



# **Agenda Report**

## **Fullerton City Council**

**MEETING DATE:** APRIL 15, 2025

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY

**SUBMITTED BY:** STEPHEN BISE, P.E., PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

**PREPARED BY:** JEROME JOAQUIN, ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER  
MEME TRINH, ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST II

**SUBJECT:** HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CYCLE 12  
GRANT FUND ACCEPTANCE AND ORANGETHORPE  
AVENUE AND HARBOR BOULEVARD TRAFFIC SIGNAL  
AND SAFETY LIGHTING ENHANCEMENT PROJECT  
BUDGET APPROPRIATION

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### **SUMMARY**

The City of Fullerton received a \$3,218,400 grant award from the Federal Highway Administration to fund the Orangethorpe Avenue and Harbor Boulevard Traffic Signal and Safety Lighting Enhancement Project. Staff requests City Council accept and appropriate \$3,218,400 to secure the federal Highway Safety Improvement Program grant funds for this project.

### **PROPOSED MOTION**

1. Accept and appropriate receipt and use of \$3,218,400 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Cycle 12 grant funds in Project No. 46039 Orangethorpe Avenue and Harbor Boulevard Traffic Signal and Safety Lighting Enhancement Project in the Capital Projects Fund (Fund 74) and authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute and administer grant documents.
2. Approve local match and \$357,600 Measure M2 Local Fair Share Funds (Fund 25) budget appropriation and transfer from available fund balance to Project No. 46039 Orangethorpe Avenue and Harbor Boulevard Traffic Signal and Safety Lighting Enhancement in the Capital Projects Fund (Fund 74).

### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- Approve the Proposed Motion
- Reject HSIP Cycle 12 grant acceptance and rescind \$3,218,400 grant funds

- Other options brought by City Council.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Proposed Motion.

#### CITY MANAGER REMARKS

The City recommends acceptance of the HSIP Cycle 12 grant funds.

#### PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statements:

- Fiscal and Organizational Stability
- Public Safety
- Infrastructure and City Assets.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

Staff estimates the Orangethorpe Avenue and Harbor Boulevard Traffic Signal and Safety Lighting Enhancement Project will cost \$3,576,000. The City received a \$3,218,400 grant from the Federal Highway Administration. The City must appropriate \$357,600 M2 Local Fair Share Funds (Fund 25) to complete the project. The City may use Measure M2 local fair share fund for local match and has sufficient fund balance. Staff requests the following budget appropriations to support project costs:

- Accept and appropriate receipt and use of \$3,218,400 awarded federal HSIP Grant Funds to Project No. 46039 Orangethorpe Avenue and Harbor Boulevard Traffic Signal and Safety Lighting Enhancement within the Capital Projects Fund (Fund 74).
- \$357,600 Measure M2 Local Fair Share funds budget appropriation and transfer from fund balance (Fund 25) to Project No. 46039 Orangethorpe Avenue and Harbor Boulevard Traffic Signal and Safety Lighting Enhancement within Capital Projects Fund (Fund 74).

#### BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Federal Highway Administration helps improve roadway safety nationwide by administering programs like the Highway Safety Improvement Program. HSIP funds projects that address high-risk areas using data-driven strategies. Cities can secure funding to implement targeted safety enhancements by identifying locations with significant collision patterns.

The City applied for this grant on September 6, 2024 based on City Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP) findings. This plan identified systematic collision patterns along Orangethorpe Avenue and Harbor Boulevard and recommended improvements to address safety issues on the following intersections:

- Orangethorpe Avenue at Harbor Boulevard

- Orangethorpe Avenue at Euclid Street
- Orangethorpe Avenue at Brookhurst Road
- Orangethorpe Avenue at Magnolia Avenue
- Harbor Boulevard at Commonwealth Avenue
- Harbor Boulevard at Chapman Avenue.

The proposed improvements would enhance safety and visibility at intersections along Orangethorpe Avenue and Harbor Boulevard with key upgrades including additional and properly positioned traffic signal indications, protected left-turn phases, improved pedestrian and cyclist safety lighting and upgraded signage and striping. These measures would improve visibility, reduce conflicts and enhance multi-modal safety.

The City of Fullerton received the HSIP Cycle 12 grant on February 27, 2025. This funding would support City efforts to reduce collisions and improve roadway safety.

Staff recommends the City accept the \$3,218,400 grant award and allocate \$357,600 in M2 Local Fair Share Funds (Fund 25) to Project No. 46039 to implement these critical safety improvements. Staff would comply with all federal 2CFR procurement procedures to satisfy federal grant requirements.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Official Award Letter
- Attachment 2 – Project Award List
- Attachment 3 – Project Location Maps

cc: City Manager Eric J. Levitt