

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

DATE: FEBRUARY 12, 2020

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER

BY: RAMIRO ADEVA, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 20-1923; APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS

The City's Fiscal Year 2019-20 Capital Improvement Program includes the design of a storm water treatment plant at the confluence of Medea Creek and Palo Comado Creek, within the Los Angeles County Public Works maintenance yard, located on Agoura Road. In addition to the treatment plant, a linear park is proposed to be built over a portion of the existing flood control channel, adjacent to the Whizin Center. It should be noted the northern portion of the channel was constructed by the City in 1989 as part of the Zuma Ridge Trail. The preliminary design of the linear park includes an equestrian trail, in order to maintain trail connectivity.

At the City Council's Budget Workshop held on June 12, 2019, staff was directed to explore funding opportunities in order to construct the project. Recently, staff was notified about funding through the Recreational Trails Program (RTP). The State of California's Department of Parks and Recreation administers the RTP which was developed as part of the Federal Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). This competitive grant is offered to government agencies and non-profit organizations in order to develop and maintain trail-related facilities for both motorized and non-motorized uses.

Staff is requesting approval to proceed with the process of completing the application to be used toward the construction of the equestrian trail within the linear park project limits. The grant request will be for \$181,000 with a match of \$50,000 from the City, which consists of \$40,000 in design costs currently being funded with the state appropriation; and \$10,000 of in-kind costs for staff to administer the project. No additional funding is being requested as part of this grant application.

In addition, Resolution 20-1923 approves the Director of Public Works to execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests, and so forth, which may be necessary to complete the project. Staff is requesting City Council approve of the attached resolution that must accompany the application.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council adopt Resolution No. 20-1923, authorizing the application for Recreational Trails Program grant funds.

Attachment: Resolution No. 20-1923

RESOLUTION NO. 20-1923

A RESOLUTION OF THE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS HEREBY FINDS, RESOLVES, AND ORDERS, AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the “Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users” provides funds to the State of California for grants to federal, state, local, and non-profit organizations to acquire, develop and/or maintain motorized and non-motorized trail projects; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility by the Legislature of the State of California for the administration of the Recreational Trails Program, setting up necessary procedures governing the application; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the Applicant to certify by resolution the approval of the application before submission of said application to the State; and

WHEREAS, successful Applicants will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete the Grant Scope project;

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, ORDERED AND FOUND by the City Council of the City of Agoura Hills, California, as follows:

APPROVES THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE AGOURA HILLS LINEAR PARK ENHANCEMENT PROJECT; AND

1. Approves the filing of an application for the Recreational Trails Program; and
2. Certifies that the project is consistent with the Applicant’s General Plan ;and
3. Certifies that the Applicant has or will have available prior to commencement of any work on the project included in this application, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project; and
4. Certifies that the Applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the Contract shown in the Procedural Guidelines; and
5. Delegates the authority to the Director of Public Works to conduct all negotiations, sign and submit all documents, including but not limited to

applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the project; and

6. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and guidelines.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 12TH day of February, 2020, by the following vote to wit:

AYES: ()
NOES: ()
ABSTAIN: ()
ABSENT: ()

Illece Buckley Weber, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly, M. Rodrigues, City Clerk