



Agenda Report

Fullerton City Council

MEETING DATE: APRIL 1, 2025

TO: CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY

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SUBJECT: 2023 ORANGE COUNTY COMPLETE STREETS GRANT
FUNDS ACCEPTANCE AND BUDGET APPROPRIATION
FOR HARBOR BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENTS

SUMMARY

The City of Fullerton received a \$4.854 million 2023 Orange County Complete Streets Program (OCCSP) grant for the Harbor Boulevard Complete Streets Improvement Project. Staff requests City Council accept and appropriate \$4.854 million to secure Complete Streets grant funds for this project.

PROPOSED MOTION

1. Accept and appropriate receipt and use of \$4,854,000 2023 Orange County Complete Streets grant funds in Project No. 48009 Harbor Boulevard Complete Streets Improvement in the Capital Projects Fund (Fund 74) and authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute and administer grant documents.
2. Approve local match and \$585,000 budget appropriation and transfer of Measure M2 Local Fair Share Funds (Fund 25) from available fund balance to Project 48009 Harbor Boulevard Complete Streets Improvements in the Capital Projects Fund (Fund 74).

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- Approve the Proposed Motion
- Reject OCCSP grant acceptance and rescind \$4.854 million grant funds
- Other options brought by City Council.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Proposed Motion.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

The City recommends acceptance of the Complete Streets 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

Orange County of Transportation Authority (OCTA) and Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) awarded \$4.854 million 2023 Complete Streets Grant Funds (Wave 2) to the City to partially fund Harbor Boulevard development and improvements between Brea Boulevard and Valencia Mesa Drive. The Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) federal grant funding would cover up to \$4.854 million of eligible activities including project design engineering services, environmental studies, right-of-way, construction and construction management services. This grant requires a minimum 12% local match totaling \$582,480 for all project phases. 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 \$4,854,000 awarded federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Funds to Project 48009 Harbor Boulevard Complete Streets Improvements within the Capital Projects Fund (Fund 74).
- \$585,000 Measure M2 Local Fair Share funds budget appropriation and transfer from fund balance (Fund 25) to Project 48009 Harbor Boulevard Complete Streets Improvements within Capital Projects Fund (Fund 74).

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors authorized up to \$55 million for a future Complete Streets call for projects using federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds in December 2022. The OC Complete Streets Program (OCCSP) was established in line with Southern California Association of Governments project selection process for distributing STBG and CMAQ funds.

The OC Complete Streets Program supports local-agency projects in Orange County that advance at least one of the following complete street project initiatives goals and have a transportation nexus:

- Consider benefits to all road user types including cyclists, pedestrians and motorists
- Contribute toward creating a complete transportation network for all modes of travel
- Improve resident and visitor access
- Create streets safe for travel by the most vulnerable – children, older adult, and those with disabilities
- Support complementary health goals by improving the built environment to encourage walking and biking
- Incorporate community input.

City Council authorized staff to apply for a Complete Streets grant on October 3, 2023. Staff submitted the application for partial funding for the Harbor Boulevard Complete Streets project. The proposed project includes lane reduction (six-lane to four-lane), enhanced bikeways (buffered Class II bike lanes and Class IV bikeways) and missing sidewalk construction on both sides of Harbor Boulevard. The project proposes a signalized intersection at the Brea Dam Park entrance to facilitate park use, Golfer's Paradise customers and cyclists traversing the Fullerton Loop (local mountain bike trail). The project also includes enhanced transit stops, ADA upgrades, new street lighting, new center medians, drought tolerant landscape and other complete streets features.

OCTA approved the proposed lane reduction and amended the Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH) to show this segment of Harbor Boulevard as a four-lane Primary Divided Highway which allows the City to continue utilizing Measure M2 funds for improvement and maintenance along this roadway segment.

The City received notification that it received the requested 2023 Complete Streets grant funding on June 6, 2024.

Staff is working concurrently with the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to certify and authorize all project phases. Staff estimates project construction to begin Summer 2026. Staff will comply with all federal 2CFR procurement procedures to satisfy federal grant requirements.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Project Fact Sheet
- Attachment 2 – Award Letter
- Attachment 3 – Project Award List

cc: City Manager Eric J. Levitt