



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: PUBLIC WORKS

File #: 20-240

Board Meeting Date: 4/21/2020

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: James C. Porter, Director of Public Works
Subject: Local Road Safety Plan Grant Award

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works to execute the Program Supplement Agreement, including an agreement with the California Department of Transportation for a grant under the Highway Safety Improvement Program's call for Local Road Safety Plans (LRSP).

BACKGROUND:

As part of California's Strategic Highway Safety Plan, the State of California announced a Call for Local Roadway Safety Plans (LRSP) Applications. An LRSP creates a framework to systematically identify and analyze safety problems and recommend safety enhancements on local streets. Preparing an LRSP facilitates the development of local agency partnerships and collaboration, resulting in a prioritized list of improvements and actions that can demonstrate a defined need and contribute to the statewide plan.

Beginning in 2022, the State of California Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Calls-for-Projects will require local agencies to have a completed LRSP or an equivalent plan, to be eligible for federal HSIP funds. The HSIP is a core Federal aid program with the purpose of achieving a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads.

DISCUSSION:

The Department of Public Works (Department) will begin developing an LRSP. The LRSP will support the County of San Mateo's mission to provide the public with safe and accessible roads creating a more livable community. The plan will document the transportation safety needs and strategies to enhance the safety of the County's roads.

The Department will develop a Local Roadway Safety Plan in the unincorporated areas of the County in four phases.

Phase I: Review the locations of high incidence collisions, fatalities, and severe injuries

- Phase II: Identify roadway safety issues and consider countermeasures that will address these issues, then prioritize the issues based on available data, implementation opportunities, and community support
- Phase III: Implementation Plan
- Phase IV: Performance Evaluation Plan

In developing plans for countermeasures, the Department may contract for traffic consultants and planners to engage with partner agencies and the public. Estimated costs of developing a final safety plan is estimated at approximately \$80,000 and may take two years to complete.

Based on the results of the plan, safety enhancements will be identified, and recommendations will be presented for approval by your Board.

Providing the Director of Public Works with the authority to execute the program supplement agreement, including an agreement with the California Department of Transportation for a grant under the Highway Safety Improvement Program's call for Local Road Safety Plans (LRSP), will streamline future grant funding efforts and allow work to proceed more expeditiously.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved said agreement as to form and content.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Approval of this resolution will result in an allocation of funds from the California Department of Transportation in the amount of \$72,000 to the Department of Public Works. Local matching funds are 10 percent of the total cost, which is equal to \$8,000. Appropriations for the plan are included in the Road Funds FY 2019-20 Adopted Budget. There is no impact to the General Fund.

ATTACHMENT: Program Supplement Agreement for Local Road Safety Plan