



AGENCY:	City Council
MEETING DATE:	November 28, 2016
DEPARTMENT:	CDD
PRESENTED BY:	S Perkins

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY REPORT

TITLE:

RECEIVE REPORT AND PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING SUBMITTAL OF PLANNING ACTIVITY FOR INCLUSION IN MENDOCINO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS' (MCOG) 2017-18 OVERALL WORK PROGRAM

ISSUE:

The Mendocino Council of Governments (MCOG) allocates a portion of the Local Transportation Funds that it receives each year to fund projects under its Overall Work Program (OWP). OWP projects are of a planning nature and include studies related to transportation needs and technical assistance. In the past, the City has received OWP funding for the following:

1. ADA Transition Plan
2. Central Business District Parking Study
3. Residential Streets Safety Plan
4. Main Street Merge Lane Relocation Study
5. South Fort Bragg Bicycle and Pedestrian Access Plan
6. Bicycle Master Plan
7. Planning for Coastal Trail Improvements Along Glass Beach Drive
8. City of Trails Feasibility Study
9. North Harbor Drive Access Plan

The deadline for applications for funding requests for FY 2017-18 is December 2, 2016.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive Report and Provide Direction to Staff Regarding Submittal of Planning Activity for Inclusion in Mendocino Council of Government (MCOG) Overall Work Program.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

Take no action.

ANALYSIS:

The City has received funding from MCOG planning grants for a variety of useful transportation related planning activities over the years. This year provides us with another opportunity to seek funds in support of transportation planning in Fort Bragg. Based on prior years' experience, the City has a very good chance of receiving funding for at least one project. The City's Residential Streets Safety Plan (drafted 2005, last updated 2010) is an excellent candidate for OWP funding. The 2010 plan update resulted in recommendations for traffic calming measures on Fir, Cedar, Chestnut and Harold Streets. The City has implemented the majority of the 2010 plan recommendations, with others presently in the work schedule.

In addition to updating the Residential Streets Safety Plan, staff recommends broadening the scope of the report to include all City streets and retitling the document as the Street Safety Plan (SSP). The SSP would include an updated analysis of vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle circulation and traffic patterns, and recommendations for improved vehicular and pedestrian safety measures, traffic control devices, etc.

The previous plan update process included:

1. Public open house and stakeholder meetings to receive community input;
2. Data collection of traffic and speed counts for streets with safety issues, and project area audits;
3. Analysis of traffic and speed data, field observations and street audits, and community, stakeholder and staff input;
4. Preparation of traffic calming plans for four streets and conceptual citywide traffic calming recommendations;
5. Preparations of a "crosswalk policy" to help guide implementation of crosswalks under varying conditions;
6. Identification of carry-over projects from the original Residential Streets Safety Plan for inclusion in the updated plan; and
7. Composition of the plan for Council review and acceptance.

This planning process would be similar to the previous effort, depending on input received at the initial community input meetings. Community Development Department and Public Works staff would complete the project with possible consulting services from a traffic engineer. Costs are estimated at approximately \$65,000. The 2010 plan update required approximately \$41,000 in City staff time and approximately \$19,000 in consultant fees, all funded by the OWP grant.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Overall Work Program applications do not require the identification of City matching funds. Therefore, there is no immediate fiscal impact to the City. An update to the existing 2010 Residential Streets Safety Plan is not otherwise funded. Once completed, the new SSP would position the City to receive other transportation grant funding to implement the plan recommendations.

CONSISTENCY:

A 2018 Street Safety Plan would implement General Plan Program C-3.1.1 by identifying circulation problems to set priorities for improvements.

IMPLEMENTATION/TIMEFRAMES:

The Overall Work Program application will be completed and submitted to MCOG by December 2, 2016.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.

NOTIFICATION:

None.

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