



# City of Emeryville

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 19, 2021

**TO:** Christine Daniel, City Manager

**FROM:** Mary Grace Houlihan, Public Works Director and  
Charles S. Bryant, Community Development Director

**SUBJECT:** **Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Authorizing The City Manager To Submit Applications In Response To The Alameda County Transportation Commission's Call For Project Nominations For Its 2022 Comprehensive Investment Plan**

## RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the above-entitled resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit applications in response to the Alameda County Transportation Commission's (Alameda CTC) Call For Project Nominations for its 2022 Comprehensive Investment Plan (2022 CIP).

## BACKGROUND

On December 7, 2020, the Alameda CTC issued a call for project nominations for its 2022 CIP. The 2022 CIP will program funding anticipated for fiscal years 2021-22 through 2025-26. Applications for funding must be consistent with the Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP). The Alameda CTC has released one application under the 2022 CIP, as follows:

- 2022 CIP - General Application

The 2020 CTP includes the following Emeryville projects and programs:

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| • 40th Street Transit-Only Lanes and Multimodal Enhancements | (\$16M)  |
| • I-80/Ashby Avenue Interchange Modernization                | (\$100M) |
| • Greenway and Mandela Connector                             | (\$3M)   |
| • Quiet Zone Safety Engineering Measures                     | (\$9M)   |
| • Bay Bridge Forward   | (\$136M) |
| • Powell Street Bridge Widening                              | (\$9M)   |
| • Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Implementation                 | (\$59M)  |
| • Powell Street Traffic Safety Improvements                  | (\$10M)  |
| • Traffic Signal Modernization Program                       | (\$5M)   |
| • Climate Action Plan Implementation                         | (\$25M)  |
| • Green Infrastructure Projects Program                      | (\$5M)   |
| • Village Greens and Greenways Program                       | (\$5M)   |

Alameda CTC is responsible for planning, funding and delivering transportation projects and programs within Alameda County. This includes the programming of federal, state, regional and local transportation funding. The CIP is Alameda CTC's near-term strategic planning and programming document through which fund sources administered by Alameda CTC are programmed through a consolidated process to maximize investments towards critical transportation infrastructure and program operations needs that are essential for developing and maintaining the county's transportation system.

The 2022 CIP Project Nomination period opened December 11, 2020 and will close February 1, 2021. Eligible applicants with projects that are implementation-ready for fiscal years 2021-22 through 2025-26 were asked to apply. Alameda CTC's 2022 CIP programming and allocation recommendations will be considered by the Commission in April – May 2021 with funding available in July 2021.

#### Eligible Projects

- Eligible projects, programs and plans proposed for funding through the 2022 CIP must be included in the 2020 CTP.
- Eligible projects must meet the eligibility requirements of the specific fund to be utilized for the project (such requirements vary by source)

#### Matching requirements

Per the Alameda CTC's Small Cities Program Policy, the Cities of Albany, Emeryville, and Piedmont are not required to provide a match. However, any matching funds provided by the City will help the City's applications score higher.

<b>Project Type</b>	<b>Minimum Request</b>	<b>Maximum Request</b>	<b>Minimum Match</b>
Capital Improvement	\$250,000	\$2,000,000	25% (for each phase requested)
Programs and Shuttle Operations	\$100,000 per year	\$500,000 per year	75%
Plans and Studies	\$75,000	\$100,000	50%

Matching funds must be expended concurrently and proportionally for each phase programmed with Alameda CTC-administered funds. Previously incurred costs or previously expended funds do not count towards fulfilling minimum matching requirements. On a case-by-case basis, Alameda CTC may consider exceptions to the minimum funding request identified for each project category.

## **DISCUSSION**

An interdepartmental review of Emeryville's eligible projects compared the CTP to the City's Capital Improvement Program and the City Council priority projects. In order to meet the February 1, 2021 deadline, staff began preparing applications for the following projects in December:

## 2020 CIP General Application

### 1. Emery Go-Round Operating Expenses (FY2022-FY2026)

The Emery Go-Round is a free public shuttle from the MacArthur BART station to points throughout Emeryville and one point in southwest Berkeley. Alameda CTC funding for this shuttle program will support fiscal years 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026. The ACTC funding request would be for \$500,000 per year for four years, for a total of \$2 million.

### 2. 40th Street Transit-Only Lanes and Multimodal Enhancements

This project includes the redesign of 40<sup>th</sup> Street and parts of San Pablo Avenue and Shellmound Street to improve conditions for bus riders, pedestrians, and cyclists. The full complete project will reduce travel time for buses by striping bus-only lanes in both directions, make bicycle improvements by creating a two-way Class 4 separated bikeway from Adeline Street to the Bay Bridge Trail, make pedestrian safety improvements at eleven intersections, add bus boarding islands and shelters, and install pedestrian/bicycle amenities.

Due to limits on total funding per project for available grant opportunities, the project has been split into two design portions with one for the pedestrian/bicycle improvements and one for the transit improvements. In Fall 2020, the City completed an application for the pedestrian/bicycle design through the statewide Active Transportation Program (ATP) and will receive notification of results in early 2021. The ACTC funding request would be \$2 million for design of the plans, specifications and estimate (PS&E) for the transit improvements.

### 3. Village Greens and Greenways Program – Shared Doyle Street (Phase 3)

The “Shared Doyle Street Quick-Build Project” will build on prior efforts on the City’s North/South Greenway. In 2019 utilizing an ATP grant, the City built raised crosswalk improvements on the northerly end of the Greenway at 65<sup>th</sup>, 66<sup>th</sup>, and 67<sup>th</sup> Streets. In March/April 2020, the City installed temporary COVID-19 measures to create a safer area for the community to recreate along the Greenway along Doyle Street from Ocean Avenue to 61<sup>st</sup> Street. This first phase involved “quick-build” improvements to make Doyle Street a lively shared street space. In December 2020, the City utilized an ACTC “quick-build” grant to build the second phase to make the earlier efforts more permanent using paint and bollards.

The phase 3 project limits are on Doyle Street from the northerly city limit north of 67<sup>th</sup> Street to 59<sup>th</sup> Street. The bulk of the work would occur on the block between 61<sup>st</sup> and 59<sup>th</sup> Streets where the project would extend the phase 2 improvements and construct “quick-build” bicycle and pedestrian improvements to create a shared street space and close the gap in the Greenway Improvements in this area. Additionally, the project would install wayfinding signs, wayfinding markings, and additional traffic calming elements on the entire Greenway to help promote safer opportunities to walk and bicycle in Emeryville. The ACTC funding request for this project would be \$350,000.

### Priority Order

Alameda CTC has requested that applications be ranked by applicants for priority in funding. Ranking is proposed for the applications for Alameda CTC's 2022 CIP as follows:

1. Emery Go-Round Operating Expenses (FY2022-FY2026) – \$2 Million
2. 40th Street Transit-Only Lanes and Multimodal Enhancements – \$2 Million
3. Village Greens and Greenways Program – Doyle Street (Phase 3) – \$350,000

Projects in the CTP for which funding is not being sought at this time include projects that are not included in the current City CIP, projects that are expected to be funded before 2022, projects for which there are no matching funds available, and projects not covered by the City Council's priority goals and project list. The next Alameda CTC call for projects is anticipated at the end of 2021.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Alameda CTC's Small Cities Program exempts Emeryville, Albany, and Piedmont from match requirements. Any additional matching funds from the City would result in extra points on the application.

Alameda CTC funding for the General Benefit portion of Emery Go-Round operation will be matched by the Property Based Business Improvement District (PBID) component, giving the City an 87% match for extra points on that application. Alameda CTC's maximum funding for shuttle operations will remain at \$500,000 a year through Fiscal Year 2025-26. Over time, as the Emery Go-Round assessment increases, the PBID and General Benefit increase. This means the City will need to find another funding source for part of the General Benefit. In 2020, the PBID component was \$4,049,222 and the General Benefit was \$560,301, of which ACTC CIP funding paid \$500,000 and the City paid \$60,301.

### **STAFF COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC**

Staff has had no communication with the public regarding this item.

### **CONCLUSION**

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit applications in response to the Alameda County Transportation Commission's (Alameda CTC) Call For Project Nominations for its 2022 Comprehensive Investment Plan (2022 CIP).

**PREPARED BY:** Community Development and Public Works Departments

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



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Christine Daniel, City Manager

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Attachment A – Sample Application
2. Draft Resolution