



AGENDA REPORT

Department: Engineering and Public Works
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Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2024
Approved by: Benjamin A. Martinez, City Manager

SUBJECT:

24th Street Transit Center Connections, CIP 23-13, project overview and grant appropriation for Project Approval and Environmental Documents (PA&ED) phase.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, 1) authorizing the Mayor to execute Program Supplement Agreement (PSA) No. A336 (PSA 1) and PSA No. A410 (PSA 2) with the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the 24th Street Transit Center Connections project, CIP 23-13; 2) authorizing the establishment of Engineering Grants Fund appropriations of \$148,000 for PSA 1 and \$148,000 for PSA 2 and corresponding revenue budgets; and 3) committing to providing a local match of \$2,000 for PSA 1 and \$2,000 for PSA 2."

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE PRIOR ACTION:

Not Applicable.

EXPLANATION:

In June 2022, staff submitted two Cycle 6 Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant applications to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the 24th Street Transit Center Connections project. The first ATP project (ATP 1) proposes to construct Class IV bikeways on Hoover Avenue from 22nd Street to 33rd Street and also Class IV bikeways on 30th Street from Hoover Avenue to Highland Avenue. The project will also improve crosswalks, curb ramps and traffic signals at specific locations. The second ATP project (ATP 2) proposes to construct Class I and IV bikeways on 22nd Street from Wilson Avenue to D Avenue.

Both ATP applications are part of the same CIP project, which has been named the 24th Street Transit Center Connections project. Refer to Exhibit A for the Project Location Map which shows how the segments will complete or improve the bicycle network in the vicinity of the 24th Street Transit Center located on Wilson Avenue near 22nd Street.

It is important to clarify that the scope for the grant application was developed from the overarching goals identified in planning-level documents previously adopted by City Council, including the Bicycle Master Plan, Transit Oriented Development Overlay (TODO), and Circulation Element of the Focused General Plan. The grant funding for the PA&ED phase will allow the project team to perform a detailed assessment and preliminary design of these planned bicycle corridors to review potential right of way constraints, opportunities to maintain or increase parking, and enhance safety, access and connectivity for bicyclists and pedestrians. This initial phase of work will also include a traffic operations analysis and parking assessment to better inform the final design. The results may facilitate changes to the conceptual designs and/or the ultimate classifications of the bicycle facilities to best address the needs of the community.

For example, if maintaining parking is a priority for a specific segment and installation of a Class IV bicycle facility would require significant loss of parking, other options such as a buffered Class II bicycle facility could be considered. Our goal is to improve access and connectivity of the City's bicycle network without adversely impacting parking or traffic operations.

At their December 7, 2022 meeting, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) awarded grants in the amount of \$3,496,000 for ATP 1 and \$3,288,000 for ATP 2 for the 24th Street Transit Center Connections project (see attached Exhibit B – CTC 2023 ATP Table).

The \$3,496,000 for ATP 1 was distributed by project phases as follows:

- Project Approval and Environmental Documents (PA&ED) - \$148,000
- Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) - \$445,000
- Construction (CON) - \$2,903,000

The \$3,288,000 for ATP 2 was distributed by project phases as follows:

- Project Approval and Environmental Documents (PA&ED) - \$148,000
- Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) - \$380,000
- Construction (CON) - \$2,760,000

During its October and December 2023 meetings, the CTC allocated funding for the PA&ED phase in the amount of \$148,000 (PSA 1) and \$148,000 (PSA 2), respectively (see attached Exhibit C – Allocation Letter).

On November 2, 2023, and on December 22, 2023, Caltrans issued PSA 1 and PSA 2 to City staff authorizing the City to proceed with the PA&ED phase in the amount of \$148,000 with a \$2,000 local match for ATP 1 and \$148,000 with a \$2,000 local match for ATP 2 respectively.

The PA&ED phase is expected to be completed by August 2024. It should be noted that the PS&E and CON phases, and associated expenditures, will commence only after the City requests and receives the Allocation Letter from Caltrans authorizing the City to proceed. At the beginning of each subsequent phase, staff will return to City Council to provide an update and establish appropriations.

Staff is requesting authorization to establish a revenue and expenditure account in the amount of \$148,000 for the PA&ED phase for PSA 1, as well as \$148,000 for the PA&ED phase for PSA 2. For both ATPs, only the PA&ED phase requires a local match. No additional appropriations are required for the local match.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

ATP 1 Grant \$148,000
Expenditure Account No. 296-409-500-598-6618
Revenue Account No. 296-06618-3463

Local Match for ATP 1 \$2,000
Account No. 001-409-500-598-6573 Traffic Monitoring/System Improvements

ATP 2 Grant \$148,000
Expenditure Account No. 296-409-500-598-6619
Revenue Account No. 296-06619-3463

Local Match for ATP 2 \$2,000
Account No. 001-409-500-598-6573 Traffic Monitoring/System Improvements

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 – Project Location Map
- Exhibit B – CTC 2023 ATP Tables
- Exhibit C – Allocation Letters
- Exhibit D – PSAs
- Exhibit E – Resolution