



City Council Report

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Consent Item 12

Title: Capitol Mall Revitalization (T15175100) – Establishment of Capital Improvement Project and Appropriation and Transfer of Funds

Recommendation: Pass a Resolution: 1) establishing a new Capital Improvement Project (CIP) for the Capitol Mall Revitalization (T15175100); 2) appropriating \$50,000 (Fund 3702) from the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District to the Capitol Mall Revitalization Project (T15175100); 3) transferring \$60,000 (Fund 1001) from the District 4 - Improvements Project (D01000416) to the Capitol Mall Revitalization Project (T15175100); and 4) transferring \$50,000 (Fund 2001) from the Major Street Improvement Project (T15168000) to the Capitol Mall Revitalization Project (T15175100).

Location: District 4

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Presenter: None.

Department: Public Works

Attachments:

- 1-Description/Analysis
- 2-Resolution

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: The current configuration of Capitol Mall causes inefficient intersection operations due to long pedestrian crossing times and creates a public space that is underutilized. Realignment of the eastbound and westbound roadways, and the reduction from two lanes in each direction to one lane between 5th Street and 9th Street will provide improved traffic operations and more pedestrian- and bicyclist-friendly crossings. Streetscape, landscape architecture and lighting improvements will encourage public use and provide opportunities to host events. The establishment of a CIP project and the appropriation and transfer of funds are necessary to proceed with concept development, public outreach and preliminary engineering for improvement of the corridor.

Policy Considerations: The actions requested herein are consistent with the City's goals of improving and expanding public safety, and enhancing livability.

Economic Impacts: None.

Environmental Considerations:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): Establishment of a Capital Improvement Project and the appropriation and transfer of funds are not subject to the provisions of CEQA under the general rule (Section 15061) in that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The requested action is not a project under CEQA.

Sustainability: The project identified in this report is consistent with Sustainability Master Plan goal of enhancing alternative modes of travel by designing a pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly corridor that provides more efficiency for vehicles while encouraging public use.

Commission/Committee Action: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: The establishment of a CIP project and the appropriation and transfer of funds are necessary to deliver this project.

Financial Considerations: The estimated cost to complete concept development, public outreach, and preliminary engineering for the Capitol Mall Revitalization Project (T15175100) is \$160,000. The project will be funded with \$50,000 (CIP Reimbursable Fund, Fund 3702) from the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, \$60,000 (General Fund, Fund 1001) from the District 4 - Improvements Project (D01000416), and \$50,000

(Sacramento Transportation Sales Tax Fund, Fund 2001) from the Major Street Improvements Project (T15168000).

As of November 1, 2016, the unobligated balance in the Major Street Improvements Project (T15168000) is \$4,787,667, which is sufficient to complete the transfer of \$50,000 (Fund 2001) to the Capitol Mall Revitalization Project (T15175100).

As of November 1, 2016, the unobligated balance in the District 4- Improvements Project (D01000416) is \$60,000, which is sufficient to complete the transfer of \$60,000 (Fund 1001) to the Capitol Mall Revitalization Project (T15175100).

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not applicable as no goods or services are being purchased.

Background: Capitol Mall is an iconic stretch of right-of-way between the historic Tower Bridge and the Capitol Building. The corridor is a couplet of two-lane roadways running east and west, separated by a 52-foot wide greenway. The wide greenway separating the two directions of vehicular travel creates inefficiencies with the traffic signal timing which is currently configured to provide the time required for pedestrians to cross the full 130-foot intersection length.

Significant nearby development will introduce increased numbers of residents and visitors, augmenting the need to improve traffic operations along with pedestrian and bicyclist connectivity, while enhancing the corridor's potential for public use. The existing greenway is frequently used for smaller public events, such as farmer's markets, festivals and races. With the reconfiguration of the roadways and public areas, there is potential to create a space that will accommodate more significant events.

Stemming from the interest in improving Capitol Mall to better serve the needs of the community, an urban design team from UC Davis analyzed a range of scenarios to assist with planning for the corridor, which was documented in the "Capitol Mall Urban Design Study". These efforts will inform the CIP project, the goal of which is to implement streetscape, roadway, landscape architecture and lighting improvements to improve traffic and pedestrian operations, enhance public use and activate the corridor. The scope of work for this initial phase includes concept development, public outreach and preliminary engineering for the improvements, which will be documented in a concept report and used to pursue additional funding for the project, and for environmental studies at a later phase.

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

ESTABLISHMENT OF A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, AND APPROPRIATION AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO THE CAPITOL MALL REVITALIZATION PROJECT (T15175100)

BACKGROUND

- A. The Capitol Mall Revitalization project (T15175100) will provide improved traffic and pedestrian operations and enhance public use on Capitol Mall between Interstate 5 and 9th Street.
- B. The Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District has allocated \$50,000 (Fund 3702) for the concept development, public outreach and preliminary engineering for the project.
- C. City Council District 4 has allocated \$60,000 (Fund 1001) for the concept development, public outreach and preliminary engineering for the project. In addition, \$50,000 (Fund 2001) will be transferred from the Major Streets Improvements Project (T15168000).

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

- Section 1. The Capitol Mall Revitalization Project (T15175100) is established as a new Capital Improvement Project.
- Section 2. The FY 2016/17 Capital Improvement Program is amended by appropriating \$50,000 (Fund 3702) in Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District funds to the Capitol Mall Revitalization Project (T15175100).
- Section 3. The FY 2016/17 Capital Improvement Program is amended by transferring \$60,000 (Fund 1001) from the District 4 - Improvements (D01000416) to the Capitol Mall Revitalization Project (T15175100).
- Section 4. The FY 2016/17 Capital Improvement Program is amended by transferring \$50,000 (Fund 2001) from the Major Street Improvements Project (T15138000) to the Capitol Mall Revitalization Project (T15175100).