental analysis.

### **ANALYSIS**

In June 2022, the City Council adopted the Active Transportation Plan (ATP). The Active Transportation Plan is the guiding document that will provide the planning, development and maintenance of existing and future bicycle and pedestrian facilities within the city. The ATP identified the Folsom Boulevard Overcrossing as a “high priority” project.

An overcrossing would provide safe, direct access for residents and businesses east of Folsom Boulevard to the American River Parkway Trail (ARPT), including the communities and neighborhoods that border the ARPT. The overcrossing will be a gateway to connect residents and visitors to a larger network of trails in the region. The overcrossing provides a connection between the regional, 15-mile Humbug Willow Creek (HBWC) Trail east of Folsom Boulevard and the 32-mile American River Parkway Trail (ARPT), providing users access to over 80 miles of trails in the region and connecting users to downtown Sacramento.

As part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)/Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) signed into law in November 2021, the U.S. Department of Transportation established the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP). This program provides funding to states and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) for projects designed to reduce transportation-related carbon emissions from on-road highway sources.

The CRP funding is distributed to the state, at which point funding is split into state programs and “local” (i.e., MPO and non-MPO regional transportation planning agencies) programs sub-allocated by the state. SACOG must use a performance-based process to select projects consistent with the Carbon Reduction Strategy adopted by the SACOG board in June 2023.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no direct financial impact associated with this action at this point. Should the City be awarded grant funding for the project the City would be required to provide local matching funds of 11.47% of the amount granted. Once the project is awarded grant funding staff will return to Council to identify the source of the match required and accept the grant if approved.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

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

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Resolution No. 11166- A Resolution Authorizing Staff to Submit a Grant Application for Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Carbon Reduction Program for the Folsom Boulevard Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing Project

Submitted,

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PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

**RESOLUTION NO. 11166**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STAFF TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR SACRAMENTO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SACOG) CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM FOR THE FOLSOM BOULEVARD BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN OVERCROSSING PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, in November 2023, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) released a request for project applications for the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) grant opportunity; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)/Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) signed into law in November 2021, the U.S. Department of Transportation established the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP).; and

**WHEREAS**, the CRP program provides funding to states and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) for projects designed to reduce transportation-related carbon emissions from on-road highway sources; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Folsom proposes to apply for a CRP grant to fund environmental review compliance and design/engineering for the Folsom Boulevard Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing Project; and

**WHEREAS**, once the project is awarded grant funding, staff will return to Council for approval of the source of the required match funding; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Folsom authorizes staff to submit a grant application to the Sacramento Area Council of Governments Carbon Reduction Program for the Folsom Boulevard Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing Project.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024, by the following roll-call vote:

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

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Michael D. Kozlowski, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Christa Freemantle, CITY CLERK