



REPORT to the MAYOR and MEMBERS of the CITY COUNCIL
From the CITY MANAGER

DATE: May 24, 2022

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION ADOPTING
THE TRANSNET REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023
THROUGH 2027

ISSUING DEPARTMENT: Public Works

SUMMARY:

Issues:

Should the City Council adopt a resolution approving the TransNet Regional Transportation Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2023 through 2027?

Recommendation:

Adopt the attached resolution approving TransNet Regional Transportation Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2023 through 2027.

Fiscal Impact:

The projects proposed in the program are funded through the TransNet ½ cent sales tax. No commitment of General Funds will be made with this action.

City's Strategic Goals:

- Effective and efficient traffic circulation and transportation

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to federal and state law, and the TransNet Ordinance, local agencies are required to submit a five year capital program of transportation related projects to the San Diego Association of Governments every two years. The Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) is the transportation capital improvement program. The RTIP was last updated and adopted by City Council on April 14, 2020.

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Following adoption by each local jurisdiction, a regional program is compiled and adopted by the SANDAG Board. This RTIP is required to be presented at a public hearing, and a resolution of the program approved by the City Council and submitted to SANDAG by July 1, 2022.

The TransNet reauthorization that was passed by San Diego voters in November 2004 includes a stipulation that an agency is required to spend at least 70% of its TransNet funds on construction activities that are defined as leading to congestion relief. La Mesa's RTIP project list continues to meet this objective.

In Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18), the City Council passed a resolution authorizing participation in the SANDAG commercial paper program. The commercial paper program provides a mechanism for an agency to borrow TransNet funds in advance of expected revenues with the intent of constructing larger scale projects. The Council authorized borrowing of up to \$2 million. Funds from the commercial paper program were used for the West La Mesa Street Improvements Project and repayment of approximately \$400,000 a year began in FY19 and will end in FY23.

DISCUSSION:

Historically, TransNet funds have been programmed for a variety of transportation needs including both capital and maintenance projects. The proposed project titles (categories) in the TransNet Local Street Improvement programming for the Fiscal Years 2023 through 2027 RTIP are the same as past years, except for the deletion of the Massachusetts Avenue and Blackton – Bike Connectivity and Intersection Improvements project and the North Spring Street Smart Growth Corridor project, which have both been completed in Fiscal Year 2022.

New for the FY23 RTIP are SANDAG's requirement for local agencies to include transportation related projects that have received state or federal grant funds, those identified as regionally significant and those that are expected to increase transportation capacity. The following projects were added into this RTIP because they received state or federal grant funding – La Mesa Bike and Sidewalk Connections, Grossmont Center Bridge Drive, and La Mesa Boulevard Complete Streets Segments 1 and 2.

The program is funded to reflect the established goals and priorities of the City Council of "effective and efficient traffic circulation and transportation" and the Vision Zero Policy. Staff will use the activities in the Vision Zero Policy to prioritize the projects within the categories.

A summary of the categories and proposed funding amounts are shown on the SANDAG TransNet Worksheet (Attachment B). The attachment will be submitted to SANDAG and the projects and funding amounts entered into the ProjectTrak system.

Staff prepared the RTIP Summary (Attachment C), which shows the proposed unspent TransNet funds from the prior year (Carry Forward) along with the proposed programming of FY23-27 to help summarize the categories, funding totals and verify the program meets the 70% requirement.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends adopting the attached resolution approving the TransNet Regional Transportation Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2023 through 2027. Adoption of this resolution will provide the necessary legal authority for the City of La Mesa to spend these funds on its transportation program.

Reviewed by:



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Respectfully submitted by:



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Attachments: A. Resolution
 B. SANDAG TransNet Worksheet
 C. FY23-27 RTIP Summary