



Legislation Text

File #: 16-464, **Version:** 1

Report Prepared by: Bill King, Principal Planner, Development Services Department

SUBJECT: Execute Caltrans Agreement to Prepare Bike and Pedestrian Plan

REPORT IN BRIEF

To receive authorization for the City Manager to sign an agreement (Attachment 1) to receive funds from Caltrans for use in preparing a bike and pedestrian plan.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

- A. Adopting **Resolution 2016-53**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, approving State Funded Projects Program Supplement Agreement No. 0063 Rev. 000., and;
- B. Accepting and increasing revenue in the amount of \$135,000 and appropriating the same in Fund 017 Development Services.

ALTERNATIVES

- 1. Approve the agreement, as recommended by staff; or,
- 2. Approve the agreement, subject to modifications by City Council (identify specific items to be amended in the motion); or,
- 3. Deny; or,
- 4. Refer to staff for reconsideration of specific items (to be addressed in the motion); or,
- 5. Continue to a future City Council meeting (date and time to be specified in the motion).

AUTHORITY

Charter of the City of Merced, Section 400

CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

As provided for in the 2015-16 Adopted Budget

DISCUSSION

Background: City Planning competitively applied for and received a state funding award in the amount of \$135,000 to prepare a plan that will identify programs and projects to improve bicycling and pedestrian travel within the City of Merced, known as an Active Transportation Plan/Safe Routes to School Plan. The Plan is needed to be competitive for future bike and pedestrian-related grants from Caltrans. Significant involvement from technical staff and community members, especially from local schools, is planned. A citizen-based focus group will be assembled to help craft the plan. Staff

will seek the expertise of a planning consultant firm to help craft the plan.

Caltrans Agreement: Though Caltrans has awarded and allocated funds for this project, a signed agreement is necessary so that the City can claim those funds for work performed. Caltrans has requested a copy of the signed agreement, along with the resolution (Attachment 2) to be provided to them no later than November 8, 2016.

IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES

Accepting and increasing revenue in the amount of \$135,000 and appropriating the same in Fund 017 Development Services. All local funding for this project (\$71,885) is in-kind in nature.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Program Supplement Agreement from Caltrans
2. Resolution No. 2016-53