

TO: James L. App, City Manager  
FROM: Dick McKinley, Director of Public Works  
**SUBJECT: Proposed Lighted Crosswalks on 13th at Park and at Pine**  
DATE: November 17, 2015

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**NEEDS:** For City Council to consider options for project funding

**FACTS:**

1. The Main Street Association has asked the City to consider installing lighted crosswalks on 13th Street at Park and at Pine.
2. The City Engineer has evaluated the options for the lighted crosswalks and completed preliminary design considerations.
3. Community Development staff has evaluated possible opportunities for use of CDBG funds to pay for the full project or to pay for part of the project with the remaining project funds coming from another source.
4. Lighted crosswalks on 13th could improve pedestrian safety in the downtown. The projects would include significant civil work, such as ramps, curbs, sidewalks, street light poles, etc. Although not yet designed, the two intersections are expected to cost in excess of \$300,000 (about \$150,000 each).

**ANALYSIS & CONCLUSION:** The City Engineer has determined that lighted crosswalks are a viable project at 13th and Park, and at 13th and Pine, but has not prioritized those installations as higher priority than other projects in the community. CDBG funds could be used to pay for part of the project in this round of funding, and the full project if we were to wait for the next rounds of funding as well. An alternative would be to fund the complete project now with CDBG funds and Supplemental Sales Tax funds.

**POLICY REFERENCE:** Municipal Code

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Lesser CDBG funds available for other projects. Lesser Supplemental Sales Tax funds available for other projects.

**OPTIONS:**

- a. Adopt Resolution No. 15-xx to fund both intersection improvement projects with CDBG funds using two or three funding cycles, or,
- b. Adopt Resolution No. 15-xx to fund both intersection improvement projects with the current round of CDBG funds (about \$126,000) plus Supplemental Sales Tax funds (about \$174,000).
- c. Amend, modify, or reject the above option.

Attachments: [Resolution 15-xx CDBG Funds](#)

Resolution 15-xx CDBG Funds with Supplemental Sales Tax Funds  
October 19, 2015 Memo from the City Engineer

RESOLUTION NO. 15-XXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES  
ALLOCATING CDBG FUNDS OVER TWO OR THREE CYCLES FOR THE  
INSTALLATION OF LIGHTED CROSSWALKS ON 13TH AT PARK AND ON 13TH AT PINE

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WHEREAS, The Main Street Association has asked the City to consider installing lighted crosswalks on 13th Street at Park and at Pine; and

WHEREAS, The City Engineer has evaluated the options for the lighted crosswalks and completed preliminary design considerations; and

WHEREAS, Community Development staff has evaluated possible opportunities for use of CDBG funds to pay for the full project or to pay for part of the project with the remaining project funds coming from another source; and

WHEREAS, Lighted crosswalks on 13th could improve pedestrian safety in the downtown. The projects would include significant civil work, such as ramps, curbs, sidewalks, street light poles, etc. Although not yet designed, the two intersections are expected to cost in excess of \$300,000 (about \$150,000 each).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles does hereby establish a project to install lighted crosswalks on 13th at Park and at Pine, and using CDBG funds from two or three grant funding cycles to fund the project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 17th day of November 2015 by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

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Steven W. Martin, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kristen L. Buxkemper, Deputy City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 15-XXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES  
ALLOCATING CDBG FUNDS AND SUPPLEMENTAL SALES TAX FUNDS FOR THE  
INSTALLATION OF LIGHTED CROSSWALKS ON 13TH AT PARK AND ON 13TH AT PINE

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WHEREAS, The Main Street Association has asked the City to consider installing lighted crosswalks on 13th Street at Park and at Pine; and

WHEREAS, The City Engineer has evaluated the options for the lighted crosswalks and completed preliminary design considerations; and

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WHEREAS, Lighted crosswalks on 13th could improve pedestrian safety in the downtown. The projects would include significant civil work, such as ramps, curbs, sidewalks, street light poles, etc. Although not yet designed, the two intersections are expected to cost in excess of \$300,000 (about \$150,000 each).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles does hereby establish a project to install lighted crosswalks on 13th at Park and at Pine, and using CDBG funds from the next grant funding cycle, and Supplemental Sales Taxes to fund the remainder of the project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 17th day of November 2015 by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

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Steven W. Martin, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kristen L. Buxkemper, Deputy City Clerk

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Dick McKinley  
**FROM:** John Falkenstien  
**SUBJECT:** Lighted Crosswalks Across 13<sup>th</sup> Street at Park and Pine Streets  
**DATE:** October 19, 2015

Darren Nash, with the assistance of Ditas Esperanza is preparing a Block Grant application for funding a lighted cross-walk across 13<sup>th</sup> Street at Park Street. Due to fund limitations, he is not able to pursue funding for a lighted crosswalk at Pine Street.

The lighted cross-walk would operate on both legs similar to the recent installation we have at 21<sup>st</sup> and Spring Streets. At 21<sup>st</sup> and Spring Streets we had the advantage of funding complete reconstruction of the infrastructure at all four corners and the paving in the intersection as well. Funding in the CDBG program is limited to \$126,000 in 2016.

From my observations I find the following deficiencies and/or opportunities for improvements:

### **13<sup>th</sup> and Park Street**

Remove the existing brick planters. Remove and replace the curb and sidewalk return at the northwest corner. Continue the pattern of concrete curb and sidewalk extensions similar to 12<sup>th</sup> Street. These would be placed on the side streets, both north and south of 13<sup>th</sup> Street. The curb lines on 13<sup>th</sup> Street would remain consistent.

Replace the steel street light pole at the northwest corner with a new pole.

Improve the drainage on the south side of 13<sup>th</sup> Street by replacing the drainage inlet in the 13<sup>th</sup> Street curb line west of Park Street. Build a new 18-inch culvert across Park Street. Replace the drainage inlet (bubble-up) in 13<sup>th</sup> Street curb line east of Park Street. As an option to the above, construct a cross-gutter across Park Street in lieu of the underground storm drain.

### **13<sup>th</sup> and Pine Street**

All four curb and sidewalk ramp returns must be removed and replaced for ADA compliance. Again, the curb and sidewalk extensions on the side streets are recommended to continue the pattern established at 12<sup>th</sup> Street. The curb line on 13<sup>th</sup> Street would be maintained.

Replace the steel street light pole at northeast corner with a new pole with an underground service. Add a new street light at southwest corner.

### **Limited CDBG Funds**

We have a couple of options available with the limited funding from the grant. We could try to light the intersection of 13<sup>th</sup> and Park Streets without making other substantial improvements.

Or, we could direct the 2016 grant money towards the design of all needed improvements at both intersections and combine the remaining funding with 2017 funding to comprehensively improve both intersections in 2017.