

TO: James L. App, City Manager

FROM: Doug Monn, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Urban Greening Grant Application for 21st Street Improvements

DATE: April 20, 2010

NEED: For the City Council to consider approval of an application to the Urban Greening Grant program for 21st Street improvements.

FACTS:

1. 21st Street is oriented in the historic course of Mountain Spring Creek and receives storm runoff from a 1,400 acre area. 21st Street floods during large storms and is in poor condition.
2. The City's Storm Drain Master Plan identifies 21st Street as a high priority for drainage improvements.
3. The City's Streets Maintenance Inventory lists 21st Street as its highest priority for replacement.
4. Staff has requested and the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board staff has tentatively approved using Wastewater Treatment Plant penalty money (~\$35,000) for conceptual design of 21st Street improvements. The design will:
 - Reduce the volume and intensity of stormwater runoff;
 - Increase groundwater recharge;
 - Improve pedestrian and bicyclist mobility and safety;
 - Shade the street with trees; and
 - Promote infill and redevelopment.
5. The Central Coast Low Impact Development Initiative has contributed \$20,000 to conceptual design.
6. Upgrading the five blocks of 21st Street between Vine Street and Riverside Avenue to meet the above objectives will cost approximately \$1.4 million.
7. The 21st Street project is eligible for the Strategic Growth Council's \$21.3 million Urban Greening Grant program. Grants will be awarded for projects that use natural systems or create community green spaces, provide multiple benefits, are consistent with the State's planning policies, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. City staff has prepared an application for a \$1 million grant for final design and construction costs. Applications are due April 30, 2010.
8. The Strategic Growth Council requires a City Council resolution approving the grant application.

**ANALYSIS &
CONCLUSION:**

The 21st Street project is consistent with and supports implementation of the General Plan Circulation Element, Draft Downtown Specific Plan, Salinas River Corridor Plan, Bicycle Master Plan, Storm Water Management Plan, and 2006 Economic Strategy. Applying for the Urban Greening Grant program for 21st Street improvements would be in the best interest of the City.

POLICY

REFERENCE: Draft Downtown Specific Plan, Salinas River Corridor Plan, Bicycle Master Plan, Storm Water Management Plan, and 2006 Economic Strategy.

FISCAL

IMPACT: Applying to this grant program will have no fiscal impact.

OPTIONS: a. Adopt the attached resolution to approve application to the Strategic Growth Council's Urban Greening Grant program for 21st Street improvements.

b. Amend, modify or reject the above option

Attachments: Resolution No. 10-XX

Prepared by: Matt Thompson, Wastewater Division Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 10-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE URBAN GREENING GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006 (PROPOSITION 84)

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the program shown above; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Growth Council has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the Strategic Growth Council require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the applicant's governing board before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of El Paso De Robles (City):

1. Approves the filing of an application the Urban Greening Grant Program for 21st Street improvements;
2. Certifies that the City understands the assurances and certification in the application, and
3. Certifies that the City will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project consistent with the land tenure requirements; or will secure the resources to do so, and
4. Certifies that it will comply with the provisions of Section 1771.8 of the State Labor Code regarding payment of prevailing wages on Projects awarded Proposition 50 Funds, and
5. If applicable, certifies that the project will comply with any laws and regulations including, but not limited to, legal requirements for building codes, health and safety codes, disabled access laws, environmental laws and, that prior to commencement of construction, all applicable permits will have been obtained, and
6. Certifies that the City will work towards the Governor's State Planning Priorities intended to promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the environment, and promote public health and safety as included in Government Code Section 65041.1, and
7. Appoints the Public Works Director or his designee, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the 21st Street improvements.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of El Paso De Robles this 20th day of April 2010.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of El Paso De Robles by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Duane Picanco, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lonnie Dolan, Deputy City Clerk