

TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Doug Monn, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: Acceptance of Urban Greening Grant for 21st Street Improvements
DATE: January 18, 2011

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

FACTS:

1. 21st Street is situated in the historic course of Mountain Springs Creek and receives storm runoff from a 1,400 acre area. As a result, 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. Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board staff allowed the City to use \$42,000 of Wastewater Treatment Plant penalty money for conceptual design of 21st Street improvements. The Central Coast Low Impact Development Initiative contributed \$20,000 to conceptual design.
5. SvR Design Company of Seattle, expert green/complete street designers, prepared the conceptual design. 21st Street residents and business owners participated in the design during two workshops. The conceptual 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;
 - Promote infill and redevelopment; and
 - Demonstrate Low Impact Development.
6. Final design, construction and related tasks necessary to improve the five blocks of 21st Street between Vine Street and Riverside Avenue will cost approximately \$1,440,000.
7. In April 2010, the City applied to the State of California Strategic Growth Council's Urban Greening Grant Program for a \$993,000 grant for the 21st Street project. This grant program is 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.
8. In December 2010, the Strategic Growth Council selected the 21st Street project for a \$993,000 grant.

**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. Acceptance of the \$993,000 Urban Greening Grant would be in the best interest of the City.

Assuming the City accepts this grant and supplements the project (see Fiscal Impact below), design and permitting would be completed in 2011 and construction would be scheduled for early 2012.

**POLICY
REFERENCE:**

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

**FISCAL
IMPACT:**

Since the project cost exceeds the grant amount by \$450,000, the City must supplement the project with other funds. Another item on this agenda proposes allocating \$450,000 of Redevelopment Agency bond proceeds to the 21st Street project. The proposed allocation will not exceed available bond proceeds.

OPTIONS:

- a. Adopt the attached resolution to accept a \$993,000 Urban Greening Grant program for 21st Street improvements.
- b. Amend, modify or reject the above option

Attachments: Resolution No. 11-XX

Prepared by: Matt Thompson, Wastewater Division Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 11-xxx

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDS FROM THE URBAN GREENING GRANT PROGRAM FOR 21ST STREET IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the City's Storm Drain Master Plan identifies 21st Street as a high priority for drainage improvements. The City's Streets Maintenance Inventory lists 21st Street as its highest priority for replacement;

WHEREAS, the City and its partners prepared a conceptual design for 21st Street improvements that 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.

WHEREAS, final design, construction and related tasks necessary to improve the five blocks of 21st Street between Vine Street and Riverside Avenue will cost approximately \$1,440,000.

WHEREAS, in April 2010, after adoption of Resolution No. 10-049, the City applied to the State of California Strategic Growth Council's Urban Greening Grant Program for a \$993,000 grant for the 21st Street project.

WHEREAS, in December 2010, the Strategic Growth Council selected the 21st Street project for a \$993,000 grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of El Paso De Robles (City) accepts an Urban Greening Grant in the amount of \$993,000, to be allocated to project budget no. 700-810-5452-688, to fund 21st Street improvements.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of El Paso De Robles this 18th day of January 2011.

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:

Caryn Jackson, Deputy City Clerk