



## City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

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**Title:** Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Application for the Trolley Trail Multimodal Connector Study

**CEQA:** Not a project

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2025-53 authorizing the City Manager to submit a Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant application to Caltrans for the Trolley Trail Multimodal Connector Study, accept the grant if awarded, and authorize the Finance Director to process supplemental appropriations consistent with the grant documents.

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**Council Meeting Date:** 12/9/2025

**Date Prepared:** 12/4/2025

**Agenda:** Consent

**Background Information:** The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) administers the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program, which funds planning efforts that support multimodal mobility, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, strengthen community connectivity, and improve public safety.

The City of Grass Valley seeks to pursue this funding for a planning-level study of the Trolley Trail Multimodal Connector, a regional active transportation route concept linking Grass Valley to Nevada City and providing safer pedestrian and bicycle connections between key residential, commercial, and recreational areas. Developing this corridor has long been a community mobility priority, aligning with General Plan circulation goals, regional transportation objectives, and local desires for expanded non-motorized pathway options.

The grant-funded study would evaluate route feasibility, environmental constraints, safety opportunities, jurisdictional coordination, community engagement elements, and cost estimates for future design and construction phases.

Authorization from the City Council is required for submission of the application and designation of personnel with authority to accept funds and complete associated financial actions. The attached resolution:

1. Authorizes the City Manager to submit the grant application to Caltrans.
2. Authorizes the City Manager to accept the grant, if awarded, on behalf of the City.

3. Authorizes the Finance Director to process supplemental appropriations that may be necessary to implement the grant in accordance with Caltrans requirements.

This structure follows standard state grant protocols and ensures the City is prepared to move quickly if the application is selected for funding.

The planning grant does not require a local match beyond staff time unless otherwise required by Caltrans during award negotiations. No construction is proposed as part of this phase.

**Council Goals/Objectives:** The contract will meet the City's Strategic Plan goal of providing high performance government and quality customer service.

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Funds Available:** n/a

**Account #:**n/a

**Reviewed by:** City Manager

**Attachments:** R2025-53