

TO: Meg Williamson, Acting City Manager
FROM: Dick McKinley, Director of Public Works
SUBJECT: **Use of an Urban State Highway Act (USHA) Grant for 2016**
DATE: January 19, 2016

NEEDS: For City Council to direct staff on how to program a USHA Grant from SLOCOG.

FACTS:

1. SLOCOG has informed the City that a USHA Grant, in the amount of \$120,000, is available in 2016. The funds must be used for arterial and collector roads.
2. Council to direct funds to install lighted crosswalks at 13th & Park and Pine.

ANALYSIS & CONCLUSION: The Urban State Highway Act (USHA) Grant is available for municipalities to use at their discretion, provided it is used on arterial and collector roads. Each agency is required to identify how funding is to be expended in advance of the grants allocation. At this time, SLOCOG will be programming the Grant. Final allocation (when the city is allowed to encumber the funds), will be approved in the 3rd Quarter of 2016. Once the USHA Grant is allocated, staff will then bring a final budget request for the entire project to the City Council for their approval.

POLICY REFERENCE: Municipal Code.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Urban USHA Grant would be available for use by the third quarter of 2016. However, the City will need to notify SLOCOG on how the funding is to be programmed.

Combined with CDBG funds (\$122,824 for handicap ramps), the \$120,000 provides almost all the funding for Council requested improvements at the 13th and Park & Pine intersections. Only \$60,000 is needed to fully fund the estimated project cost.

OPTIONS:

- a. That City Council directs staff to program the 2016 Urban USHA Grant, in the amount of \$120,000 to install lighted crosswalks (4) total at 13th and Pine and 13th and Park Streets.
- b. Amend, modify, or reject the above option.