

Meeting Date: 5/12/2015

Report Type: Consent

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Title: Approval of the City's Project Grant Application List for the Active Transportation Program Call for Projects

Location: Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7

Recommendation: Pass a Resolution approving the submission of grant applications to the Active Transportation Program – (Cycle 2) call for projects for State and Federal funding.

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Presenter: None

Department: Public Works Department

Division: Engineering Services Admin

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City Attorney Review

Approved as to Form
Gerald Hicks
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Approvals/Acknowledgements

Department Director or Designee: Jerry Way - 4/15/2015 4:34:50 PM

Description/Analysis

Issue: The California Transportation Commission (CTC) has announced a call for projects for Cycle 2 of the Active Transportation Program (ATP). City staff has evaluated potential projects based on ATP criteria and other eligibility requirements. Applications are due for the statewide program on or before June 1, 2015, and for the regional program to the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) shortly after (date to be announced).

Policy Considerations: The submission of the projects is consistent with the City General Plan goals of promoting safety and enhancing livability, sustainability, and economic vitality.

Environmental Considerations:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): The pursuit of grant funds is not subject to the provisions of the CEQA. Under CEQA general rule 15061-B-3, CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. These actions will have no effect on the environment and are therefore not subject to CEQA review. Appropriate CEQA review for individual projects will take place as part of project development.

Sustainability Considerations: The projects are consistent with the City's Sustainability Master Plan goals to help improve the health of residents by promoting walking and bicycling, and to create a healthier urban environment by constructing pedestrian bridges, bike paths, and bicycle parking. The projects will also reduce dependence on the private automobile, shorten long commutes, decrease the use of fossil fuels, and help meet air quality standards by providing an array of transportation choices near jobs for a balanced, healthy city.

Other: None.

Commission/Committee Action: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: The granting agency requires that the City Council approve the project list prior to grant applications being submitted. After City staff review, the proposed projects best meet the ATP criteria and City policy and programming documents.

Financial Considerations: Federal and State funding is increasingly important for delivery of transportation projects as local funding is limited and often restricted. Local funding to provide required match and leverage state and federally funded projects is set-aside annually as part of the Capital Improvement Program. After the City receives grant funding decisions, staff will return to create specific Capital Improvement Projects

as appropriate. Specific match funding will be determined after the State approves the City's applications and the specific federal and state funds are designated.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): No goods or services are being procured with this action.

Background:

On September 26, 2013, Governor Brown signed legislation creating the Active Transportation Program (ATP) in the Department of Transportation (Senate Bill 99, Chapter 359 and Assembly Bill 101, Chapter 354). The ATP consolidates existing federal and state transportation programs, including the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA), and State Safe Routes to School (SR2S), into a single program with a focus to make California a national leader in active transportation. The ATP is administered by the Division of Local Assistance, Office of Active Transportation and Special Programs.

The purpose of ATP is to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation by achieving the following goals:

- Increase the proportion of trips accomplished by biking and walking,
- Increase safety and mobility for nonmotorized users,
- Advance the active transportation efforts of regional agencies to achieve greenhouse gas reduction goals,
- Enhance public health,
- Ensure that disadvantaged communities fully share in the benefits of the program, and
- Provide a broad spectrum of projects to benefit many types of active transportation users.

The statewide call for projects is administered by Caltrans and the regional call for projects is administered by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments. Given the above considerations, staff is recommending the following projects for submission for the state and regional Active Transportation Program:

- 1) Franklin Boulevard Cycle Track** – Franklin Boulevard between Cosumnes River Boulevard and Calvine Road is an ideal connection for bicycle travel. This segment closes the gap and links the Laguna Creek Class I Bikeway in Elk Grove to the newly developed Cosumnes River Boulevard extension project. Cosumnes River Boulevard will be a major commercial and commuter corridor spanning I-5 and SR-99 and will have Class I bicycle and pedestrian facilities to accommodate recreational and commuter travel from the south areas in Elk Grove and Sacramento into Downtown. A cycle track on Franklin Boulevard fills the missing link for recreational and commuter bicycle travel according to the City's Bikeway Master Plan. A designated cycle track improves safety for bicycles because it designates right of way and creates separation between high speed vehicle and truck traffic along Franklin Boulevard.

- 2) **Del Rio Trail** - This project provides a critical north-south Class I bike path for South Sacramento, Pocket, South Land Park, Land Park, and other area neighborhoods to the Sacramento River Parkway and William Land Park. The proposed Del Rio Bike Trail currently ranks as the 2014 TPG #2 priority project for off-street bike trails. The project would utilize a portion of the former Sacramento Southern Railroad Walnut Grove branch line to provide a class one bike path through South Land Park. At the southern entry, the bike trail would connect directly to the newly constructed Freeport Shores Trail (constructed 2013) and the future South Sacramento Parkway West (future construction 2017). The route would then cross at Meadowview-Pocket Road and continue north through South Land Park towards William Land Park and the Sacramento River Parkway.
- 3) **North 12th Complete Street** - This project converts the westernmost travel lane on North 12th Street between Richards Boulevard and C Street into a two-way cycle track that will provide a direct connection from the Two Rivers Trail along the American River to Downtown Sacramento. The addition of a two-way cycle track would allow bicyclists to ride in both the north and southbound directions on North 12th Street. This would make bicycle trips more convenient and provide a safer facility in conjunction with the existing sidewalk. The removal of one travel lane will also help to slow traffic that crosses over the American River at freeway speeds to a level more compatible with driving in the Central City and with bicyclist and pedestrian travel.
- 4) **Northwood Elementary ATP** - Northwood Elementary School is adjacent to Business 80 located in the Swanston Estates neighborhood of the City. The school attendance boundary is bifurcated by El Camino Avenue which is a four lane major arterial that does not have an intersection traffic signal at the minor street connecting the school from the residential neighborhoods. Furthermore, the streets surrounding the school have discontinuous sidewalks and limited walking accessibility to the school. Most parents pick up their children by personal vehicles or children rely on school buses to take them across El Camino Avenue to their homes. This project proposes to provide a traffic signal and crosswalk at El Camino Avenue and add sidewalks to improve accessibility for children and parents to walk and bike to their neighborhood school.
- 5) **D. W. Babcock School ATP** – Similar to the above project, D. W. Babcock School is adjacent to Business 80 located in the Ben Ali neighborhood of the City. The school attendance boundary is also bifurcated by El Camino Avenue which is a four lane major arterial that does not have an intersection traffic signal or crosswalk at the minor street connecting from the residential neighborhoods. The streets surrounding the school have discontinuous sidewalks and limited walking accessibility to the school. Most parents pick up their children by personal vehicles or children rely on school buses to take them across El Camino Avenue to their homes. This project proposes to provide traffic signals and

crosswalks at El Camino Avenue and add sidewalks to improve accessibility for children and parents to walk and bike to their neighborhood school.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM– APPROVAL OF THE CITY’S 2015 PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION LIST FOR THE STATE AND REGIONAL CALL FOR PROJECTS

BACKGROUND

- A. The purpose of Active Transportation Program (ATP) is to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation by increasing the proportion of trips accomplished by biking and walking, increasing safety for non-motorized users, ensuring disadvantaged communities fully share in benefits, and to enhance public health.
- B. The California Transportation Commission (CTC) has announced a call for projects for Cycle 2 of the Active Transportation Program (ATP). If not funded through the statewide program, these projects will also be submitted to the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) for the ATP regional funding applications. City staff has evaluated potential projects based on ATP criteria and other eligibility requirements.

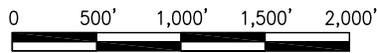
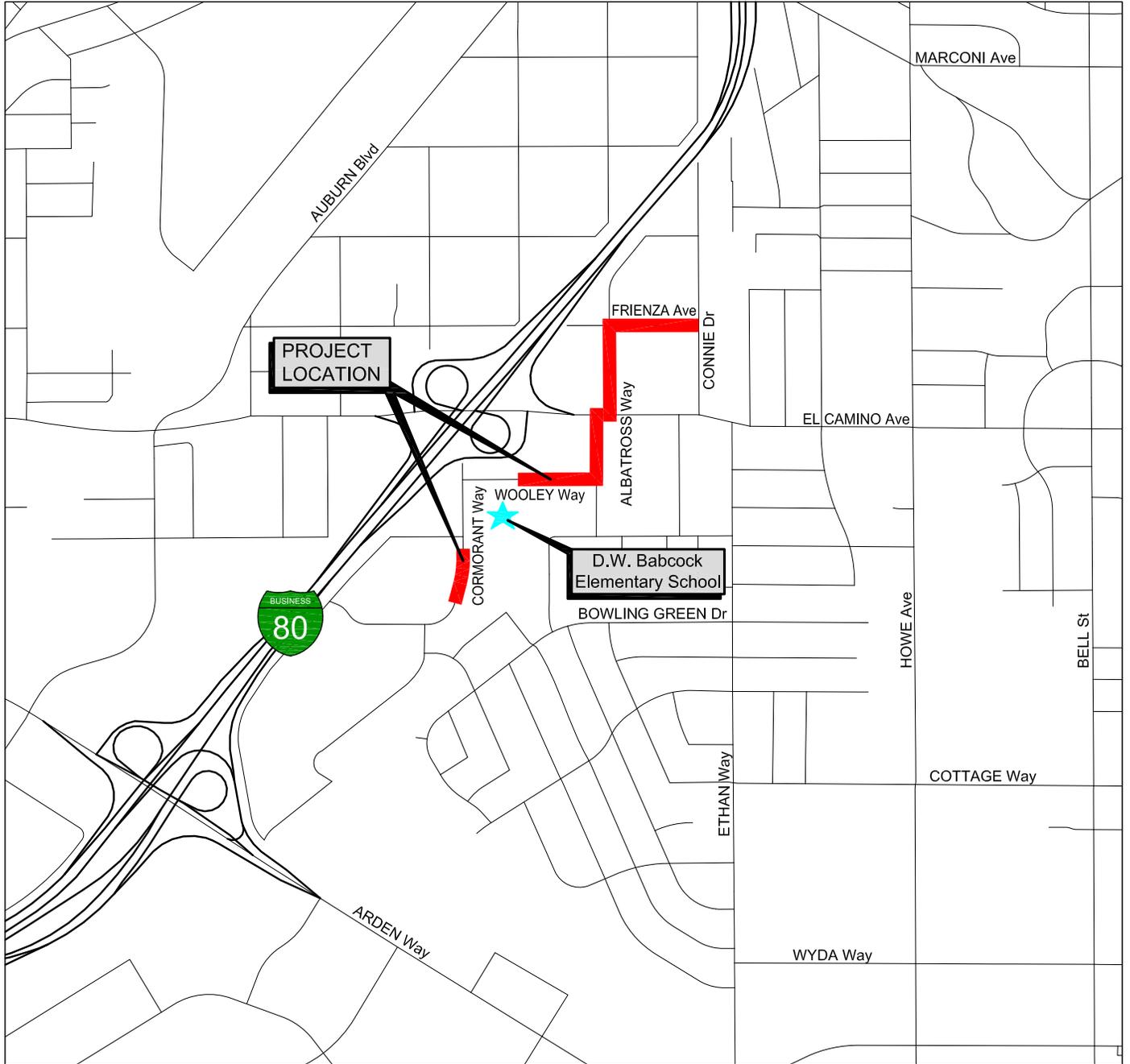
BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The following list of projects is approved for submission to the State and to SACOG for state and/or federal funding. The cost estimates may change as staff further refines the estimates.

Project Name	Description	Estimated Fund Request
Franklin Boulevard Cycle Track	A designated cycle track improves safety for bicycles because it designates right of way for bicyclists and creates a separation between the vehicle and truck traffic along Franklin Boulevard.	\$2,000,000
Del Rio Trail	This project provides a critical north-south class one bike path for South Land Park and other area neighborhoods in Meadowview and the Pocket Area to the Sacramento River Parkway and William Land Park.	\$2,500,000

North 12 th Street Complete Street	This project converts the westernmost travel lane on North 12th Street between Richards Boulevard and C Street into a two-way cycle track that will provide a direct connection from the Two Rivers Trail along the American River to Downtown Sacramento.	\$4,000,000
Northwood Elementary School	This project proposes to provide a traffic signal and crosswalk at El Camino Avenue and add sidewalks to improve accessibility for children and parents to walk and bike to their neighborhood schools.	\$2,500,000
D. W. Babcock School	This project proposes to provide traffic signals and crosswalks at El Camino Avenue and add sidewalks to improve accessibility for children and parents to walk and bike to their neighborhood schools.	\$2,500,000

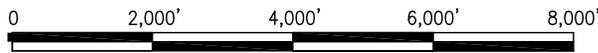
Location map for:
D.W. BABCOCK ELEMENTARY ATP



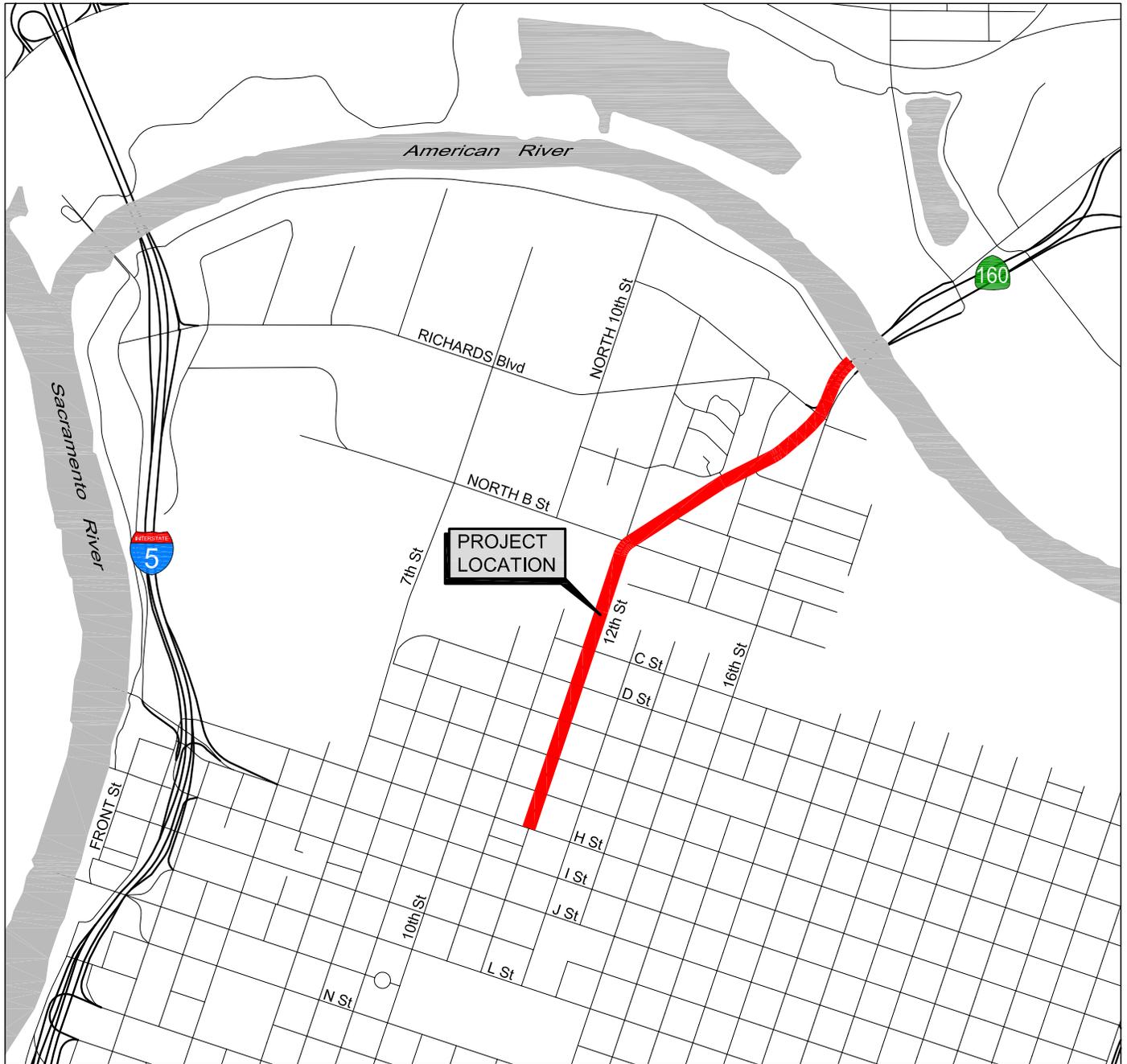
Location Map For: Del Rio Bike Trail



Location Map For:
FRANKLIN BOULEVARD CYCLE TRACK



Location Map For:
NORTH 12th COMPLETE STREET



Location map for:
NORTHWOOD ELEMENTARY ATP

