



AGENCY: City Council
MEETING DATE: April 9, 2018
DEPARTMENT: Public Works
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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

TITLE:

RECEIVE REPORT AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR FUNDING BY SB 1 ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT FOR THE 2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR

ISSUE:

The Road Repair and Accountability Act (RRAA) of 2017 increased the State gas tax to provide additional transportation funding. The Local Streets and Roads program under this Act requires that local agencies identify in a public meeting the project(s) that will use these funds.

ANALYSIS:

New State gas tax revenues are placed into the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA). One of the programs using these funds is Local Streets and Roads (LSR). The RRAA requires that expenditure of these funds be presented in a public meeting for Council's consideration and approval. Last year, this was accomplished with the City's budget process when \$43,000 was authorized for ongoing maintenance needs (including small scale pavement failures maintenance, drainage facilities maintenance, and traffic control devices). Approximately \$68,000 is expected for the next fiscal year. The permanent RMRA reporting system has been under development by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) since late 2017. Final guidelines were adopted in early March of this year. The State deadline for submitting the list is May 1, 2018.

RMRA funds may be applied to a wide range of projects and are one of the few sources where maintenance and rehabilitation work qualifies. Typical work includes: striping, signage, safety, pavement patching, drainage, etc.

For the upcoming fiscal year, staff has identified a portion of Maple Street between Harold Street and Lincoln Street where chronic storm drain pipe failures are creating sink holes in the street as well as impairing the reliability of the storm drain system in this area. The actual limits of work will be chosen to match the available funding as closely as possible.

An additional consideration is the possible qualification of an initiative for the November 2018 ballot to repeal SB 1. Consequently, the choice of a project avoided a long term commitment to fund maintenance and focused on a valuable project with minimal City contributions that can be deferred if SB 1 is repealed and the funding is lost.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The recommended action is to approve the attached Resolution with the proposed Maple Street project and comply with the requirements of the RRAA.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

City Council can suggest an alternate project, but the State's timetable does not leave much time to meet their submittal deadline. One potential option is to continue to use the funds in a

similar fashion as before for traditional maintenance activities as noted above. The final alternate is to decline the funding and return it to the State.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The recommended action is to only approve project(s) for submittal to the CTC. The funding from the State is already available pending the submittal of the required list of project(s).

CONSISTENCY:

The recommended action is generally consistent with the City of Fort Bragg General Plan including the following: Goal C-15, Promote balanced funding for transportation; and Policy SF-2.2, Storm Drainage: continue to maintain effective flood drainage systems and regulate construction to minimize flood hazards.

IMPLEMENTATION/TIMEFRAMES:

The CTC requires the submittal of RMRA funded projects by May 1, 2018. Funding will become available in late 2019.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution

NOTIFICATION:

None.