



AGENDA REPORT

City Council

MEETING DATE: October 26, 2022

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SUBJECT:

Authorize grant applications for North Vulcan Avenue Multi-Use Path, Leucadia Boulevard/Hygeia Roundabout and Pedestrian Enhancements, and La Costa Avenue Pedestrian Enhancements under the Active Transportation Program.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to apply for, accept and administer grant funding from the Active Transportation Program (ATP) for the following projects:

- North Vulcan Avenue Multi-Use Path
- Leucadia Boulevard/Hygeia Roundabout and Pedestrian Enhancements
- La Costa Avenue Pedestrian Enhancements

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This recommended action falls in the Community Planning focus area of the Strategic Plan by seeking funding for active transportation projects that will help the City maintain safe and livable communities through well-maintained infrastructure and facilities.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Staff has tasked a consultant to prepare grant applications using the Traffic Engineering operating budget. If any of three projects is awarded an ATP grant, staff will bring forward a request to Council to fund the required match.

Project Name	Total Cost	Estimated ATP Grant	Estimated City Match	Funding Source
N Vulcan Avenue Multi-Use Path	\$1,380,000	\$1,245,000	\$135,000	TBD
Leucadia Boulevard Pedestrian Enhancements and Hygeia Roundabout	\$5,520,000	\$4,000,000	\$1,520,000	CS18B

La Costa Avenue Pedestrian Enhancements and Prefabricated Bridge	\$3,870,000	\$3,050,000	\$820,000	CS11C
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There is funding available in the Leucadia Boulevard Pedestrian Enhancements and Hygeia Roundabout Project (CS18B) and in the La Costa Avenue Improvements Project (CS11C) to fund the City’s required match for those two projects. If the North Vulcan Avenue Multi-Use Path project is awarded a grant, staff would return to Council with funding recommendations.

BACKGROUND:

The Active Transportation Program (ATP) is a competitive statewide program created to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, such as biking and walking. Senate Bill 99 (Chapter 359, Statutes of 2013) and Assembly Bill 101 (Chapter 354, Statutes of 2013) created the ATP, and Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) (Chapter 2031, statutes of 2017) directed additional funding from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account into the ATP.

On May 13, 2022, the SANDAG Board of Directors approved the cycle 6 regional ATP call for projects. Applications for the regional ATP are due on October 31, 2022.

ANALYSIS:

Staff evaluated several potential City projects that fit the ATP guidance. The North Vulcan Avenue Multi-Use Path, Leucadia Boulevard/Hygeia Roundabout and Pedestrian Enhancements, and La Costa Avenue Pedestrian Enhancements projects were selected due to their inclusion in the City’s adopted Active Transportation Plan (ATP) and high level of community support. More information on each potential project is provided below:

North Vulcan Avenue Multi-Use Path: This project would construct a Multi-Use Path on the west side of N Vulcan Avenue between Leucadia Boulevard and La Costa Avenue to support pedestrians and bicyclists. The project would be constructed between the new NCTD rail fence and the existing parking. Modifications to the existing parking would be required to make space for the path.

Leucadia Boulevard/Hygeia Roundabout and Pedestrian Enhancements: This project would construct the third and final roundabout on Leucadia Boulevard at Hygeia Avenue including its associated sidewalks, crosswalks and pedestrian connections between Eolus Avenue and N Vulcan Avenue. Design is complete on this project, and construction is partially funded.

La Costa Avenue Pedestrian Enhancements: This project would construct a new sidewalk on the south side of La Costa Avenue from Orpheus Avenue to N Coast Highway 101 including a prefabricated pedestrian bridge over the railroad tracks.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The action being considered by City Council is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because applying for and accepting grant funds is not a “project” per Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines.

The action being considered is related to the City’s Climate Action Plan (CAP) and supports implementation of the following CAP City Actions: CET-1 Complete and Implement the Citywide Active Transportation Plan and CET-3 Improve Traffic Flow.