



# AGENDA REPORT

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**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, August 1, 2023  
**Approved by:** Scott Huth, Acting City Manager

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**SUBJECT:**

Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Three Program Supplement Agreements for the 24th Street Trolley Pedestrian Bridge Feasibility Study, 24th Street First and Last Mile Connections to Trolley Station Projects, and Bayshore Bikeway Segment 5.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Three Program Supplement Agreements (PSAs) with the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the Following Projects: 1) \$294,700 for the 24th Street Trolley Pedestrian Bridge Feasibility Study; 2) \$429,781 for the 24th Street First and Last Mile Connections to Trolley Station; and 3) \$300,000 for the Bayshore Bikeway Segment 5 Project."

**BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE PRIOR ACTION:**

Not Applicable.

**EXPLANATION:**

In November 2021, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), was passed into law. With the passage of IIJA, the Community Project Funding / Congressionally Directed Spending (CPFCDs) program was created to support specific community projects as part of the annual appropriations process, which was signed into law as the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022.

All CPFCDs projects are solicited and selected by the members of the U.S. Congress and U.S. Senate. The CPFCDs program is funded from the 2022 Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) through the 2026 FFY. As a reminder, the FFY begins October 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on September 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year. The CPFCDs program is funded through the Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP).

In 2021, the City requested funding consideration for several Community Projects identified in the letter that are part of the Health and Opportunity through Partnerships for Equity (HOPE) Improvement projects. The proposed projects include bicycle and pedestrian safety enhancements, alternative mobility options, first/last mile improvements to transit hubs, and enhanced connections to Naval Base San Diego. The projects will promote clean mobility alternatives as a viable travel choice, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and promoting a healthier, more active lifestyle.

On March 9, 2022, Congress member Vargas voted to secure \$11.7 million for nine local community projects in the appropriations government-funding package for California's 51<sup>st</sup>

Congressional District. Three of the nine local community projects selected by Congressman Vargas to receive funding are located in National City as follows:

1. 24th Street Trolley Pedestrian Bridge Feasibility Study. The \$294,700 requested will fund a feasibility study that will evaluate the potential for constructing a pedestrian bridge over Interstate 5, in the vicinity of the 24th Street Transit Center. This project requires a funding match of \$33,803 the source of which is from General Fund.
2. 24th Street First and Last Mile Connections to Trolley Station. The \$3,332,781 requested in funding will design and construct more than two miles of separated bike lanes (Class IV), 2 curb extensions, traffic signal modifications with bike signals, continental crosswalks, and curb ramps along 22nd Street between Wilson Ave. and D Ave., and along Hoover Ave. between W. 22nd St and W. 33rd St. This project requires a funding match of \$381,123.90 the source of which is from Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 6 funds. The \$429,781 identified in the PSA is for the design phase of the project.
3. Bayshore Bikeway – Segment 5 project. The \$300,000 in funding will be allocated towards the final design phase of this segment. The project will provide nearly 1.5 miles of protected bicycle facilities along McKinley Avenue and Marina Way in the City of National City. Segment 5 will complete the last leg of the Bayshore Bikeway within National City and enhance bicycling connections to transit and other key destinations such as National City’s Harbor District, Naval Base San Diego, Kimball Elementary School, and several parks. Additionally, the project will provide a connection to the Sweetwater River Trail, another regional bikeway. This project requires a funding match of \$34,410 the source of which is from the ATP Cycle 4 funds.

On March 7, 2023 City Council accepted the funds and directed staff to create a corresponding revenue and expenditure budget for the three projects.

On June 8, 2023 Caltrans provided the PSAs to City staff in order for these to be authorized and returned to Caltrans with the certified resolution. Although these are Federal funds, Caltrans is the designated State agency that administers the disbursement and oversight given that these projects are all transportation focused. The PSA confirms the project work phase funds authorized, their subsequent disbursement, and special covenants the City accepts. Therefore, staff recommends that the Mayor execute the three PSAs with Caltrans for the following projects:

1. \$ 294,700 for the 24th Street Trolley Pedestrian Bridge Feasibility Study
2. \$ 429,781 for the 24th Street First and Last Mile Connections to Trolley Station
3. \$ 300,000 for the Bayshore Bikeway Segment 5 project.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**

No new financial impact from this requested action. The funds have been accepted and corresponding revenue and expense accounts were established per prior Council resolution, as adopted on March 7, 2023.

**RELATED CITY COUNCIL 2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:**

Transportation Choices and Infrastructure

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:**

This is a project under CEQA subject to a Categorical Exemption. Existing Facilities. CCR 15301(c).

**PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:**

Agenda Report posted within 72 hours of meeting date and time in accordance with Brown Act.

**ORDINANCE:**

Not Applicable

**EXHIBITS:**

Exhibit A – Federal Allocation Table (excerpt)

Exhibit B - PSAs

Exhibit C - Resolution