



CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE
300 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove, California 93950

AGENDA REPORT

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council

FROM: Daniel Gho, Public Works Director

MEETING DATE: March 2, 2016

SUBJECT: Allocation of the City of Pacific Grove's Regional Surface Transportation Program Funds to the City of Monterey for the Highway 68 Roundabout Project

CEQA: Does not constitute a "Project" under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the City Manager to draft a letter to TAMC to dedicate Regional Surface Transportation Program Funds, in the amount of \$100,000, for financial assistance to be used towards construction of the Highway 68 Roundabout Project.

DISCUSSION

The Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) was established by California State Statute utilizing Surface Transportation Program Funds that are identified in Section 133 of Title 23 of the United States Code. The State of California allows smaller counties to exchange their apportionment of federal RSTP funds for State Highway Account funds, which are easier for local agencies to use for transportation with less stringent paperwork than with federal funds. The Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) distributes these funds to local agencies as part of its responsibilities as a Regional Transportation Planning Agency.

The City of Pacific Grove currently has \$205,144 in RSTP fair share funds. These monies have been held for the City by TAMC and can be used for a wide variety of transportation projects. Projects that are eligible include construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, resurfacing, restoration and operational improvements.

The City last used RSTP fair share funding in 2012 when the City reconstructed the intersection at Lighthouse and Eardley . The current Fair Share Funding is set to expire in March of 2017. The City currently uses general fund monies and gas tax funding for transportation related projects.

Within the last two weeks the City of Monterey approached Pacific Grove to request allocating its RSTP fair share funding towards the Highway 68 roundabout project. The Highway 68 roundabout project will construct a roundabout at the intersection of Highway 68 and Highway 1 to eliminate the traffic signal. This intersection has been notoriously congested due to Hwy1, Hwy 68, Pebble Beach and the Community Hospital. Construction is anticipated to last for 8

months to 1 year. Even though there will be significant disruption through the construction period for our residents and visitors, once the project is completed it is anticipated that traffic flows through the intersection will be greatly increased and significantly safer.

Monterey recently put the project out to bid and bids came in higher than expected. Multiple agencies will be participating in funding revenues for the project. This includes Pebble Beach, TAMC, the City of Monterey, the County, and City of Pacific Grove if it opts to participate. Again, funding that the City of Pacific would potentially contribute would be drawn from RSTP Fair Share Funding. The City of Monterey anticipates awarding a contract for construction at their March 15, 2016 meeting. Construction will begin shortly after bid award. If the City of Pacific does not assist in the funding of the project, the City of Monterey will need to look elsewhere for funds, which could lead to potential project delays and expiration of received bids. If the City chooses to participate in funding for the Roundabout, a letter from the City dedicating the funds specifically towards the project needs to be sent to TAMC. The TAMC board will then approve the funding at a future meeting.

OPTIONS

1. Do Nothing
2. Allocate a lesser amount from the RSTP Fair Share Funding Source
3. Allocate a larger amount from the RSTP Fair Sharing Funding Source

FISCAL IMPACT

There will be no impact to the City's general fund if approved. Funding will come from the RSTP Fair Share Funds that are being held by TAMC for allocation to the City.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Daniel Gho
Public Works Director

REVIEWED BY:



Ben Harvey
Interim City Manager