



Council Meeting: December 13, 2011

SUBJECT: Approval of Budget Modification No. 16 to Recognize Grant Funding and Appropriate Grant Funds for A Safe Routes to School Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Improvement Project

DISCUSSION

The City of Sunnyvale has been awarded additional funding from the State of California for infrastructure improvements citywide along school routes to elementary and middle schools that were identified in the City's Pedestrian Safety and Opportunities Study. The grant also includes funds for the Neighborhood Guided Bike Routes project that was developed as a Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) study issue and approved by Council as a revenue dependent project. This revenue dependent project, 900811, will be incorporated into the new Safe Routes to School Project. Staff is recommending that the City Council approve Budget Modification No. 16 to recognize grant funding and appropriate \$820,000 in funds from the California Federal Safe Routes to School (SR2S) program. Terms of the grant allow the City up to three years to complete the project.

BACKGROUND

This Federal SR2S grant is administered by the State of California. The program requires no local matching funds. It will fund the provision of 73 ADA compliant curb ramps at 39 deficient intersections near school sites. The grant will also fund implementation of the Council approved signed/guided bike routes along neighborhood streets that serve low volumes of vehicular traffic to better accommodate student cyclists. Other improvements to signing and pavement markings will also take place at multiple locations along school routes, including the provision of five speed feedback signs. In addition, the project will implement in-roadway warning light systems at five crosswalks. The project will also reduce corner radii and provide space for pedestrians where none now exists due to physical obstructions at two major intersections that are heavily used by school students. Other pedestrian related improvements include the provision of four bulbouts at crossing locations, and improvements to sidewalk segments to become ADA compliant in the vicinity of a school site.

The City's grant application for the aforementioned infrastructure improvements was supported by the Sunnyvale School District, the Santa Clara Unified School District and the Cupertino Union School District.

The planned infrastructure improvements will serve public and private schools as follows:

- Fairwood, Lakewood, Ellis, West Valley, Vargas, Braly, Ponderosa, and Cherry Chase elementary schools;
- Columbia, Peterson, Cupertino, Sunnyvale middle schools; and,
- Rainbow Montessori, King’s Academy, San Martin, Silicon Valley Academy, St. Cyprian, Stratford and Sunnyvale Christian private schools.

Current enrollment in these public and private schools exceeds 11,000 students.

EXISTING POLICY

Fiscal Sub-Element 7.1C.2.3. The City will seek out and use intergovernmental funding sources for capital improvements, as is consistent with City priorities and General Plan goals.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no net fiscal impact to the General Fund for appropriating these grant funds. Budget Modification No. 16 has been prepared to recognize grant funding and appropriate \$820,000 of the subject grant funding to a new project Safe Routes to School and Neighborhood Guided Bike Routes, as follows:

**Budget Modification No. 16
FY 2011/2012**

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Increase/ (Decrease)</u>	<u>Revised</u>
Capital Projects Fund/General Assets Sub-Fund			
<u>Revenues:</u>			
California Federal Safe Routes to School program	\$0	\$820,000	\$820,000
<u>Expenditures:</u>			
New Project – Safe Routes to School and Neighborhood Guided Bike Routes	\$ 0	\$820,000	\$820,000

Unfunded, revenue dependent project 900811, Neighborhood Guided Bicycle Routes, will be subsumed into the new funded project.

PUBLIC CONTACT

Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City's official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall, in the Council Chambers lobby, in the Office of the City Clerk, at the Library, Senior Center, Community Center and Department of Public Safety; posting the agenda and report on the City's Web site; and making the report available at the Library the Office of the City Clerk and on the City's Web site.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve Budget Modification No. 16 to recognize grant funding and appropriate \$820,000 of the subject grant funding to a new project, Safe Routes to School and Neighborhood Guided Bike Routes.
2. Do not take action at this time and forfeit grant funding for a safe routes to school project.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Alternative No. 1: Approve Budget Modification No. 16 to appropriate \$820,000 of the subject grant funding to new project Safe Routes to School and Neighborhood Guided Bike Routes.

Approval of these actions will allow funding to be realized and appropriated for transportation improvement activities.

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