



CITY OF WHEATLAND

CITY COUNCIL MEETING STAFF REPORT

May 28, 2019

SUBJECT: SACOG 2019 Regional Funding Round, Wheatland Road Access and Mobility Project

PREPARED BY: Dane Schilling, City Engineer

Recommendation

Adopt a resolution directing the City Engineer to prepare an application for the 2019 SACOG funding round for the preparation of preliminary engineering and environmental documents for the Wheatland Road Access and Mobility Project.

Background

The 2019 SACOG funding round is a one-time program to complete the 2018/2019 funding cycle. Generally, SACOG conducts a funding round every two years. Yet as part of the 2018 funding round the SACOG board acted to withhold approximately one third of that funding until 2019 (due to risks to state sources of funding at that time and the desire to align with the policy priorities developed in the long-range plan). As such, the SACOG board will award the remaining approximately \$55 million through a competitive funding round in 2019. The SACOG board has adopted a policy framework for the 2019 funding round. Eligible applicants can apply to one of three 2019 funding programs and applications are due on June 10, 2019.

The 2019 Funding Round consists of three individual program categories: (1) 2018 Partial Projects, (2) State of Good Repair, and (3) Planning & Project Development. Applicants may only apply in one of these three program categories.

This funding category provides up to \$250,000 for transportation planning studies or technical work towards a specified project development phase (e.g., environmental analysis, preliminary engineering, etc.) on a capital project that supports the implementation of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.

The emphasis of the program is to fund cost-effective transportation projects that realize the performance benefits of the MTP/SCS. The program seeks to promote effective and efficient use of limited state and federal funding resources to both develop and maintain the regional transportation network and provide regional benefits.

Discussion

The proposed project involves Wheatland Road and First Street between Highway 65 and the westerly City limits. This 2-lane segment is classified as a "major collector" by state and federal criteria. No only does it serve as a collector street to Wheatland it serves as a regional connector between Highway 65 and Highway 70, and provides highway access to the thousands of acres of agricultural lands in the region.

The needs of the project are many and varied. Some segments are improved on both sides of the street and require little work. Other segments are unimproved on both sides of the roadway with have two vehicle lanes but don't have shoulders, sidewalks or bike facilities. Also, the majority of the pavement in the project area is in need of resurfacing or reconstruction.

Specific improvements may include road widening for turn-lanes, shoulders and bike lanes, dedicated bike/pedestrian paths, new sidewalks, sidewalk replacement, new crosswalks and pedestrian ramps, road rehabilitation/restoration, safety lighting, roadway signs and pavement markings. These elements will meet several of the competitive aspects of the grant opportunity.

Alternatives

Council may choose not to direct the City Engineer to apply for SACOG funds at this time or provide a different direction to staff regarding the grant opportunity.

Fiscal Impact

Applicants with eligible work activities are guaranteed to receive some funding from the program, though the total award (up to \$250,000) will be determined by the project's score. A minimum match of 11.47% in non-federal funds is required for this federal-aid opportunity and the funds must be fully expend by April 2025 (although staff anticipates expending these funds by the end of 2021). The City would need to provide the match of up to \$28,675 in non-federal funds unless the City can successfully obtain a waiver

The proposed application would include activities for engineering design and environmental activities to leverage the next SACOG funding round and/or other transportation related funding.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-19

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE AN APPLICATION FOR
THE 2019 SACOG FUNDING ROUND FOR
THE WHEATLAND ROAD ACCESS AND MOBILITY PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Planning & Project Development Program of the 2019 SACOG Funding Round (“Program”) includes grant funding opportunities to local government agencies and their partners for projects that meet performance outcomes, overall policy, and selection considerations identified by the SACOG Board; and

WHEREAS, the Program provides up to \$250,000 for transportation planning studies or technical work towards a specified project development phase (e.g., environmental analysis, preliminary engineering, etc.) on capital projects that supports the implementation of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy priorities; and

WHEREAS, project sponsors for the Program with eligible work activities are guaranteed to receive some funding from the Program (up to \$250,000) based the project’s score on the project selection criteria; and

WHEREAS, a minimum match of 11.47% in non-federal funds is required from project sponsors for this federal-aid opportunity and the funds must be fully expend by April 2025; and

WHEREAS, City Staff has determined that the Wheatland Road Access and Mobility Project, which may include road widening for turn-lanes, shoulders and bike lanes, dedicated bike/pedestrian paths, new sidewalks, sidewalk replacement, new crosswalks and pedestrian ramps, road rehabilitation/restoration, safety lighting, roadway signs and pavement markings will meet several of the competitive aspects of the Program.

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, ORDERED AND FOUND by the City Council of the City of Wheatland, hereby directs the City Engineer to prepare an application for the Planning & Project Development Program of 2019 SACOG funding round for the preparation of preliminary engineering and environmental documents for the Wheatland Road Access and Mobility Project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of City of Wheatland, State of California this 28th day of May 2019, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Joseph Henderson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Thomason, City Clerk