

AGENDA REPORT

Department: Engineering & Public Works

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Meeting Date: Tuesday, August 5, 2025

Approved by: Scott W. Huth, Interim City Manager

SUBJECT:

Amendment to Restricted Grant Agreement with the State of California Department of Transportation for the Clean California Local Grant Program for the National City Eastside I-805 Community Greenbelt Project CIP No. 22-09.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Amendment to the Restricted Grant Agreement with the State of California Department of Transportation for the Clean California Local Grant Program for the National City Eastside I-805 Community Greenbelt Project, CIP No. 22-09."

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE PRIOR ACTION:

Not Applicable.

EXPLANATION:

On February 1, 2022, the City of National City (City) submitted a Clean California Local Grant Program grant application in the amount of \$4,998,761 for the National City Eastside I-805 Community Greenbelt Project, CIP 22-09. The project, which provides a combination of public right-of-way, multi-use path, and local park improvements, is located to the east of and parallel to Interstate 805 between Division Street and 4th Street, continuing along neighborhood streets to Plaza Boulevard. The project implemented a greenbelt connecting the neighborhoods on the east side of Interstate 805, north of Division Street, to El Toyon Elementary School, Rancho de la Nacion Elementary School, El Toyon Park, and local shopping centers. Project improvements include new paved paths for bikes and pedestrians, traffic calming measures, lighting, landscaping, fencing, educational signage, and pedestrian plaza with public art elements at the corner of Euclid Avenue and Plaza Boulevard paying tribute to Filipino American heritage in National City.

On March 8, 2022, the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) notified the City that the National City Eastside I-805 Community Greenbelt Project had been awarded full funding in the amount of \$4,998,761, with a \$20,000 in-kind contribution from the City, for a total project cost of \$5,018,761.

On June 21, 2022, City Council, per Resolution No. 2022-114, accepted the Clean California Local Grant Program grant in the amount of \$4,998,761 for the project and authorized the execution of a Restricted Grant Agreement (Agreement) with Caltrans. The period of performance to deliver the project was originally set to end on December 31, 2024 and required that all work be completed by June 30, 2024.

During the design phase of the project, City staff and project team members worked closely with Caltrans staff to modify the project alignment near El Toyon Park due to right-of-way constraints and other constructability challenges. Design was finalized in late 2023, then construction began in early 2024 and was substantially completed in Spring 2025.

The changes to the project scope and extent of the improvements did not preclude the project from meeting the grant goals and outcomes that the City originally outlined. This amendment is needed to document the project scope changes and formalize the extension of the Agreement through December 31, 2025, with the requirement that all work must be completed by June 30, 2025, to allow for full reimbursement of eligible project expenditures.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Amendment does not result in any changes to grant funding or the need to establish new appropriations.

RELATED CITY COUNCIL 2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Transportation Choices and Infrastructure

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

A Categorical Exemption was filed with the County Recorder's Office in compliance with CEQA requirements.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:

The Agenda Report was posted at least 72 hours before the Regular Meeting date and time, and 24 hours before a Special Meeting in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act.

ORDINANCE:

Not Applicable

EXHIBITS:

Exhibit A – Executed Grant Agreement

Exhibit B – Grant Amendment

Exhibit C – Project Site Map

Exhibit D - Resolution