



City of Emeryville

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 16, 2021
TO: Christine Daniel, City Manager
FROM: Mohamed Alaoui, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: **Consideration of Accepting Funds and Executing Funding Agreements with the Alameda County Transportation Commission for Emery Go-Round FY 2021-23 and the 40th Street Transit-Only Lanes and Multimodal Enhancements Project**

Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Authorizing The City Manager To Accept Funds And Execute Funding Agreement With The Alameda County Transportation Commission For Emery Go-Round Operating Expenses (FY2021-FY2023)

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RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the above-entitled resolutions authorizing the City Manager to accept funds and execute funding agreements with the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) for Emery Go-Round Operating Expenses (FY2021-2023) and the 40th Street Transit-Only Lanes and Multimodal Enhancements Project.

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 2020 CTP includes the following eligible Emeryville projects and programs:

- 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 closed February 1, 2021. Eligible applicants with projects that are implementation-ready for fiscal years 2021-22 through 2025-26 were asked to apply.

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.

Project Type	Minimum Request	Maximum Request	Minimum Match
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%

On January 19, 2021, City Council authorized the City Manager to submit applications for three projects in response to the call for project nominations. The following project applications were submitted:

2020 CIP General Application

1. Emery Go-Round Operating Expenses (FY2021-FY2025)
2. 40th Street Transit-Only Lanes and Multimodal Enhancements
3. Village Greens and Greenways Program – Shared Doyle Street (Phase 3)

DISCUSSION

In July 2021, Alameda CTC approved the 2022 Comprehensive Investment Plan (CIP) funding allocations. The City was successful in getting approval for the following two projects:

1. Emery Go-Round Operating Expenses (FY2021-FY2023)

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 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. The Alameda CTC funding request was for \$500,000 per year for four years, but only two years were awarded for a total of \$1,000,000.

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

This project includes the redesign of 40th 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 early 2021, the City received notification of approval for \$1,374,000 for the pedestrian/bicycle design through the statewide Active Transportation Program (ATP). The Alameda CTC funding is \$2,000,000 for design of the plans, specifications and estimate (PS&E) for the transit improvements.

Alameda CTC staff has prepared project funding agreements for the two Emeryville projects. In order to execute these new project funding agreements, Alameda CTC requires a copy of a resolution or similar documentation that confirms the use of funds on the project, delivery plan, and committed fund sources. Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to accept funds and execute funding agreements with Alameda CTC for the two projects.

FISCAL IMPACT

Alameda CTC's Small Cities Program exempts Emeryville, Albany, and Piedmont from match requirements.

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 (which gave extra points on the application). Alameda CTC's maximum funding for shuttle operations will remain at \$500,000 a year through Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Over time, as the Emery Go-Round assessment increases, the General Benefit increases as well. This means the City will need to find another funding source for the General Benefit contribution. 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's General Fund contributed \$60,301.

Alameda CTC funding for the design phase of the 40th Street Transit-Only Lanes and Multimodal Enhancements will be in addition to \$1,374,000 of ATP funds from the 2021 Cycle 5 program. The Alameda CTC funding of \$2,000,000 will make the design phase of the Project fully funded. The City will need to find other funding sources to fully fund the construction phase of the project which is currently estimated to be at least \$12,176,000.

STAFF COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

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

CONCLUSION

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



Christine Daniel, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Resolution – Emery Go-Round Operating Expenses
 - Attachment – Funding Agreement for Emery Go-Round Operating Expenses
2. Draft Resolution – 40th Street Transit-Only Lanes and Multimodal Enhancements
 - Attachment – Funding Agreement for 40th Street Transit-Only Lanes and Multimodal Enhancements