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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: Steven E. White, Director
Department of Public Works and Planning

SUBJECT: Re-Submission of 2017 Active Transportation Program Augmentation Funding Applications

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Retroactively authorize the Director of the Department of Public Works and Planning to submit project funding applications for the 2017 Active Transportation Program Augmentation to the California Transportation Commission.

The recommended action will authorize the Director of the Department of Public Works and Planning to re-submit applications for projects that were not funded in the original call for projects in 2016. Additional funding has been made available under SB 1 - The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

The Board may choose to rescind one or more of the funding applications.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no Net County Cost associated with the recommended action. There is no local match and, if awarded, projects will be 100% funded by the ATP.

DISCUSSION:

The Active Transportation Program (ATP) provides funding for projects that will:

- Increase the proportion of trips accomplished by biking and walking.
- Increase the safety and mobility of non-motorized users.
- Advance the active transportation efforts of regional agencies to achieve greenhouse gas reduction goals as established pursuant to Senate Bill 375 (Chapter 728, Statutes of 2008) and Senate Bill 391 (Chapter 585, Statutes of 2009).
- Enhance public health, including reduction of childhood obesity through the use of programs including, but not limited to, projects eligible for Safe Routes to School Program funding.
- Ensure that disadvantaged communities fully share in the benefits of the program.
- Provide a broad spectrum of projects to benefit many types of active transportation users.

In June 2016, the Board approved the submission of the following projects in the 2017 Call for Projects:

- Biola Community Sidewalk
- Cantua Creek Elementary School Pedestrian Paths
- Grantland Avenue Sidewalk and School Crossing Improvement

- Reedley Sidewalk and Path
- Tranquillity Sidewalk
- Lanare Sidewalk
- Calwa Community Active Transportation Plan

All were submitted except for the Tranquillity Sidewalk project because it was determined not to be cost effective. None were selected for funding. On June 30, 2017, the 2017 ATP Augmentation was issued due to additional funding made available by SB 1. Only projects submitted in the original call for projects were allowed to be resubmitted. As the resubmissions were due July 31, 2017, there was not sufficient time to bring this item to the Board prior to the deadline. Staff reviewed the previous applications and resubmitted the applications for:

- Biola Community Sidewalk
- Cantua Creek Elementary School Pedestrian Paths
- Grantland Avenue Sidewalk and School Crossing Improvement
- Lanare Sidewalk

After consultation with City staff, the Reedley project was not resubmitted, as it requires the installation of drainage facilities as a prerequisite to ensure that the facilities constructed are not inundated during rain events. The Calwa project was also not resubmitted, because it was determined not to be cost effective. Attachment A provides a description and the limits of each project. Projects are listed in order of priority based on staff's evaluation of the projects. A project's cost effectiveness is evaluated on the relative costs of the project in comparison to the project's benefits as defined by the purpose and goals of the ATP. This includes the consideration of the safety and mobility benefit in relation to both the total project cost and the funds provided. Project costs and cost-to-benefit ratios are calculated and are considered prior to submitting the project application.

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

Authorization Letter
Vicinity Map
Attachment A

REFERENCE MATERIAL:

BAI #44, June 7, 2016

CAO ANALYST:

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