RESOLUTION NO. 2020-0018

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

January 19, 2021

Application for Caltrans Sustainable Communities Grant Funds

BACKGROUND

A. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) issued a call for projects for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021/22 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program and the City of Sacramento is eligible to apply and receive Federal and/or State funding for certain transportation planning related plans through Caltrans. Applications for the Sustainable Communities Grant within the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program are due February 12, 2021.

B. On August 8, 2013, Council approved Resolution 2013-0267 which accepted the American River Crossing Alternatives Study Report as the guide for future crossings of the Lower American River and directed staff to seek funding to implement the study recommendations including the Truxel Bridge alternative.

C. SB743 (Steinberg) passed in 2013. This bill required local agencies throughout the State to replace level of service as the metric for significance in transportation analysis under CEQA. Consistent with technical guidance provided by the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research, staff developed recommended thresholds of significance based on vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and has been using these thresholds on a case-by-case basis consistent with the CEQA Guidelines since the July 1, 2020 statutory deadline.

D. On March 3, 2015, City Council adopted Climate Action Plan strategies within the 2035 General Plan, which include transportation mode shifts to more sustainable modes such as walking, biking, and transit.

E. On January 19, 2017, City Council adopted Vision Zero, a traffic safety philosophy, and a goal to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2027.

F. On August 14, 2018, City Council adopted the Vision Zero Action Plan, which identifies the High Injury Network (HIN) and over 40 actions by which to achieve the Vision Zero goal.

G. On August 25, 2020, City Council made a motion to create a slow streets effort.
H. On December 8, 2020 City Council passed a motion authorizing the Department of Public Works to implement a slow streets pilot.

I. Staff reviewed the guidelines for the grant program, considered necessary steps to achieve the Vision Zero goal of zero traffic deaths and serious injury by 2027 and to achieve the City’s Climate Action Goals. Staff also considered previous City Council direction and the City’s goal to increase the supply of affordable housing to Sacramento residents. Based on this analysis, four projects that would be most competitive for these funding sources were identified.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Reimagining Connections to and through 12th Street Project, the Sacramento 15-minute Neighborhoods Plan Project, the Mixed-Income Housing VMT Analysis for CEQA, and the Truxel Bridge Feasibility Study are approved for submission to the Caltrans FY2020/21 Sustainable Communities Grant within the Sustainable Transportation Planning Program requesting grant amounts for $270,000, $570,000, $48,500, and $550,000 respectively.

Section 2. The City Manager or the City Manager’s designee is authorized to submit any related documents necessary to support the grant applications.

Section 3. The City Manager or the City Manager’s designee is authorized to execute the grant agreements, amendments, and any related grant documents upon award of the Caltrans Sustainable Communities Grant Fund within the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program.
Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on January 19, 2021 by the following vote:

Ayes: Members Ashby, Guerra, Harris, Jennings, Loloee, Schenirer, Valenzuela, Vang, and Mayor Steinberg

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Attest: Mindy Cuppy

Mindy Cuppy, City Clerk

The presence of an electronic signature certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy as approved by the Sacramento City Council.