



City Council Staff Report

From: City Manager

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Lead Department: Public Works

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TITLE

Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or their Designee to sign Grant-Related Documents with Caltrans for the Newell Road/San Francisquito Creek Bridge Replacement Capital Improvement Program Project PE-12011; CEQA: Environmental Impact Report for the Newell Road Bridge (Resolution No. 9889)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the City Manager or their Designee to sign grant-related documents with Caltrans for the Newell Road/San Francisquito Creek Bridge Replacement Capital Improvement Program Project (PE-12011).

BACKGROUND

The Budget Act of 2022 made appropriations for the support of state governments for the 2022-23 fiscal year. Subdivision (G)(Y) of Section 19.56 of the Budget Act (Act) appropriated \$2,000,000 from the State General Fund to Caltrans to be allocated to the City of Palo Alto for the replacement of the Newell Road Bridge over San Francisquito Creek. California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) determined that the best method for allocation and to ensure the funds are used for the purpose specified in Section 19.56 of the Act is to execute a Funds Transfer Agreement. Caltrans is preparing the proposed agreement template and has notified City staff that this may take two to three months to finalize. Based on Caltrans' assurance, staff expects the template to be similar to the one used for the budget act of 2021.

ANALYSIS

Once the agreement template is finalized and provided to the City of Palo Alto, staff will complete the necessary information which includes the project background, scope of work, and clear description of how the \$2,000,000 appropriation will be used. Staff estimates it may take a couple of months for Caltrans to review and approve. The resolution is required by Caltrans to receive the funding; however, the resolution does not authorize changes to the current design contract or allow staff to advance construction work. Council will have the ability to review the

project expenses and to provide approval on any contract awards or amendments. This resolution would simply allow staff to quickly secure the funding without a subsequent Council action.

FISCAL/RESOURCE IMPACT

The recommended Council action does not represent any changes in terms or funding resources.

This \$2,000,000 budget appropriation has been included in the Fiscal Year 2024 proposed budget for the Newell Road/San Francisquito Creek Bridge Replacement Capital Improvement Program Project PE-12011.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Stakeholder engagement has been conducted as part of the Newell Road Bridge Replacement project.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

An Environmental Impact Report was prepared and certified by Council on June 1, 2020, by adoption of Resolution No. 9889¹.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Resolution Authorizing Execution of Administering Agency-State Master Agreements for State and Federal -Aid Funded Projects

APPROVED BY:

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¹ Resolution 9889, <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/files/assets/public/city-clerk/resolutions/reso-9889.pdf?t=62904.01>