



Legislation Text

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Staff report regarding adoption of a resolution accepting a California Department of Transportation Clean California Local Grant Program (CCLGP) in the amount of \$2,418,478 for improvements of Centennial Trail and approval of Budget Amendment # 23.015. (*Philip Vitale, Deputy Director of Capital Projects and Greg Mediati, Director of Parks and Recreation*)

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution accepting a Clean California Local Grant Program grant from the California Department of Transportation in the amount of \$2,418,478 for improvement of Centennial Trail.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The Clean California Local Grant Program (CCLGP) is administered through the California Department of Transportation with the aim to significantly reduce litter along state highways, local roads, tribal land, parks, pathways, and transit centers and to beautify the state's transportation network through art and litter clean-up projects in underserved, rural and urban communities. Over a billion dollars has been dedicated to this statewide effort.

As part of a robust community engagement effort that began in 2021, the community informed the development of the Centennial Trail Master Plan which identified desired improvements for the full stretch of the trail from the South San Francisco BART station to the San Bruno Station. While the master plan was in a final draft form, not yet having been adopted by City Council, staff was made aware of a funding opportunity through the Clean California Local Grant Program that could potentially partially fund improvements to a segment of the trail.

Utilizing the conceptual design from the master plan, staff worked closely with the Institute for Local Governments through the BOOST initiative to develop a grant application to fund the improvements to the segment of Centennial Trail. Improvements to the trail segment between Spruce Avenue and Huntington Way will transform an undeveloped fallow patch of land into a community recreation and education space that will advance equity, health, and education outcomes for one of South San Francisco's most underserved neighborhoods. The Project will benefit students from the nearby Boys and Girls Club, South San Francisco High School, Los Cerritos Elementary School, which is a Title 1 School, as well as the broader community, providing easy access to a trail, outdoor education area, skate park and fitness amenities, which will support underserved youth and encourage outdoor activity and environmental stewardship. The Project will also include trash receptacles, a pet waste station, bike racks, a shade structure, picnic tables, interpretive panels, enhanced lighting and landscaping, including roughly 130 trees and 5,900 drought-tolerant shrubs that will help beautify the area and provide habitat learning experiences for residents and school age children along with important climate benefits. A temporary pathway and hydroseeded planted area will be installed in the location of the future bike pump-track. Six community events and a social media campaign with emphasis on litter abatement awareness will reach more than 26,000 residents.

The project schedule anticipates community engagement through the Fall of 2022, going out to bid Summer

2023 and completing construction Spring 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT

The grant requires a 50% match of \$2,418,478 which was allocated from Park Impact Fees in the FY22/23 CIP Budget.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This item before the City Council supports the City's Quality of Life strategic goal by providing additional funding for improved park amenities for residents.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution accepting grant funds from for the California Department of Transportation Clean California Local Grant Program (CCLGP) in the amount of \$2,418,478 for improvements of Centennial Trail between Spruce Avenue and Huntington Way. Doing so will allow for additional funding for parks projects in South San Francisco.