



Legislation Text

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To: Sonoma County Board of Supervisors
Department or Agency Name(s): Regional Parks
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Vote Requirement: Majority
Supervisorial District(s): Fifth

Title:

West County Trail Regional Transportation Improvement Program funding

Recommended Action:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the filing of an application for MTC funding in the amount of \$3.1 million for the Regional Transportation Improvement Program for the West County Trail - Occidental Road and West County Trail - Green Valley Road projects. (Fifth District)

Executive Summary:

Sonoma County Transportation Authority approved programming State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds on October 11, 2021 including \$3.1 million in funding to close 1.1 miles of West County Trail gaps. The project completes Class 1 trail along Occidental Road and Green Valley Road, improving a high-quality bike and pedestrian network, encouraging mode shift to active transportation, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and increasing safety for all.

Discussion:

The Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) developed a coordinated five-year funding strategy for member agencies, including cities, the County, and transit providers. The SCTA 2021 Funding Program seeks to coordinate an estimated \$70 million in funding opportunities that distribute funds and maximize opportunities.

SCTA issued a call for projects on August 9, 2021. Project sponsors were encouraged to submit up to 5 priority transportation projects that meet the goals of the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (2021) and the Regional Transportation Plan (Plan Bay Area 2050) by September 16, 2021. The current call was limited to five applications per member agency.

Regional Parks collaborated with Transportation and Public Works for one of their five project submittals, the Mirabel Road Corridor Improvements and West County Trail Gap project (See attached map). This project consists of five phases including Phase 4 West County Trail - Occidental Road and Phase 5 West County Trail - Green Valley Road.

West County Trail - Occidental Road

The proposed Class I bike path starts on the north side of Occidental Road at the intersection of Highway 116 and continues westward to the existing trail. The project would require right of way acquisition from one

landowner on the north side of Occidental Road. The engineering design and environmental work is 90% complete. Additional funding is needed for construction. The completion of the project will close a 0.90-mile gap. The total estimated project cost is \$3,370,000. This grant request is \$2,300,000, and \$1,070,000 in other funding includes Park Mitigation Fees, Parks for all Measure M funding, and Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation funding.

West County Trail - Green Valley Road

The proposed Class I bike path starts on the north side of Green Valley Road at the Manzana Property frontage and continues westward toward Atascadero Creek where the existing West County Trail continues northward. The Class I bike path would connect to the proposed striping enhancements that will be completed by Manzana Products. The project would require right of way acquisition from one landowner on the north side of Green Valley Road. The completion of the project will close a 0.20-mile gap. The total estimated project cost is \$1,115,000. This grant request is \$800,000, and \$315,000 in other funding includes Park Mitigation Fees, Parks for all Measure M funding, and Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation funding.

SCTA’s immediate focus of the call for projects was to program Sonoma County’s share of the 2022 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). On October 11, 2021 SCTA approved programming \$3.1 million in STIP funding for the Occidental Road and Green Valley Road West County Trail Projects. Funding is for Fiscal Year 2025-26. While local funds are identified as other funding for these project, matching funds are not required for the STIP.

The 2022 STIP, regionally managed by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), includes the Regional Transportation Improvement Program. A resolution of local support is now needed by MTC for RTIP funding.

Strategic Plan:

This item directly supports the County’s Five-year Strategic Plan and is aligned with the following pillars, goals, and objectives:

Pillar: Organizational Excellence

Goal: Goal 4: Seek out grant funding to enhance programs and improve infrastructure and Goal 3: Continue to invest in critical road, bridge, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure.

Objective: Objective 1: Secure a total of \$60 million in grant funding by 2026 for strategic priorities, including technology tools, climate resiliency, and other capital projects and Objective 3: Invest \$5 million by 2024 on new pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and adopt maintenance guidelines on roads to consider bicyclists and pedestrians. Grant funding would close bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure gaps in the West County Trail.

Prior Board Actions:

June 8, 202: Received the County of Sonoma Capital Project Plan 2021-2026, including subject West County Trail - Occidental Road and West County Trail - Green Valley Road projects.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY 21-22 Adopted	FY22-23 Projected	FY 23-24 Projected

Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures			
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
Total Sources			

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

There is no fiscal impact of this item. If the grant applications are approved, this funding and the related expenditures will be included in FY 2022-2023 budget and future budgets.

Staffing Impacts:			
Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A-I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

None

Attachments:

Resolution
Map

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:

None