

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda date: May 7, 2012
Reviewed by: BP

SUBJECT: Transportation Development Act Article 3 Allocation Fiscal Year 2012-13
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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution No. 2012-26 requesting that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) allocate Fiscal Year 2012-13 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 Pedestrian/Bicycle Project Funding in the amount of \$14,421 to the City of Albany toward construction of the Marin/Santa Fe Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Signal and Pedestrian Improvements Project in the vicinity of Marin Elementary School.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Each year, MTC allocates TDA Article 3 funds to cities in the region. These funds are generated from a voter-approved half-cent sales tax. Revenue from this source must be used solely for transit, bicycle, and pedestrian projects. The distribution of funds is based on population, and the amount varies every year according to total sales and revenues from this source that is collected in each county. In order to use these funds, the jurisdiction must have a defined project that is ready to implement. This summer, the City will install the signal and pedestrian improvements at the intersection of Marin and Santa Fe Avenues. This project is funded by a SR2S grant that was obtained in 2009 in the amount of \$593,719 for construction and educational components.

Construction costs have escalated since the original estimate of \$650,000 due to design changes during the public process. Staff identified additional sources of funding and recommended that Council authorize a new funding schedule for this project in December 2011. At that time, the TDA funding source had not been identified as a match for the Marin/Santa Fe SR2S Signal and Pedestrian Improvements Project.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT

This project would not have a negative impact on the environment. It would improve pedestrian safety at the Marin/Santa Fe intersection and it is hoped that more children be encouraged to walk given the improved pedestrian environment.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The City will use its TDA \$14,421 allocation to pay a portion of the construction cost for the concrete work (bulb outs, curb ramps, crosswalks) for the Marin/Santa Fe SR2S Signal and Pedestrian Improvements Project.

Attachments

1. Resolution No. 2012-26
2. Claim Forms (Attachments A and B)