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CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: Jesse VanderZanden, City Manager

MEETING DATE: September 12, 2022

PROJECT TEAM: Greg Robertson, Public Works Director

SUBJECT TITLE: Safe Streets for All Grant Application

ACTION REQUESTED:	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/> Order	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X	<input type="checkbox"/> Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/> Motion	<input type="checkbox"/> Informational
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X all that apply

BACKGROUND:

The Safe Streets for All grant program was established in the recently passed Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill (BIL) which provides up to \$6 billion in grants over the next 5 years. The application period for this year’s grants is September 15, 2022, and City staff have been working with our federal grant partners, CFM, to prepare an application for the Eastside Safety Improvement Project (Project).

Please recall the Project was nominated and not selected for an earmark aside 5 other city projects. The Project however is also eligible for a Safe Streets for All grant as it already has an approved Safety Plan with eligible and project-specific transportation projects in the Plan. The specific projects include improving the Yew Street and Highway 47 intersection, adding 3 mid-block pedestrian/bicycle crossings, overlaying and restriping the corridor, and filling in all the sidewalk gaps.

CURRENT STATUS AND RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is proposing to apply for \$15,081,600 in federal funding for the above improvements and is requesting Council authorize via resolution \$3,770,400 in matching funds to meet the obligatory 20% match for a total grant application and project cost of \$18,852,000. The matching funds would come from the Transportation Development Tax (TDT). The TDT is limited to new or expansion projects and this project qualifies. The TDT has a balance of approximately \$16 million of which \$11 million is unobligated and available for priority projects such as this. If approved, the matching amount will be amended in the TDT budget and the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan.

Staff has reached out to the same community partners who supported the City’s earmark request and asked them for a similar letter in support of the grant. This includes Centro Cultural, Adelante Mujeres, City Club, Chamber of Commerce, and ODOT. If approved, staff will work with CFM to assure completion of the grant by September 15, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-60

**AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR A \$18,852,000
“SAFE STREETS FOR ALL” FEDERAL GRANT AND COMMIT \$3,770,400
IN TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT TAX FUNDS TO COMPRISE THE
20% MATCHING REQUIREMENT**

WHEREAS, the City of Forest Grove approved an Eastside Safety Improvement Plan in February, 2022, that outlined specific capital projects in the TV Highway corridor between Quince Street to the west and the City of Cornelius to the east; and

WHEREAS, the Plan includes improving the Yew Street and Highway 47 intersection, adding three mid-block pedestrian/bicycle crossings, overlaying and restriping the corridor, and filling in all the sidewalk gaps; and

WHEREAS, the cost to fund the improvements is approximately \$18.85 million dollars and a federal grant program entitled “Safe Streets for All” was recently passed by Congress to fund these types of improvements provided the applicant matches 20% of the overall project cost; and

WHEREAS, the corridor serves and is accessed by historically marginalized communities, has poor pedestrian and bicycle access, and has experienced amongst the highest accident rates in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF FOREST GROVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council authorizes the City Manager apply for a \$18,852,000 “Safe Streets for All” federal grant and commit \$3,770,400 in Transportation Development Tax funds to comprise the 20% matching requirement.

Section 2. This resolution is effective immediately upon its enactment by the City Council.

PRESENTED AND PASSED this 12th day of September, 2022.

Anna D. Ruggles, City Recorder

APPROVED by the Mayor this 12th day of September, 2022.

Peter B Truax, Mayor