

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

Agenda Date: April 5, 2021
Reviewed by: NA

SUBJECT: Masonic Intersections/Ohlone Greenway Trail Safety Improvements Project (CIP No. 25007) – Authorization to File an Application with MTC for TDA Article 3 Funding

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SUMMARY

The issue before the Council is to authorize the filing of an application for funding with MTC to allocate the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 pass-through funding to the Masonic Intersections/Ohlone Greenway Trail Safety Improvements Project (CIP No. 25007).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Council adopt Resolution No. 2021-31:

1. Authorizing staff to execute and file an application for the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 funding with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for the Masonic Intersections/Ohlone Greenway Trail Safety Improvements Project (CIP No. 25007); and
2. Appropriating said funds in the amount of \$109,083; and
3. Adjusting the project budget to incorporate this funding source in the amount noted

BACKGROUND

The Transportation Development Act (TDA) of 1971 was enacted by the California Legislature to improve existing public transportation services and encourage regional transportation coordination. Funding under TDA is derived from state general and diesel sales taxes. Article 3 makes funds available in the nine-county Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Region for the exclusive use of pedestrian and bicycle projects which comply with regional transportation plans. MTC makes annual allocations of TDA Article 3 funds to eligible claimants after review of applications submitted by the county coordinator for use in eligible programs and projects.

The project proposed for use of the TDA funds is the Masonic Intersections/Ohlone Greenway Trail Safety Project. This project was awarded a grant in 2019 from the California Transportation Commission Active Transportation Program (ATP) in the amount of \$410,000 and is a high priority project for the City of Albany, receiving support from the Transportation Commission and the local community.

In April 2015, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2015-18 designating the Traffic & Safety Commission as the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee to review projects recommended to be funded with TDA, Article 3 Bicycle and Pedestrian Funds. In March 2020, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2020-02, renaming the Traffic & Safety Commission to the Transportation Commission.

DISCUSSION

The proposed work under the Masonic Intersections/Ohlone Greenway Trail Safety Improvements Project will enhance safety for pedestrians and cyclists traveling along the Ohlone Greenway and crossing at the intersections of Masonic/Solano Avenues and Masonic/Marin Avenues.

Improvements include the addition of a leading signal phase for cyclists and pedestrians along the Ohlone Greenway, protected vehicular left turn lanes at the two intersections, improved directional curb ramps, and striping improvements. The project is currently at 95% design and on-schedule for advertisement in Spring 2021.

Albany receives an annual apportionment from MTC of TDA Article 3 funding, based on the City's population. This apportionment averages \$17,500 per year. In previous years, the City has opted to roll forward the annual apportionment made under this program in order to support a larger future project addressing curb ramp and ADA improvements. The current apportionment balance for the City of Albany is \$109,083. Staff recommends allocating this apportionment to the Masonic Intersections/Ohlone Greenway Trail Safety Improvements Project, which will shortly advertise for bids for construction.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT

Utilizing this allocation of pass-through funding for bicycle & pedestrian safety encourages active transportation and non-motorized mobility, in accordance with the City Council's Strategic Plan and the City of Albany's Active Transportation Plan.

Additionally, this project includes installation of accessibility curb ramps that provide greater mobility by disabled persons, strollers, and persons in general. This promotes non-motorized travel as well, thereby reducing air emissions.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The current budget for the project was appropriated in the City’s Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2019/20-2023/24, adopted in November 2020.

The project is funded via a state Active Transportation Cycle 4 grant and supplemented with Measure B Local Streets & Roads pass-through funding.

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Meas B Local Streets & Roads (1101)	\$255,000
ATP Cycle 4 Grant (1110)	\$410,000
Proposed: TDA Article 3 (1107)	\$109,083
Total Budget	\$774,083

The updated full project budget, including the designer’s cost estimate for construction, will be brought to Council as part of the authorization to bid in an upcoming meeting.

Attachments

1. Resolution No. 2021-31
2. Attachment A (Findings) to Resolution No. 2021-31
3. Attachment B (Project Application Form) to Resolution No. 2021-31

Resolution No. 2021-31
Attachment A

Re: Request to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the Allocation of Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Transportation Development Act Article 3 Pedestrian/Bicycle Project Funding

Findings

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1. That the **City of Albany, CA** is not legally impeded from submitting a request to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the allocation of Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 funds, nor is the **City of Albany, CA** legally impeded from undertaking the project(s) described in “Attachment B” of this Resolution.
2. That the **City of Albany, CA** has committed adequate staffing resources to complete the project(s) described in Attachment B.
3. A review of the project(s) described in Attachment B has resulted in the consideration of all pertinent matters, including those related to environmental and right-of-way permits and clearances, attendant to the successful completion of the project(s).
4. Issues attendant to securing environmental and right-of-way permits and clearances for the projects described in Attachment B have been reviewed and will be concluded in a manner and on a schedule that will not jeopardize the deadline for the use of the TDA funds being requested.
5. That the project(s) described in Attachment B comply with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.).
6. That as portrayed in the budgetary description(s) of the project(s) in Attachment B, the sources of funding other than TDA are assured and adequate for completion of the project(s).
7. That the project(s) described in Attachment B are for capital construction and/or design engineering; and/or for the maintenance of a Class I bikeway which is closed to motorized traffic; and/or for the purposes of restriping Class II bicycle lanes; and/or for the development or support of a bicycle safety education program; and/or for the development of a comprehensive bicycle and/or pedestrian facilities plan, and an allocation of TDA Article 3 funding for such a plan has not been received by the **City of Albany, CA** within the prior five fiscal years.
8. That the project(s) described in Attachment B is included in a locally approved bicycle, pedestrian, transit, multimodal, complete streets, or other relevant plan.
9. That any project described in Attachment B that is a bikeway meets the mandatory minimum safety design criteria published in Chapter 1000 of the California Highway Design Manual.
10. That the project(s) described in Attachment B will be completed before the funds expire.
11. That the **City of Albany, CA** agrees to maintain, or provide for the maintenance of, the project(s) and facilities described in Attachment B, for the benefit of and use by the public.

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Attachment B

TDA Article 3 Project Application Form

Fiscal Year of this Claim: 2021-2022

Applicant: City of Albany, CA

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Short Title Description of Project: Masonic Intersections/Ohlone Greenway Trail Safety Improvements

Amount of claim: \$109,083

Functional Description of Project:

The proposed project will enhance trail safety for pedestrians and cyclists traveling along the Ohlone Greenway crossing the intersections of Masonic/Solano Avenues and Masonic/Marin Avenues.

Financial Plan:

TDA funding is being requested for the construction phase of this project.

Project Elements:

Improvements include the addition of a leading signal phase for cyclists and pedestrians along the Ohlone Greenway, protected vehicular left turn lanes at the two intersections, directional curb ramps, and striping improvements. The project is currently at 95% design and on-schedule for advertisement in Spring 2021.

Funding Source	All Prior FYs	Application FY	Next FY	Following FYs	Totals
TDA Article 3		\$109,083			\$109,083
list all other sources:					
1. Meas B LS&R	\$255,000				\$245,000
2. ATP Cycle 4 Grant		\$410,000			\$410,000
3.					
4.					
Totals	\$255,000	\$519,083			\$764,083

Project Eligibility:	YES?/NO?
A. Has the project been approved by the claimant's governing body? (If "NO," provide the approximate date approval is anticipated).	YES
B. Has this project previously received TDA Article 3 funding? If "YES," provide an explanation on a separate page.	NO
C. For "bikeways," does the project meet Caltrans minimum safety design criteria pursuant to Chapter 1000 of the California Highway Design Manual? (Available on the internet via: http://www.dot.ca.gov).	YES
D. Has the project been reviewed by a Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)? (If "NO," provide an explanation). Enter date the project was reviewed by the BAC: 7/27/2017, 6/27/2019, 1/28/2021, 2/25/2021	YES
E. Has the public availability of the environmental compliance documentation for the project (pursuant to CEQA) been evidenced by the dated stamping of the document by the county clerk or county recorder? (required only for projects that include construction).	YES
F. Will the project be completed before the allocation expires? Enter the anticipated completion date of project (month and year) March 2022	YES
G. Have provisions been made by the claimant to maintain the project or facility, or has the claimant arranged for such maintenance by another agency? (If an agency other than the Claimant is to maintain the facility provide its name: _____)	YES