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COUNCIL COMMITTEE ITEM SUMMARY REPORT

MEETING DATE: APRIL 14, 2022
TO: PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE
FROM: CHANTELL O'NEAL; ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Receive Report and Make Recommendation for Acceptance of Technical Assistance for Preparation and Submittal of an Alternative Transportation Program Grant

BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW:

In March 2022, staff met with representatives from Nelson\Nygaard to discuss potential Alternative Transportation Program (ATP) projects and the potential for the City to receive Technical Assistance from the Active Transportation Resource Center (ATRC) Disadvantaged Communities Program. ATRC provides Technical Assistance (TA) to selected communities to support application preparation for ATP Cycle 6. Staff reviewed two potential projects that meet the criteria for ATP, that have been vetted through public process reviews over the years. The two projects being considered for application are improvements to The Chief Celeri Drive to access the central trail or Elm Street pedestrian and bicycle lane improvements to access the north trail.

After the meeting, staff was notified that the City of Fort Bragg was selected to receive TA, discussed potential projects, and was informed that the consultant would be provide the following services:

- a site visit from the project team (virtual or in-person, based on agency preference)
- a project work plan
- joint and personalized workshop based on your needs
- application assistance for the upcoming ATP Cycle 6 or continued technical assistance for the subsequent ATP cycle.

Nelson\Nygaard also recommended the Chief Celeri Drive Improvement project as they felt it would be the most competitive to receive funding. Several challenges surround moving forward with this project, including the ownership of the central trail access, the parking lot, which is proposed for improvements under the current scope of this project,

as well as additional public input on the transition to a one-way alley to incorporate sufficient space for the pedestrian access way. Applications for this cycle are due June 15, 2022. Attachments 1 and 2 are excerpts from the Mendocino County Pedestrian Facility Needs Inventory & Engineered Feasibility Study finalized in 2019. A link to the whole study can be found on the City's website at: <https://www.city.fortbragg.com/home/showpublisheddocument/1620/637719444472330000>.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is seeking feedback on whether or not to pursue an ATP application for Cycle 6 using the Technical Assistance of Nelson\Nygaard.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Redwood Avenue at Chief Celeri Dr – Coastal Trail Linkage
2. Elm Street Pedestrian Improvements