



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 04/07/2020

ITEM NO: 6

DATE: April 1, 2020
TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Laurel Prevetti, Town Manager
SUBJECT: Winchester Boulevard Class IV Protected Bike Lanes
a. Accept a Transportation Fund for Clean Air Grant in the Amount of \$293,900 from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District for the Winchester Boulevard Class IV Protected Bike Lane Project; and
b. Authorize the Town Manager to Negotiate and Execute All Grant Agreements with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Town Council:

- a. Accept a Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) grant in the amount of \$293,900 from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District) for the Winchester Boulevard Class IV Protected Bike Lanes project; and
- b. Authorize the Town Manager to negotiate and execute all grant agreements with the Air District (Attachment 1).

BACKGROUND:

Winchester Boulevard is a major arterial street parallel to Highway 17, which borders both the Town of Los Gatos and the City of Monte Sereno. The Los Gatos Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP) identifies the construction of Class IV bike lanes along Winchester Boulevard as improvement projects.

At the October 1, 2019 Council meeting, the Town Council authorized the submittal of a grant application to the Air District for the Winchester Boulevard Class IV Protected Bike Lanes Project between Blossom Hill Road and Albright Way.

At the December 17, 2019 meeting, the Town Council authorized an Agreement for Consultant Services for the Winchester Boulevard Complete Streets Design and an expenditure budget

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BACKGROUND (continued):

transfer of \$280,000 to a new project of Winchester Boulevard Complete Streets Improvements (411-813-0238). On January 29, 2020, the Air District Board of Directors approved a grant award of \$293,900 from the TFCA Regional Fund for the Winchester Boulevard Class IV Protected Bike Lanes Project. The TFCA funds will be applied to the construction phase.

DISCUSSION:

The project scope includes a significant amount of pavement work on Winchester Boulevard south of Lark Avenue. The existing Pavement Condition Index (PCI) of this section of roadway is below 50, which is in the "Poor" condition category. Similar to the Blossom Hill Road Bicycle and Pedestrian project, the pavement reconstruction will be coordinated to coincide with the construction of the new Class IV bicycle lanes.

By combining the pavement work and the construction of the Class IV bike lanes, the Town can realize cost savings and less interruption to traffic operations. The work for the combined projects will be constructed in Fiscal Year 2020/2021.

Staff is recommending tracking separate Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects for two related projects, Winchester Boulevard Class IV Protected Bike Lanes (this project) and Winchester Boulevard Complete Streets Design, to ensure proper tracking and reporting. The Winchester Boulevard Class IV Protected Bike Lanes project can be constructed within eighteen months and will provide immediate improvements to the street. Winchester Boulevard Complete Streets Design will likely recommend treatments such as enhanced bike lanes with more expensive features, pedestrian crossings, sidewalk improvements, pedestrian refuge islands, landscaped medians, intersection modifications, and stormwater retention. These additional elements would leverage the design experiences from the earlier project. Town staff is preparing a grant application in the Measure B program for funding for final design of Complete Streets improvements and if successful, the complete streets improvements would be constructed over a longer time period.

CONCLUSION:

Authorize the Town Manager to accept the TFCA grant and execute the agreement for Winchester Boulevard Class IV Protected Bike Lanes project to facilitate it moving into the construction phase.

COORDINATION:

This project has been coordinated with Finance Department and Air District staff.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

If the Council approves this agenda item, the Town will receive grant revenue of \$293,900 for the construction of the project. The Winchester project is being combined with the annual street maintenance paving project due to similar work. The total budget for the annual street maintenance paving project includes final design, preparation of a bid ready document, bid service support, and construction.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The recommended actions are not a project as defined under CEQA, and no further action is required. The construction of improvements is a project as defined under CEQA and is Categorically Exempt, Section 15064.3 (2). A Notice of Exemption was filed on September 5, 2019.

Attachment:

1. TFCA Funding Agreement between the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and Town of Los Gatos Project Number 20R11