

RESOLUTION NO. 20-094 C.S.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY TO ALLOCATE REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FUNDING, AMEND RESOLUTION 19-116 TO INCLUDE THE REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZE INCREASE OF FY20 REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$431,352.19 REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FUNDS *CIP*****

WHEREAS, the Regional Surface Transportation Program was established by the State of California to utilize federal Surface Transportation Program funds for a wide variety of transportation projects;

WHEREAS, the State allows the Transportation Agency to exchange these federal funds for state funds to maximize the ability of local public works departments to use the funds on a wide variety of transportation projects;

WHEREAS, the Traffic System, Pedestrian and Bike Upgrades Project proposes to address these critical upgrades of the City's traffic signal system;

WHEREAS, this project will provide critical upgrades to the City's entire signal system as well as Bike and Pedestrian improvements that are much needed;

WHEREAS, these improvements will create more pedestrian and bike friendly intersections as well as ensuring our signal infrastructure remains reliable and dependable; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Monterey Planning Office determined the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1) because the City of Monterey proposes to install Traffic System upgrades for multiple arterial and collector streets citywide. The work includes installing new software and new vehicle detection (loops) and might require new conduit runs in the roadway. The work also includes equipment replacement such as controllers and controller cabinets and installation of new pedestrian ped push buttons. The purpose is to improve traffic operations and safety. These are minor alterations to existing traffic controls in paved areas. Furthermore, the project does not qualify for any of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions found at CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2.

Exception a - Location. Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located - a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply in all instances, except where the project may impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially

adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies. Exception a – Location – does not apply to Class 1.

Exception b - Cumulative Impact. All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant. The work involves installing new software in existing traffic control boxes and installing conduit runs for vehicle detection underground, which would not be visible. No civil engineering improvements to the roadway would occur.

Exception c - Significant Effect. A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. There are no unusual circumstances with the nature of the project or the city's arterial and collector streets.

Exception d - Scenic Highways. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. This does not apply to improvements which are required as mitigation by an adopted negative declaration or certified Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The city's arterial and collector streets are not scenic highways. Therefore, impacts to scenic highways would not occur.

Exception e - Hazardous Waste Sites. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. The project might require new conduit runs in the roadway. However, all work would take place within the roadway and paved areas and would therefore not affect the status of a hazardous waste site. No civil engineering improvements to the roadway would occur.

Exception f - Historical Resources. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. The project might require new conduit runs in the roadway. However, installing new conduit runs would only require digging previously disturbed ground under pavement where existing runs are already in place. Therefore, impacts to archaeological resources are not anticipated. In the case that archaeological resources are discovered during construction, the City's typical archaeological procedures shall be followed, which would make impacts to archaeological resources less than significant. The city's arterial and collector streets are not historic. Therefore, impacts to historic resources would not occur.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY that it hereby:

1. Authorizes the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) to accept \$431,352.19 reimbursable Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) grant funds;

2. Amends Resolution 19-116 for the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to include the Traffic System, Pedestrian and Bike Upgrades Project;
3. Authorizes the Finance Director to increase FY20 revenue and appropriation of \$431,352.19 to the Capital Projects Fund, Traffic System, Pedestrian and Bike Upgrades Project This appropriation is fully funded by grant reimbursements.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY this 7th day of July, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:	5	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Albert, Haffa, Smith, Williamson, Roberson
NOES:	0	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	0	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSTAIN:	0	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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Mayor Clyde Roberson
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Mayor of said City

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