

STAFF REPORT



MEETING DATE: April 27, 2021
SUBJECT: Approve Match Funds for Victor Avenue and Cypress Avenue Active Transportation Project
AGENDA ITEM: 14
STAFF CONTACT: Kathy Urlie, Senior Transportation Planner

SUMMARY:

In the City of Redding Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 5 grant application submittal for the Victor Avenue and Cypress Avenue Active Transportation (VCAT) Project, SRTA committed 15% match to the total ATP eligible project cost using SRTA Non-Motorized Program funding. At the end of March, Redding received an ATP award of \$7,822,000. SRTA has the opportunity to replace its Non-Motorized Program funding commitment (\$1,493,015) with federal Highway Infrastructure Program funding, freeing up the more flexible Non-Motorized Program funding for other needs.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the board of directors:

- 1) Approve (\$1,448,775) in match funds for the Victor Avenue and Cypress Active Transportation Project using Shasta Region Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP).

DISCUSSION:

In March, the California Transportation Commission approved \$7,822,000 of discretionary Active Transportation Program (ATP) funding for the city of Redding's VCAT Project. SRTA assisted in the development of the application and committed \$1,493,015 in SRTA Non-Motorized (NM) Program funding, or 15% of the ATP-eligible project total, to enhance the project's competitiveness.

Over the past four years, SRTA has been receiving discretionary allocations of Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) funding from the US Department of Transportation which may be used for a broad variety of uses, including bicycle and pedestrian projects. The following table shows these amounts and expirations dates by year.

Shasta County Region		Obligate	
Year	Apportionment	By	Expend By
2018	\$ 459,729	09/30/21	09/30/26
2019	\$ 647,726	09/30/22	09/30/27
2020	\$ 188,052	09/30/23	09/30/28
2021	\$ 153,268	09/30/24	09/30/29
Total	\$ 1,448,775		

The time frame for obligating the earlier allocations is quickly approaching, so SRTA staff recommends using all available HIP funds in lieu of the SRTA NM Program funds for the 15% match contribution to the VCAT Project. This preserves the majority of the more flexible NM funds and directs the HIP funding to

an immediate use. Since the HIP funding availability is \$44,240 less than the SRTA match, that residual amount would use NM funds.

ALTERNATIVES:

The SRTA Board of Directors may elect not to use available HIP funds and use Non-Motorized Program funding instead. However, SRTA would have to identify a project that meets the specific requirements of HIP funding, for at least the first year's allocation, program it, and then obligate it prior to its expiration.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The city of Redding is committing 5% of the ATP eligible project cost in match. SRTA staff worked with Caltrans District 2 and city of Redding staff on this proposed amendment. ///The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommends approval.///

FISCAL IMPACT:

No net loss or gain is anticipated with the recommendation.

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