



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: April 15, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Melissa Eads, City Administrator

SUBJECT: Approval for the Dewberry Engineers Inc. team (Dewberry) to develop a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the City of Sonora to help identify the City's needs, prioritize projects, determine capital costs, and position for grant funding.

RECOMMENDATION

Consider approval of the development of a CIP for the City of Sonora to help identify the City's needs, prioritize projects, determine capital costs, and position for grant funding.

DISCUSSION

The City of Sonora has not had a CIP for several years and as a result has been reactionary to addressing its capital improvement needs. A CIP will enable the City to shift the current reactionary approach to a more proactive approach by assembling the City's needs into one plan, establishing costs associated with the needs, determining the urgency of each need, and prioritizing the required capital improvement projects.

The CIP will also allow the City to track capital improvement projects being done within the City of Sonora's limits by other governmental agencies, including the Tuolumne County Transportation Commission (TCTC) and Caltrans, and coordinate and leverage the City's projects with those projects.

Dewberry has developed a skeleton CIP and has started populating the plan with information from various City of Sonora departments to develop a preliminary list of the City's needs. To date the following capital improvement projects have been identified:

- a) Linoberg Road Retaining Wall (Between Bradford Street and Pine Street)
- b) Snell Street Drainage and Road Improvements (Between Bonanza Road and City / County Line)
- c) Sonora Main Drain (From Gold Street to Stockton Street)
- d) Vision Sonora / Blue Zone Pedestrian Improvement Projects
 - a. Linoberg Street (Between Washington Street and Stewart Street)
 - b. Linoberg West (Between Green Street and Washington Street)
 - c. Theall Street (Between Washington Street and Stewart Street)
 - d. Washington Street Pedestrian Improvements (Between Theall Street and Linoberg Street)
 - e. Stewart Street Pedestrian Improvements (Between Theall Street and Linoberg Street)
- e) Road Reconstruction Projects
 - a. Stewart Street (Between Restano Way to Elkin Street)
 - b. Hospital Road (Between Sierra Railroad and Mono Way)
- f) N Stewart Street Retaining Wall (Between Elkin Street and Wall Street)

The CIP will identify potential grant programs and agencies that could potentially provide funding for the identified capital improvement projects including:

- a) Active Transportation Program (ATP)
- b) State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
- c) Planning, Programming, and Monitoring (PPM)
- d) Rural Planning Assistance (RPA)
- e) Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP)
- f) Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)
- g) Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
- h) Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- i) Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA)
- j) Integrate Regional Water Management Authority (IRWMA)

The CIP will also list the three current projects within the City of Sonora being performed by other agencies in which the City has been directly or indirectly involved:

- a) Gold Rush Trail Phase 1 – TCTC (Sonora lead agency) – PA&ED Phase
- b) Greenly Road Extension – TCTC (Tuolumne County lead agency) – PID Phase
- c) SR 49 Pedestrian Improvements – Caltrans SHOPP (Sonora will be part of the project development committee) – Project Planning

Having projects identified in the City's CIP will better position them to receive grant funding by making them more competitive since the need for the project will be documented.

Continuing to develop the CIP this year will allow the City to fully document its needs for the next 5 years and ready the identified projects for implementation and/or competition for grant funding. The CIP would be updated every 5 years to address new City needs as they arise.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Capital Improvement Budget is not a separate budget, and the process runs concurrently with the passage of the Annual Operating Budget. CIP projects will be identified and budgeted resources will be allocated when the Fiscal Year 24/25 Budget is presented to the City Council.