



City of Tualatin

CITY OF TUALATIN Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

FROM: Lindsay Marshall, Management Analyst II
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DATE: September 25, 2023

SUBJECT:

Consideration of **Resolution No. 5728-23** Authorizing the City Manager to Apply for and Accept Community Development Block Grant Funds to Complete Sagert Street and Las Casitas/Stoneridge Neighborhood Pedestrian Safety Enhancements.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that Council approve the resolution.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Washington County Office of Community Development is accepting proposals for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program 2024-2025 funding cycle. The City of Tualatin can benefit from this grant program and is seeking CDBG funding for the design and construction of Sagert Street and Las Casitas/Stoneridge Neighborhood Pedestrian Safety Enhancements.

Sagert Street Lighting – This project will increase safety and access by providing additional street lighting along the north side of Sagert Street between SW 72nd Avenue and the I-5 Bridge. Sagert Street is one of only three ways for pedestrians and cyclists to cross Interstate 5 in Tualatin, and the only crossing where non-motorists do not have to cross freeway on/off-ramps as part of their path. This street sees several thousand vehicles along with a steady flow of pedestrians and bicycles on a daily basis. Sagert Street connects several low-moderate income census tracts in this section of Tualatin. Some pedestrian improvements are in the process of being made on Sagert Street as part of Tualatin's transportation bond program, but lighting issues remain. If awarded, the City will work in conjunction with PGE to install the conduit, junction boxes, and light pole foundations, and PGE will install and energize the new lighting along the roadway.

Las Casitas/Stoneridge Neighborhood Sidewalks – Many of the sidewalks in the neighborhood are several decades old dating back to when the neighborhood was built. Sidewalk repair is technically the responsibility of the adjacent property owner within the City of Tualatin. However, the City acknowledges that this work is too costly for many homeowners, particularly in low-income Census areas. The City would like to repair or replace segments of sidewalk that are in disrepair. This will eliminate tripping hazards, crumbling and cracking sidewalks, and allow for easier mobility for pedestrians, bikes, and other users of the sidewalk within the neighborhood. Approximately eight ADA ramps within the neighborhood are out of compliance with current standards. Some have already been brought up to standards through other City funded projects, but several ramps

remain that are significantly out of compliance. This project will replace the ADA ramps, bringing them up to current code standards and increasing access for those with disabilities.

Las Casitas/Stoneridge Park Frontage Improvements - Stoneridge Park is a neighborhood gathering place where many children and families frequently gather. The park is located in along a street that experiences issues with high rates of speed and low visibility. Community members have expressed concern regarding street parking along the frontage of the park as a contributing factor to the low visibility. The City is proposing to construct a widened planter strip / community park entrance area along the street frontage of the park to welcome the neighborhood to the park area as well as calm traffic speeds and limit vehicle parking in front of the park so parents can see their kids playing.

In order to advance this project, the City of Tualatin is requesting \$200,000 of Community Development Block Funds for Infrastructure which would be available in 2024. If the grant funds are awarded, they will be used to design and construct this project.

OUTCOMES OF DECISION:

A copy of a Council approved resolution authorizing an application for Community Development Block Grant funds must be submitted with the application. If approved, staff will submit an application for CDBG funds for this project.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

If funded, the City Manager will authorize and accept the funds and the project will move forward.

ATTACHMENTS:

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