



Date: January 24, 2023

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

Alfred Knotts, Transportation Program Manager AK DPW

Title: California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) Grant Application Authorization

Approved By: _____ Jen Callaway, Town Manager

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends that the Town Council authorize staff to submit FY 22/23 Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Programs (TIRCP) Grant(s) to the California State Transportation Agency including Authorizing the Town Manager to execute all necessary documents and provide all supporting information.

Discussion:

The TIRCP is one of several programs established by the California Legislature in 2014 by Senate Bill 862 and was modified in 2015 by Senate Bill 9. The TIRCP was created to provide grants from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) to fund transformative capital improvements that will modernize California's intercity, commuter, and urban rail systems, and bus and ferry transit systems, to significantly reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, vehicle miles traveled, and congestion. Assembly Bill (AB) 180 amended the Budget Act of 2021 to appropriate \$3,630,000,000 of General Fund to the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program. The 2023 TIRCP grant cycle of programming will utilize General Funds established by AB 180.

Town Staff would like to apply for a grant from TIRCP in the tentative amount of \$2,959,000 for the following:

- Purchase of four (4) electric passenger vans to expand the transit fleet and begin transition to zero-emissions (\$632,000)*
- Purchase of app-based on-demand transit technology to allow Town and its contractors to schedule, dispatch and manage on-demand transit service in FY 23/24 (\$180,000)
- Funding for public charging infrastructure at the Railyard Transit Center/Mobility Hub (\$1,357,000)
- Purchase of two (2) electric passenger transit vans to replace existing diesel transit cutaway buses in FY 24/25 (\$316,000)*
- Purchase of three (3) electric passenger transit vans to expand transit fleet and bring zero-emissions to 64% of transit fleet in FY 25/26 (\$474,000)*

** Vehicle costs are an estimate, as staff is awaiting an official proposal from the vendor.*

There is no match requirement for the TIRCP grant, however, the Town will show the ability to supplement requested funds with Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project (HVIP) vouchers totaling \$468,000. Additionally, staff has documented the financial commitment and expenditures related to Phase 1 of the Railyard Transit Center within the grant application consistent with the adopted Capital Improvement Program (CIP). This further demonstrates that the Town's commitment to the Project and how funds requested through TIRCP will be leveraged.

Finally, the requested funds from TIRCP will help the Town meet its goal of reducing GHG emissions by providing infrastructure needed to transition towards a zero-emissions Transit Fleet.

Priority:

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Infrastructure Investment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency and Wildfire Preparedness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Core Service

Fiscal Impact:

The Town General Fund will not be impacted by this request beyond what is programmed in the CIP as there is no specific match requirement.

Public Communication:

Nothing outside this Staff Report and associated agenda posting.