

TO: Thomas Frutchey, City Manager
Dick McKinley, Public Works Director

FROM: Ditas Esperanza, Capital Projects Engineer

SUBJECT: Creston Road Repairs and Improvements

DATE: July 19, 2016

Needs: For the City Council to receive a presentation on a plan for the repairs and improvements of the Creston Road Corridor – South River Road to Niblick, and to provide direction to staff.

- Facts:
1. Repairs and improvements to Creston Road are included in the Expenditure Plan for Supplemental Sales Tax revenues and other funds, as adopted by the City Council.
 2. The width of the current road right-of-way varies throughout its length. Most of the corridor has two travel lanes, but widens to four lanes toward Golden Hill Road and five lanes at River Road.
 3. Large portions of the roadway do not have sidewalks, requiring pedestrians to walk along the shoulder. To fully address pedestrian safety would require substantial purchases of private property, some likely from unwilling sellers.
 4. Sidewalks, where they exist, are narrow, have inconsistent alignments, gaps and barriers, lack ADA compliant curb ramps, and traverse wide driveways. Bike lanes are striped along portions of the roadway, with significant gaps and interruptions due to widely varying shoulder widths, street edge, slope, and adjacent property access conditions.
 5. Bus shelters are provided at some locations, while other stops are limited to signage only. Daniel Lewis Middle School, Winifred Pifer Elementary School, two private schools, and six churches front on and are accessed from Creston Road.
 6. Two shopping centers are located on the southern end of the corridor, along with pockets of smaller commercial properties directly fronting the roadway in other locations.
 7. Designing, obtaining agreement on, and constructing needed improvements and repairs to the Creston Road corridor are going to be very challenging. The Caltrans grant provides the City with the means to initiate a community-driven effort to develop an overall plan for the corridor. Lessons learned from the 12th Street and 21st Street projects will

assist the City and community in working their way through these challenges. It is important to note, right from the outset, that some interests will not be happy with the final design, as no solution to some of the significant design challenges of Creston Road will solve all problems and please all stakeholders; a balancing act and tradeoffs will be necessary.

8. While the visioning process is taking place, the following improvements will be undertaken:
 - a. Install a new signal at Lana and Creston Road, to address pedestrian safety adjacent to Winifred Pifer School.
 - b. Upgrade the signal at Golden Hill Road, to provide a protected left turn phase, from Creston to Golden Hill Road. (Note: both (a.) and (b.) are scheduled to be installed this summer, and to be completed by late fall).
 - c. Perform some localized “hot spot” repairs at various “failed areas”. The Council has already adopted a budget of \$700,000 for this effort.
 - d. Evaluate an existing 300-foot masonry block wall for structural capability and determine who and or how to address the repairs.

9. Staff is also considering an accelerated approach for the portion of Creston between River Road and Walnut, areas that cannot wait for the completion of the planning grant project and construction grant process, given their current conditions and accelerated rate of deterioration. The hot spot repairs will not be wasted effort as the contractor for the larger project would need to dig up and repair those locations before doing the main paving work.

Analysis &

Conclusion: Repairing and improving Creston Road will be very challenging. City staff is submitting this report to the City Council for its information and continued direction.

Policy

Reference: General Plan Circulation Element

Fiscal

Impact: As noted, in another item of the agenda, the budget for the Community Envisioning Plan has been adopted (\$185,000 Grant plus \$50,000 Match). The signal upgrades have an adopted budget of \$350,000. Hot Spot repairs at localized locations have an adopted budget of \$700,000.

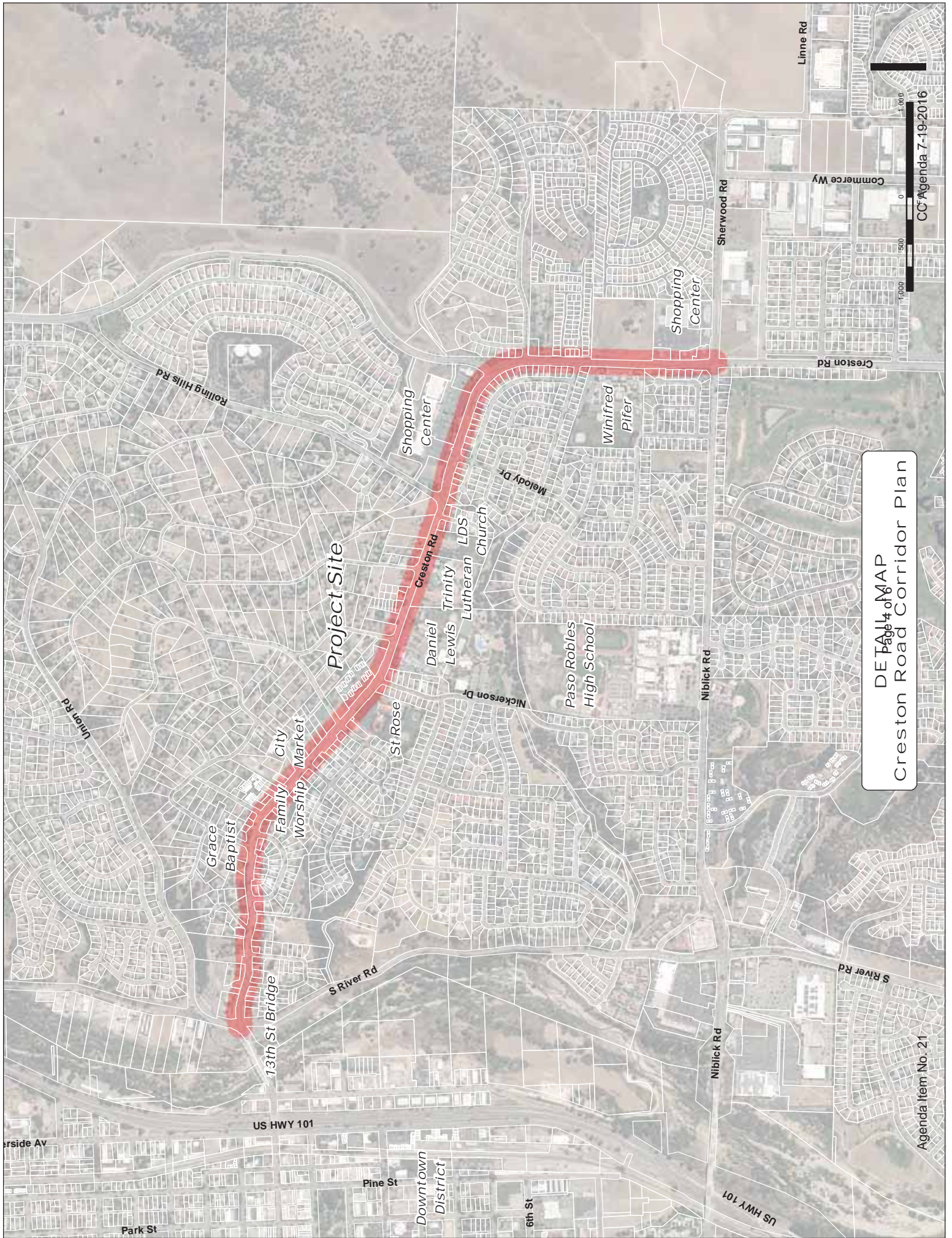
Options:

- A. Receive plans for addressing repairs and improvements to the Creston Road Corridor and provide any additional direction to staff; or

- B. Amend, modify, or reject the above option.

Attachments:

1. Exhibit of Project Limits
2. Planning Grant
3. Map of Proposed Hot Spot Repairs



Project Site

DEVELOPMENT MAP
Creston Road Corridor Plan



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Dear Mr. McKinley:

On behalf of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Division of Transportation Planning, I am pleased to offer my congratulations to the City of Paso Robles for the recent award of the following State transportation planning grants for fiscal year (FY) 2016–17:

Grant Program: State Highway Account – Sustainable Communities

Grant Title:	Creston Road Complete and Sustainable Streets Corridor Plan
Grant Award:	\$185,000.00
Local Match:	\$46,250.00
Total Project Amount:	\$231,250.00

Please see the list below which identifies specific conditions for a grantee to accept grant funding, to program funds, and to begin work. Conditions one through four must be fulfilled no later than October 30, 2016. Please submit these items to Caltrans District staff for approval. Failure to fulfill these conditions will result in forfeiture of funds. Also note, final products must be completed and submitted to Caltrans no later than February 28, 2019. Final requests for reimbursements must be submitted to Caltrans no later than April 27, 2019.

Conditions of Grant Acceptance

These State grant funds cannot be expended or reimbursed until the following conditions are satisfied:

**CRESTON ROAD CORRIDOR
POTENTIAL HOT SPOT REPAIR LOCATIONS**

