



REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

Approved by:



Department Director



Arnoldo Rodriguez, City Manager

Council Meeting of: August 19, 2020

Agenda Number: B-7

SUBJECT:

Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant for the Madera Transit Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Adopt a Resolution to accept the California Department of Transportation Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant in the amount of \$100,000; and
2. Amend the City's 2020/21 Budget to Reflect Revenues and Expenditures related to the Grant

SUMMARY:

The City received notification from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) that it was a recipient of the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant (STPG) in the amount of \$100,000. The City Council (Council) must approve the restricted grant agreement to accept and use these grant funds. Funds will be used to assist in evaluating the City's transit system and devise operational and policy changes that improve service for all residents. This includes connections for pedestrians, bicycle and other modes of transportation to advance multi-modal transportation within the region and make efficient use of the resources.

The timeframe for this project will be November 1, 2020 thru April 23, 2023 and will focus within Madera City limits Madera Fixed-Route Service Area bounded by Adell Street to the north; Avenue 13/Pecan Ave to the south; Road 28/Tozer to the East; and Liberty Street to the West.

DISCUSSION:

With the increased needs of public transportation and a growing population, the City's Transit Division, MV Public Transportation, Inc., Transit Advisory Board, and other stakeholders have collaborated and strategized on finding multiple ways to improve and enhance public transportation. The STPG will allow the City to reform inadequate areas of transit services, have an impact on reducing green-house-gas (GHG) emissions and improving health, focus on

disadvantage communities, and enhance engagement in transit planning within those communities.

Caltrans requires that agencies that are awarded a grant, authorize a resolution to accept the grant and relevant grant conditions. At the same time staff recommends that Council approve the budget amendment in order to incorporate this new revenue into the FY 2020/21 budget, as reflected on Exhibit AA.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This grant requires a local match in the amount of \$12, 956, defined as in-kind local match. Local Transportation Funds (LTF) will cover this amount. There is no impact to the City's General Fund.

CONSISTENCY WITH THE VISION MADERA 2025 PLAN:

The acceptance of the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant supports the Vision Madera 2025 Plan as follows:

- Strategy 102
 - Public involvement: Develop and promote a community involvement plan to provide on-going information and opportunities for community input and participation concerning growth.
- Strategy 121
 - Multi-modal transportation: Develop a city-wide multi-modal transportation plan to ensure safe, affordable and convenient transportation modes for residents and businesses within Madera.
- Strategy 321
 - Accessible, Affordable Education: Develop a focus on accessible and affordable higher education for community members.
- Strategy 404.3
 - Develop gap analysis of those areas lacking sufficient accessibility within the community.
- Strategy 407
 - Elder Independence: Promote and Expand existing services to allow Madera's elders to maintain independent lifestyles.
- Strategy 433
 - Air Quality: Maintain or improve air quality through innovative programs and cooperative local plans. Ensure adherence to State and Federal air-quality policies.

ALTERNATIVES:

As an alternative, Council may:

1. Find alternative resources to develop a comprehensive transit plan.
2. Identify an alternative revenue source for the local match portion.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution approving Funding Agreement with Caltrans Department of Transportation for the acceptance of the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant.
2. Exhibit AA (Appropriation Adjustment)

Resolution 20-_____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA,
CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF THE SUSTAINABLE
TRANSPORTATION GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CALTRANS
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND CITY OF MADERA FOR THE
MADERA TRANSIT PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Madera (City) is eligible to receive State funding for its Madera Transit Plan through the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans); and

WHEREAS, CalTrans has awarded a grant to the City in the amount of \$100,000 for Sustainable Transportation Planning; and

WHEREAS, a Restricted Grant Agreement is needed to be executed with CalTrans before such funds can be claimed through the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City will utilize these funds to assist in the evaluation of the City's transit system and devise operational and policy changes that improve services for all residents; and

WHEREAS, the City has agreed to use \$12,956 Local Transportation Fund (LTF) to cover the cost of staff time; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to delegate authorization to execute these agreements and any amendments thereto, to the Mayor.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Madera finds, determines, resolves and orders as follows:

1. The recitals listed above are true and correct.
2. The Council authorizes the Mayor, or his designee, to execute the Restricted Grant Agreement, and any amendments therefore, with the California Department of Transportation.
3. This resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

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EXHIBIT AA

CITY OF MADERA

Appropriation Adjustment:

FY 2021 Madera Transit Division

FUND ORG OBJECT
CODE CODE CODE DESCRIPTION (+) (-)

Transportation

CALTRANS - Transit Study					
2129	5595	4434	Caltrans Transit Study Grant		100,000.00
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2129	5595	6440	Caltrans Transit Study Grant	100,000.00	

Totals for Adjustment **100,000.00** **100,000.00**