



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 08, 2020
TO: City Council Members
FROM: Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director
SUBJECT: Application for Funding under the Active Transportation Program Cycle 5

RECOMMENDATION

Consideration to approve Resolution NO. 09-08-2020-A authorizing the submittal of an Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant application for the Dragoon Gulch Connector Project and authorizing the City Administrator to execute the grant application and all associated documents.

DISCUSSION

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) announced the ATP Cycle 5 Call for Projects on March 25, 2020 with applications due on or before September 15, 2020. The ATP is a competitive statewide program created to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation.

In partnership with the Tuolumne County Transportation Council (TCTC) the City has an opportunity to submit an ATP application to fund the Dragoon Connector Project. The Project is identified as a high priority project under the TCTC's Active Transportation Plan.

The Dragoon Gulch Project would provide a safe connection between two longer trail (regional) segments (extending to Columbia and Jamestown). The trail circumvents downtown Sonora by following Woods Creek from the Fairgrounds north to Snell Street, where existing sidewalks connect to Sonora High School and North Washington Street. In addition to serving as a regional trail connection, the Dragoon Gulch Connector Trail provides a scenic and useful trail connection to destinations within Sonora including the High School, Fairgrounds, residential neighborhoods, recreation (DG trail network) and the many businesses of Washington and Stockton streets.

As shown in the attached 10% engineering design and photo simulations, the proposed multi-use path would start at the south end of the commercial area along the north side of SR 49, approximately 900 feet southwest of Ponderosa Lane. The path would follow SR 49 to Woods Creek Drive, then travel through Woods Creek Rotary Park to the existing Dragoon Gulch path. The project would follow the unimproved existing pathway and cross Woods Creek by way of a newly constructed pedestrian bridge at its terminus. The path would then connect to W Bonanza Road, requiring grading. Grading will also be required for a connection to the existing path toward Sonora Community Estates. The pathway would terminate at the intersection of Snell Street and W Bonanza Road, where a new crosswalk would be installed to help users cross to the existing sidewalk on the north side of Snell Street which leads to Sonora High School. The project as proposed would not eliminate any current on-street parking. The preliminary Engineer's Estimate for the project is \$4,436,000 for all phases.

In June the City Council directed staff to work with the TCTC in the preparation of an ATP application for the Dragoon Gulch Connector Project. The TCTC approved a contract amendment to have GreenDot Transportation prepare the grant application. If awarded the City and TCTC will work together in partnership with a construction management consultant to complete the project.

FISCAL IMPACT

The ATP does not require a local match and will fund 100% of the project's costs.

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution 09-08-2020-A
- Dragoon Gulch visuals and map