



# City of Emeryville

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 21, 2017

**TO:** Carolyn Lehr, City Manager

**FROM:** Maurice Kaufman, Public Works Director

**SUBJECT:** Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Authorizing The Filing Of An Application For Funding Assigned To The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) And Committing Any Necessary Matching Funds And Stating Assurance To Complete The Project

### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the filing of an application for funding assigned to the MTC and commit any necessary matching funds and state assurance to complete the project.

### BACKGROUND

The Emeryville Greenway connects to bikeways in Berkeley and Oakland, and provides a north-south travel alternative to San Pablo Avenue for commuters and other cyclists and pedestrians. The Emeryville Bicycle & Pedestrian Greenway Safety & Mobility Improvement Project will coordinate with the treatments the City of Berkeley is installing on Folger Street, directly north of 67<sup>th</sup> Street, and will improve Emeryville's existing Greenway trail crossings at 65<sup>th</sup>, 66<sup>th</sup>, and 67<sup>th</sup> Streets. Improvements will include with crosswalks, rapid rectangular flashing beacons (RRFBs) triggered by bike sensors and pedestrian push-buttons, parking adjustments and upgraded signage. The project will also add a bike share station to the existing regional bike share network and a visible bike/pedestrian counter on the Greenway itself, to increase community participation and help Emeryville understand the level of use and monitor changes in the use of the Greenway.

This project is included as a desired intersection improvement (I.1) in the City of Emeryville Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan, and is included in the Capital Improvement Program as project number PB-12.

### DISCUSSION

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) has recommended the City of Emeryville for \$265,000 in funding to undertake a project to improve existing Greenway trail crossings at 65<sup>th</sup>, 66<sup>th</sup>, and 67<sup>th</sup> Streets.

Emeryville already has applied for this funding from MTC's Regional Competitive Active Transportation Program (ATP). The attached resolution is requested by MTC as a formal requirement before the funding recommendation moves forward. The City Council may add recitals to the resolution, but may not modify otherwise. The City must also commit to providing any necessary matching funds and completing the project.

Emeryville applied for State-only funding for this project in the original application, in a subsequent filing of the MTC's Exhibit 22-G: Project Programming Request (PPR), and in a letter dated February 3, 2017. The letter dated February 3, 2017, which followed MTC's format for such a request, stated that Federal review and reporting requirements take additional time and expertise to administer, and therefore Staff recommends to limit requests for Federal funding to grants of \$1,000,000 and above.

While it is clear that the funding recommendation is approved by the MTC Board, Staff has been informed by MTC that the City will receive only non-Federal funds for this project. However, given the language in the Resolution, it is not clear if the reporting requirements for the State Funding mirror those for the Federal funds. If the requirements are too onerous for the small amount of the grant fund, the City may not wish to accept this grant funding. The requirements of the grant funds will be determined at the next step, when MTC issues the Grant Agreement. Since the Grant Agreement will come before the City Council for approval, the question of whether the review and reporting requirements are feasible for a grant of this size will be addressed in more detail at that time.

## FISCAL IMPACT

The recommended grant amount is \$265,000, which will be used to construct, purchase and install the upgrades at the three intersections. The CIP budget provides \$110,000 in FY 17/18, which will provide for design and other services in advance of the receipt of the grant funds, anticipated in FY 19/20. A grant obtained from U.C. Berkeley's Institute of Transportation Studies' Technology Transfer Program in 2014 provided a safety study by Fehr & Peers, conducted in 2015. This safety study resulted in the current project scope. The match amount includes the \$110,000 in the CIP, discussed above, and the \$25,000 in the previously-obtained grant from the U.C. Berkeley Traffic Safety Studies.

	65th	66th	67th	Total	Cost per	Total costs
Total signage						\$ 20,000.00
Raised crosswalk	1	1	1	3	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
RRFBs	2	2	2	6	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
Bike counter	1	0	0	1	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Bike share station	1	0	0	1	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
						\$ 265,000.00

## **CONCLUSION**

The Bike and Pedestrian Greenway Safety and Connectivity Improvement Project will have broad and positive impact in Emeryville and regionally by providing additional connectivity to existing bike lanes, encouraging individuals to use active modes of transportation, reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transportation, and leading to a healthier population.

**PREPARED BY:** Nancy Humphrey, Environmental Programs Supervisor

**APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE:**



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Carolyn Lehr, City Manager

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution
2. Concept Plans