



# ***Agenda Report***

## ***Fullerton City Council***

**MEETING DATE:** MAY 4, 2021

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY

**SUBMITTED BY:** CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

**PREPARED BY:** ALICE LOYA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PARKS & RECREATION

**SUBJECT:** UNION PACIFIC TRAIL PHASE II GRANT AWARD

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### **SUMMARY**

The California Natural Resources Agency awarded the Parks and Recreation Department a \$1.78 million Urban Greening Program grant to construct the Union Pacific Trail Phase II from Highland Avenue to Independence Park and requests grant application approval.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve receipt of Urban Greening Program grant for Union Pacific Trail Phase II.

### **PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT**

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statements:

- Infrastructure and City Assets.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

This project is estimated to cost \$2.1 million. The City received \$1.78 million from the Urban Greening grant program with a required match of \$330,712 in City funds. The Park Dwelling Fund Balance has sufficient funding available..

### **DISCUSSION**

At the August 18, 2020 City Council meeting, City Council adopted a resolution to support the application and authorized the grant funds and Park Dwelling funds for the Urban Greening Program grant through the California Natural Resources Agency for construction of Phase II of the Union Pacific Trail Project. The City received notice of award in April for the full revised request of \$1.78 million.

On September 7, 1999, City Council / Redevelopment Agency approved a plan for the Union Pacific Right-of-Way Trail and Park Project and the application for grant funding from the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation. The plan included a class-one bikeway, recreational trail, one-acre neighborhood park and parking lot. The Union Pacific Right-of-Way property begins just south of the Transportation Center and extends 0.8 miles west to Independence Park between Truslow Avenue and Walnut Avenue. The project provides a safe alternate route from the Transportation Center to the Richman Park and Independence Park neighborhoods. The first phase of the project, completed in 2006, included the first section of the bikeway and trail from the Transportation Center to Highland Avenue.

Phase II includes design and construction of the portion of the trail that runs from Highland Avenue to Independence Park. The trail project comprises ten feet of concrete trail, five feet of decomposed granite trail, site lighting, trees, native and drought tolerant landscaping, irrigation and outdoor fitness equipment. The proposed project will transform an existing 50 to 80 foot wide, blighted corridor into a greenbelt trail providing alternate transportation, linking the Transportation Center and several parks, including Independence Park at its terminus. This proposed trail aligns with the Hunt Branch Library to the west, providing potential future linkages. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$2.1 million.

The Urban Greening program is a competitive grant meant to increase greening of public land by establishing and enhancing parks, non-motorized urban trails and safe walking routes, mitigation of urban heat islands, green streets and alleyways and providing and improving riparian habitat for water capture and wildlife benefits. The City of Fullerton represents Orange County agency receiving this grant.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Resolution No. 2020-73
- Attachment 2 – Phase II Concept Plan