



City of Needles, California Request for City Council Action

CITY COUNCIL NPUA HACN

Regular Special

Meeting Date: April 28, 2026

Title: Authorize the City Manager to Proceed with the Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 8 Grant Application and Approve Professional Services with Kimley-Horn, Not to Exceed \$19,000

Background: The Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 8 grant funding opportunity has been announced, with applications due in June 2026. The ATP provides competitive statewide funding for projects that improve walking and bicycling infrastructure, including sidewalks, curb and gutter improvements, and multi-use paths.

The City of Needles has previously pursued ATP funding for sidewalk infill and related infrastructure improvements. In preparation for Cycle 8, the City has developed its Active Transportation Plan (ATP) in coordination with Kimley-Horn, which included extensive community engagement through surveys, workshops, field audits, and stakeholder outreach conducted between Fall 2025 and Summer 2026.

Staff is proposing submission of a grant application for Phase 1 of the City's Active Transportation Plan, with an estimated project cost of approximately \$12 million. The proposed project includes development of a walking loop with pedestrian safety enhancements along J Street, Bailey Avenue, Lilly Hill Drive, and D Street. Improvements would include installation of curb, gutter, sidewalk infill, and protective features to enhance pedestrian safety.

These improvements are intended to:

- Support public health and active lifestyles
- Provide safe, accessible routes for residents of all ages
- Improve connectivity between neighborhoods and key destinations
- Enhance overall community livability and safety

City staff will prepare the grant application, with Kimley-Horn providing technical support, engineering documentation, and application review to ensure competitiveness and compliance with ATP requirements.

Fiscal Impact: Up to \$19,000 for professional services with Kimley-Horn, to be funded through existing General Fund Reserves.

Environmental Impact: The proposed project supports increased walkability and active transportation, which may reduce reliance on motor vehicles and contribute to lower emissions and improved air quality.

Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to proceed with the Active Transportation Program Cycle 8 grant application and approve professional services with Kimley-Horn for grant preparation support, not to exceed \$19,000.

Submitted By: Rainie Torrance, Utility Manager

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez

Date: 4/24/2026

Other Department Approval (when required): Mark C. DeMay

Date: 04/24/2026