

Central Services Engineering Services Roads & Transportation Water & Sanitation Watershed Protection
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Board of Supervisors
 County of Ventura
 800 South Victoria Avenue
 Ventura, CA 93009

Subject: Authorization for the Public Works Agency Roads & Transportation Director to Accept Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Funds in the amount of \$847,000 for the Ventura Avenue Pedestrian and Bike Lane Improvements; Supervisorial District No. 1.

Recommendation:

Authorize the Public Works Agency Roads & Transportation Director to accept Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds in the amount of \$847,000 for the Ventura Avenue Pedestrian and Bike Lane Improvements.

Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

Mandatory: No
 Source of Funding: Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality and Road Fund
 Funding Match Required: 11.47% of eligible cost
 Impact on Other Department(s): None

Summary of Revenue and Total Costs:

| Summary of Revenue and Total Costs | FY 2021-22 | FY 2022-23 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Revenue: | \$ 87,645 | \$ 759,355 |
| Costs: | | |
| Direct | \$ 70,983 | \$ 829,983 |
| Indirect - Agency/Department | \$ 25,245 | \$ 25,245 |
| Indirect - CAP | \$ 2,772 | \$ 2,772 |
| Total Costs | \$ 99,000 | \$ 858,000 |
| Net Road Fund Costs Including Indirects | \$ 11,355 | \$ 98,645 |
| Recovered Indirect Cost (Dept. and County CAP) | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |



Current Fiscal Year Budget Projections:

| Current FY 2021-22 Budget Projection for Road Fund - Unit 4083 | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | Adopted Budget | Adjusted Budget | Projected Budget | Estimated Savings/(Deficit) |
| Appropriations | \$ 4,664,000 | \$ 4,664,000 | \$ 4,664,000 | \$0 |
| Revenue | \$ 12,448,100 | \$ 12,448,100 | \$ 12,448,100 | \$0 |
| Net Cost | \$ (7,784,100) | \$ (7,784,100) | \$ (7,784,100) | \$0 |

Sufficient revenue and appropriations are available in the FY 2021-22 Adopted budget. Sufficient revenue and appropriations will be included in the FY 2022-23 Budget as appropriate.

Discussion:

The Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program, administered by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), provides funds to States for transportation projects designed to reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality, particularly in areas of the country that do not attain national air quality standards. Created by the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) of 1991, the program was reauthorized under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) in 1997, again as part of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) in 2005, and now the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) of 2015.

The variety of transportation projects funded through the CMAQ program since its inception reflect both the diversity of local transportation systems and the targeted air quality needs of States and regions. The program has been a key mechanism for supporting investments that encourage alternatives to driving alone, improve traffic flow, and helping urban areas meet air quality goals.

On December 1, 2020, the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) requested information from the County and Cities regarding unfunded projects that may be eligible for surplus CMAQ funds that were unprogrammed in prior years. On December 11, 2020, the Public Works Agency Roads & Transportation (PWA-RT) submitted a request to consider the Ventura Avenue Pedestrian and Bike Lane Improvements project, which had been waiting for grant funding to be secured. A feasibility study was completed in 2018 and in 2018 PWA-RT applied for Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 4 grant funding but the project was not selected by the California Transportation Commission. At the time of VCTC's December 1, 2020 request, this was the only County project that would meet the CMAQ program guidelines and qualifications.



On July 16, 2021 Southern California Association of Government (SCAG) Regional Council, approved recommended Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment 21-06, which included the requested \$847,000 in CMAQ funds for the Ventura Avenue Pedestrian and Bike Lane Improvements, TIP ID# VEN210603. On August 13, 2021 FHWA approved Amendment 21-06.

The Ventura Avenue Pedestrian and Bike Lane Improvements project will consist of constructing sidewalks, bike lanes, access curb ramps, and traffic calming measures to improve safety for all modes of travel between Mulberry Road to Los Cabos Lane. There are currently two mobile home parks with about 180 homes, 250 tract homes, and commercial businesses along the project area. The purpose of the project is to close sidewalk gaps, improve existing sidewalk ramps to meet current ADA standards, expand accessibility to existing bus stops and provide connectivity to the Ojai-Ventura trail. See Exhibits 1 for further information related to the project location.

This item has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office, and County Counsel.

If you have any questions concerning this item, please contact the undersigned at (805) 654-2077.

Sincerely,



Christopher Kurgan
Director, Roads & Transportation

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – Vicinity Map and Location Map

