

TO: JAMES L. APP, CITY MANAGER
FROM: ED GALLAGHER, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: CALTRANS - BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNT (BTA) GRANT
DATE: JUNE 5, 2012

Needs: For the City Council to approve matching funds for a grant application.

- Facts:**
1. The City has an approved Planline design for Union Road improvements. The Planline includes road improvements such as widening the road, bike lanes and sidewalks.
 2. Caltrans has an appropriation to fund commuter bicycle transportation improvement projects.
 3. The City has applied for a commuter bikeway improvement grant to repave Union Road between Kleck Road and Montebello Road including widening the road to add bike lanes on both sides of the road.
 4. The City's 2009 Bikeway Master Plan identifies Union Road as an important commuter bikeway link.
 5. The grant request is to fund the repaving of Union Road and the addition of bike lanes. Funding for sidewalks is not included in the grant request as it would significantly increase the cost of the project and reduce the competitiveness of the grant.
 6. The total estimated cost for the project is \$700,000. The total grant amount requested is \$550,000. The grant requires a 10 percent matching fund. However, to increase the grants competitiveness and to cover the total project cost, the City's application included a 21 percent matching fund of \$150,000. The matching funds would be funded from the Union/46 Specific Plan fees that have been collected over several years.
 7. Pursuing this grant is consistent with Council direction to pursue grant funding. If successful, the City's match using specific plan fees could leverage \$550,000 of Caltrans BTA grant funds.

**Analysis
and**

Conclusions: The City has applied for BTA grants in the past. This project is similar to the South Vine Street project such that if the grant is awarded the City would be able to repave a seriously degraded section of City street and construct bike lanes to improve the safety and convenience of Union Road for bicyclists.

As noted above, if the City matched this grant with use of Union/46 Specific Plan fees the City has the opportunity to leverage \$550,000 to repair Union Road.

Fiscal Impact:

Union Road from Riverglen to Kleck Road was improved and completed in 2006. Funding for this construction came from the Union Road Specific Plan Fees—Fund 225. Currently, there is a balance of \$316,723 in Fund 225. It is recommended that the Bicycle Grant Matching Fund of \$150,000 be allocated from Fund 225.

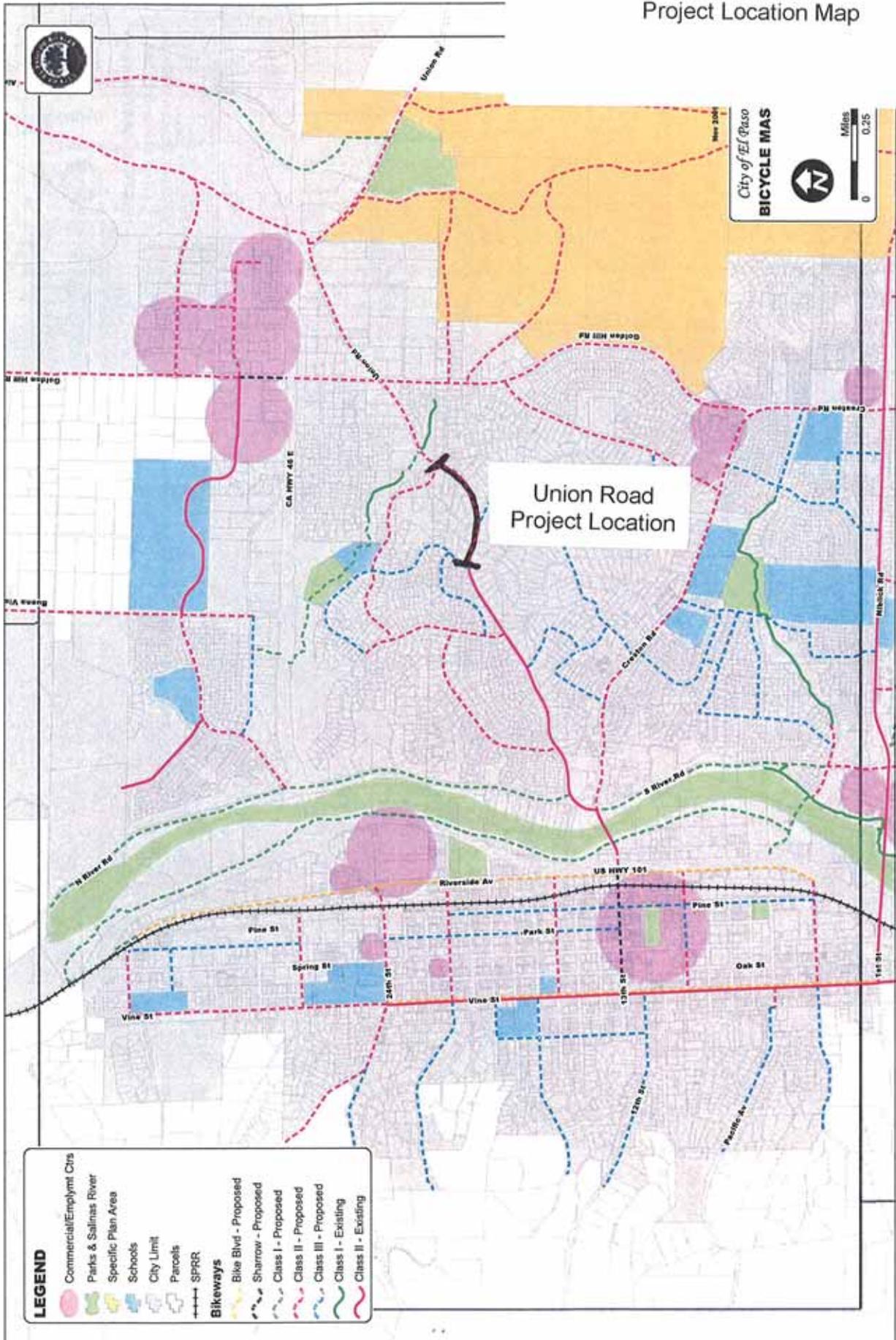
Options:

The City Council is requested to take one of the actions listed below:

- a. Adopt the attached resolution approving the City to provide a matching grant for the Caltrans BTA grant application to improve Union Road between Kleck Road and Montebello Road.
- b. Amend, modify, or reject the above-listed action.

Exhibits:

1. Project Location Map
2. Resolution



RESOLUTION NO. 12-xxx

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES CITY COUNCIL
APPROVING A MATCHING GRANT TO LEVERAGE
BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNT (BTA) GRANT FUNDS

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has been appropriated funds for the purpose of funding commuter bicycle transportation projects for eligible cities and counties; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans requires a 10 percent matching fund for grants awarded; and

WHEREAS, the City's adopted 2009 Bicycle Master Plan positions the City to qualify for bicycle transportation project funding from Caltrans; and

WHEREAS; the City's 2009 Bicycle Master Plan identifies Union Road as an important commuter link in the City's bicycle transportation network, and Union Road does not have bike lanes between Kleck Road and Montebello Road; and

WHEREAS, the City has applied for a grant in the amount of \$550,000 to reconstruct and widen the segment of Union Road between Kleck Road and Montebello Road, and the total estimated cost for this project is \$700,000 which would necessitate a matching fund of \$150,000 to complete this project; and

WHEREAS, the Union/46 Specific Plan impact fee (Fund 225) is an appropriate fund source for road improvements in the Union/46 Specific Plan area, and there are sufficient funds available in the account available for use as matching funds for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of El Paso de Robles approves use of funds in the amount of \$150,000 from Fund 225 – (Union/46 Specific Plan fees) as matching funds for this BTA grant application submitted to Caltrans.

Approved and adopted the 5th day of June, 2012. I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. XX, was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles.

Following Roll Call Vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

Duane Picanco, Mayor

Caryn Jackson, Deputy City Clerk