



Agenda Report

Fullerton City Council

MEETING DATE: APRIL 15, 2025

TO: CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY

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SUBJECT: FISCAL YEARS 2026-27 AND 2027-28 SURFACE
TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT AND CONGESTION
MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION FOR EUCLID
STREET – SR 91 FREEWAY TO VALENCIA DRIVE
PROJECT

SUMMARY

Staff requests authorization to submit a grant application for the proposed Euclid Street – SR 91 Freeway to Valencia Drive Project to the Orange County Transportation Authority, which prioritizes Surface Transportation Block Grant Program and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funded projects in Orange County.

PROPOSED MOTION

Authorize staff to submit a Southern California Association of Governments Fiscal Year 2026-27 and 2027-28 Call for Project Nominations for the Surface Transportation Block Grant and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Programs grant application for the Euclid Street – SR 91 Freeway to Valencia Drive Project.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- Approve the Proposed Motion
- Reject the proposed project and propose an alternative project for grant funding
- Reject any project application
- Other options brought by City Council.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Proposed Motion.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

The City Manager requests authorization to submit a grant application for the Euclid Street – SR 91 Freeway to Valencia Drive Project to the Orange County Transportation Authority for Call for Projects nominations.

PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statements:

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

FISCAL IMPACT

Staff requests authorization to submit a grant application for the Euclid Street – SR 91 Freeway to Valencia Drive Project to the Orange County Transportation Authority for Call for Projects nominations. Matching requirements for Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Programs (CMAQ) funds depend on project type, but most projects require a minimum 11.47% eligible costs match with the applicant responsible for all ineligible costs using non-federal funds. Staff estimates an approximately \$3.8 million preliminary project cost with approximately \$3.4 million considered eligible costs. The City would receive approximately \$3.0 million federal funds, if awarded, and required to provide approximately \$800,000 local matching funds toward this project. Staff anticipates utilizing Measure M2 Local Fair Share and / or other applicable local funds for the local fund match.

Staff anticipates award selection announced in FY 2025-26. Staff would budget any awarded funds by grant award, including the local match, in the appropriate fiscal year starting in the FY 2026-27 CIP Budget.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Southern California Association of Governments announced a funding opportunity for Federal Fiscal Years 2026-27 and 2027-28 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and CMAQ programs earlier this year. Both programs offer federal funding sources for transportation projects. STBG offers funding for projects that preserve and improve highway, bridge and public road conditions and performance, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and transit capital projects. CMAQ offers funding for projects and programs that reduce traffic and improve air quality in areas that do not meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone, carbon monoxide or particulate matter (nonattainment areas) and former nonattainment areas now in compliance (maintenance areas).

Staff expects this project to fall under the STGB category with eligible costs limited to work directly related to pavement rehabilitation. The grant would not fund typical street rehabilitation project components such as sidewalk repair, curb and gutter, traffic signal upgrades, etc.

The proposed project location is a primary gateway to the City of Fullerton on Euclid Street between SR 91 Freeway and Valencia Drive, approximately one mile long. The segment has a 40,800 Average Daily Traffic (ADT) count and a Pavement Condition Index between 53 and 60 (Poor condition). Rehabilitation would involve pavement rehabilitation, new signing and striping, transit stop improvements, ADA upgrades, curb, gutter and sidewalk repairs, traffic signal upgrades such as video detection and CCTV and minor drought tolerant landscape in the median near SR-91. The City would need Caltrans approval and an encroachment permit for work within Caltrans jurisdiction at SR 91.

Staff prepared a separate agenda report for a project application for the proposed Yorba Linda Boulevard from State College Boulevard to Bradford Avenue Project. The grant application requires applicants submitting multiple applications to identify a preferred alternative project. Staff recommends the Euclid Street – SR 91 Freeway to Valencia Drive Project as the preferred alternative. Staff must submit grant applications by May 16, 2025. Staff recommends authorizing the City to proceed with submission, allowing time to finalize the scope of work and cost estimate, prepare narrative responses, collect information and conduct data analysis and obtain stakeholder letters of support.

cc: City Manager Eric J. Levitt