



Legislation Text

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Report regarding a resolution authorizing the filing of an application for MTC funding, approving budget amendment and CIP project number, and setting local commitments for the One Bay Area Grant 3 (OBAG 3) School Street/Spruce Avenue and Hillside Boulevard Safety and Access Improvements Project. (*Angel Torres, Senior Civil Engineer*)

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution approving the submittal of a grant application for the third round of the One Bay Area Grant (OBAG 3) for School Street/Spruce Avenue and Hillside Boulevard Safety and Access Improvements Project (Project) in the amount of \$3,128,000, approving Budget Amendment #23.070, creating CIP project No. st2305, committing \$1,040,000 of local matching funds, and stating assurance to complete the Project.

BACKGROUND

In May of 2022, County Transportation Agencies (CTA's) throughout the nine-county Bay Area released calls for local transportation projects under Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) third round of the One Bay Area Grant (OBAG 3) Program. This program funds projects that will best help the Bay Area meet the environmental and equity targets of Plan Bay Area 2050, invest in Priority Development Areas, advance equity and safety, and will be most impactful in their communities.

The School Street/Spruce Avenue and Hillside Boulevard Safety and Access Improvements Project is a by-product of the Safe Routes to Schools Walk Audit held at Martin Elementary School in April of 2022. Based on safety concerns and public improvement needs identified from walk-audit and reported in the workshop summary report dated May of 2022, the City of South San Francisco prepared and submitted a grant application in November of 2022 for the OBAG 3 County and Local program.

The OBAG 3 Program is a Regional Discretionary Funding program that aims to fund various transportation needs and programs. The program is intended to support projects in Priority Development Area's (PDAs), Safe Routes to School (SRTS) projects and active transportation projects with cost-effective emissions reduction impacts in downtown areas, commercial cores, high-density neighborhoods, and transit corridors.

MTC requires that cities and counties that have applied for an OBAG 3 grant adopt a Resolution of Local support for their project and separately, adopt a resolution affirming compliance with state housing laws related to the Surplus Land Act, accessory dwelling units, and density bonus laws. These resolutions must be submitted to MTC by May 31, 2023. Further, the City of South San Francisco acknowledges and shall maintain compliance with the Housing Accountability Act throughout the OBAG 3 program period.

DISCUSSION

The City is requesting authority for the filing of an application for funding assigned to MTC in the amount of \$3,128,000 for design and construction funding of the OBAG 3 School Street/Spruce Avenue and Hillside Boulevard Safety and Access Improvements, which will include ADA compliant curb ramps and curb ramp extensions with green infrastructure at several intersections along Spruce Avenue, School Street and Hillside

Boulevard, drainage improvements and raised, high visibility crosswalks along School Street, a new traffic signal at the intersection of Hillside Boulevard and School Street/Spruce Avenue, and the pavement rehabilitation on Hillside Boulevard and along School Street/Spruce Avenue. The goal of the project is to make walking and biking to school safer for students and parents through the implementation of speed reduction features along with high visibility crosswalks and curb ramps with green infrastructure that are safer and more attractive to use.

FUNDING

Staff is recommending approval of Budget Amendment #23.070, creating CIP project No. st2305 committing \$1,040,000 in local matching funds for the project, as required by the grant. The Project design and construction phases will be included in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2022/23.

OBAG 3 - Project	Grant Request	City Funds	Total
Project Engineering Design (ENV, ROW, PSE)	\$ 0	\$ 815,000	\$ 815,000
<u>Construction, CM and DSDC</u>	<u>\$3,128,000</u>	<u>\$ 225,000</u>	<u>\$3,353,000</u>
Project Cost	\$3,128,000	\$1,040,000	\$4,168,000

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Approval of this action will contribute to the City’s Strategic Plan outcome of improved Quality of Life by maintaining and improving infrastructure to serve the greater public.

CONCLUSION

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution approving the submittal of an application by the May 31, 2023, deadline for the OBAG 3 Grant to fund access and safety improvements as part of the School Street/Spruce Avenue and Hillside Boulevard Safety and Access Improvements Project, approve Budget Amendment #23.070, creating CIP No. st2305 committing \$1,040,000 of local matching funds and stating assurance to complete the Project. Further, staff recommends that the City Council adopt the accompanying resolutions of local support and affirming compliance with housing laws to satisfy requirements for accepting OBAG 3 grants.

Attachment:

- 1) Project Location and Preliminary Design Improvements