



Legislation Text

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SUBJECT: Report - Adoption of Resolution Approving the Fiscal Year 2019/20 Project List for the Road Repair Accountability Act (SB 1) and Council Prioritization of SB1 and Measure V Local Street Projects for the Fiscal Year 2019/20

REPORT IN BRIEF

Requests the City Council to approve the list of projects proposed to be funded with Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) funds pursuant to SB1 for FY 2019/2020, and requests City Council prioritization of Fiscal Year (FY) 2019/2020 SB1 and Measure V local projects.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion selecting Projects for the FY 2019-2020 Project List (SB1) and Prioritizing FY 2019-2020 Projects and approving **Resolution 2019-13**, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, Approving the "FY 2019-2020 Project List" for the Road Repair and Accountability Act (SB1), Local Streets and Roads Funding for Fiscal Year 2019-2020".

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve as recommended by staff; or,
2. Approve, subject to modifications by City Council; or,
3. Deny.

AUTHORITY

Streets and Highways Code (SHC) Section 2034(a)(1) requires an eligible city to submit to the California Transportation Commission a list of projects proposed to be funded with Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) funds; the approved project list must be incorporated into City budget and adopted at a regular public meeting.

CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Addresses City Council Priority for local roads/sidewalks/traffic.

DISCUSSION

Background (SB1)

On April 28, 2017, the Governor signed Senate Bill 1 (SB1), also known as the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017. This program provides funding for basic road maintenance, rehabilitation, and critical safety needs for state highways and local streets.

The funding will be deposited by the State Controller into the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) and will be apportioned by formula to eligible cities. In order for a city to be eligible to receive RMRA funding, an approved project list must be approved at a regular public meeting and submitted to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) no later than May 1st each year.

Projects eligible for RMRA funding include, but are not limited to, road maintenance and rehabilitation, safety projects, railroad grade separations, complete street components (including active transportation purposes, pedestrian and bicycle safety projects, transit facilities, and drainage and stormwater capture projects in conjunction with any other allowable project), and traffic control devices.

The project list must include a description, location, completion schedule, and estimated useful life of the improvement. This project list does not limit the City's flexibility in completing projects based on local needs and priorities, as long as the projects meet the standards in the RMRA guidelines. The City is required to annually submit a project list to the CTC in order to continue to be eligible for RMRA funding.

Background (Measure V, Local and Regional Projects)

On November 8, 2016, the voters of Merced County approved "Measure V", a one-half cent sales transaction and use tax to supplement transportation roads and alternative transportation project funding. The Measure V transportation sales tax will be in place for 30 years, expiring on March 31, 2047. The Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) will administer the apportionment of sales tax funds to the County, six Cities and the agreed upon regional areas within Merced County.

On May 21, 2018, City Council approved a Master Recipient Funding Agreement in order to allow the City of Merced to receive the FY 18/19 and 19/20 apportionments of Measure V funding for use on local projects, including alternative modes projects.

On October 1, 2018, City Council approved the Measure V Regional Project Funding Agreement. Two City of Merced projects were selected by the Eastside Regional Project Committee and approved by the governing board, including:

1. Highway 59 Black Rascal Bridge (widening the bridge to a four-lane structure)
2. Highway 59 Phase 1 (widening of Highway 59 from 16th Street to Olive Avenue)

FY 2019/2020 Apportionment and Project Lists

The City of Merced is anticipated to receive \$1,435,854 in RMRA (SB1) funding for FY19/20. Additionally, the City is anticipated to receive \$1,168,584 in Measure V funding for Local Projects and \$292,146 for Measure V Alternative Modes. Total anticipated funding is \$2,896,584. The Public Works and Engineering departments have developed a list of projects to be funded utilizing the FY 19/20 apportionments.

As not all of the FY 18/19 SB1 projects were completed, these must appear again on the FY19/20 SB1 project list. These projects include:

Existing/Carryover FY 2018/2019 SB1 Projects

- Sidewalk Replacement at various locations throughout the City. \$360,000
- Curb and Gutter replacement at various locations throughout the City. \$19,000
- Childs Ave Roadway Improvements (Parsons Ave to Campus Parkway)** \$492,800

** - (propose moving out to a future year)

Existing/Carryover FY 2018/2019 Measure V Projects

Projects currently under design include:

- Alpine Drive Overlay (G Street to Wainwright)
- Canal Overlay (19th to Railroad)
- M Street Overlay/Reconstruct (16th to 18th)
- Main Street (M Street to N Street)
- R Street Overlay/Reconstruct (Loughborough to Yosemite)
- CMAQ Hwy 59 Traffic Signal (grant match)
- CMAQ John Muir (grant match)
- CMAQ Motel Drive (grant match)
- CMAQ Right Turn Channelization (grant match)

Projects currently under construction include:

- M Street (Bear Creek to Rambler)
- CDBG Sidewalk @ John Muir
- CDBG Sidewalk @ Rivera
- CMAQ Westerly Bikepath (grant match)

Public Works and Engineering staff, with the aid of the Pavement Management System (PMS) and in line with Council's previous direction to focus on arterial roadways, have developed the following project list for FY 19/20:

Proposed FY 2019/2020 Projects List

1. Crack Filling at Various Locations \$209,600
2. Grind & Overlay at Yosemite Avenue, M Street \$1,273,000
3. Roadway Slurry Seal at Various Locations \$270,500
4. 18th & R Street Roadway Improvements \$629,000
5. Glen Avenue Roadway Improvements \$488,900
6. R Street (Olive to Northwood) Roadway Improvements \$462,800
7. 26th Street (Glen to 7th Street) Roadway Improvements \$360,300
8. Road Maintenance & Rehabilitation Programs and Material Purchase (Various Locations)
 - a. RMRA (SB1) - \$191,735
 - b. Measure V Alternative Modes - \$51,000
 - c. Measure V Streets/Roads - \$204,000

SB1 Project List Submittal

The annual SB1 Project List submittal is due no later than May 1st to the California Transportation Commission (CTC). All carryover SB1 projects not completed by June 30th must be re-listed on the FY 2019/2020 Project List. Additionally, the annual Road Maintenance & Rehabilitation Program must be re-listed on the FY 2019/2020 Project List. This funding is used by the City's Streets Division for basic maintenance needs, including filling potholes, repairing sidewalks and asphalt, maintenance of streetlights, replacement of signs, painting and striping, etc.

Staff is seeking from Council selection of projects for inclusion on the FY 2019/2020 SB1 Project List, as well as prioritization of the proposed projects for FY 2019/2020.

IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES

The adopted SB 1 projects list must be submitted to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) no later than May 1, 2019 in order for the City of Merced to be eligible to receive the FY 2019/2020 apportionments.

A city or county receiving an apportionment of RMRA funds is required to sustain a "Maintenance of Effort" (MOE) by spending at least the annual average of its "general fund" expenditures during the 2009-10, 2010-11, and 2011-2012 fiscal years for the street and roadway purposes. The current MOE estimate is \$1,050,000 per year in order to remain eligible for RMRA funding. Although the language used is "general fund" the MOE can be and will be met with a variety of funding sources, including Public Works Administration (Fund 029), Street Trees (Fund 558), Streets Maintenance (Fund 022), and Measure C (Fund 061). Sufficient funding is available in the FY 2019/2020 budget to allow the City to meet this MOE requirement.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution 2019-13
2. FY 19/20 SB1 & Measure V Project List
3. FY 18/19 SB1 Project List
4. City Pavement Condition Map 2018
5. Arterial Pavement Condition Map 2018
6. Arterial Pavement Condition Map 2018 with Project Locations
7. Location Map
8. Presentation