

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

FROM: Ditas Esperanza, Capital Projects Engineer

SUBJECT: Creston Road Repairs – South River to Niblick

DATE: August 2, 2016

Needs: For the City Council to adopt Resolution No. xx-xx authorizing the City Manager to execute a Caltrans Agreement for a Planning Grant, regarding the Creston Road Corridor - South River Road to Niblick.

Facts:

1. In 2012, the citizens of Paso Robles passed a half cent sales tax.
2. In February 2012, the City Council adopted a 5-year Expenditure Plan for the half cent Sales Tax. The Plan included the repairs and improvements of the Creston Road Corridor, and projected an overall project cost of \$3M.
3. Because of the many issues associated with the corridor—including differing ROW widths, intermittent sidewalks, intermittent bike lanes, etc.--a comprehensive plan will be needed to improve the Creston Road Corridor. Caltrans recently issued a “call for projects” for a planning grant to assist cities in developing comprehensive plans to improve road corridors.
4. The City applied for the grant and on June 8, 2016, Caltrans gave notice that a \$185,000 planning grant will be awarded to the City, subject to the City’s formal acceptance.
5. Prior to initiation of the planning effort, design guidelines and parameters will be developed, to ensure the planning process and results remain within acceptable limits.
6. Upon completion of the planning effort, the Council will review and approve the design, before further steps are taken.
7. At the City Council meeting on July 19, 2016, Council directed staff to proceed with the community outreach to develop a vision for the Creston Road Corridor. The Council specifically directed that the Council be kept involved in the planning process, including one or more Council meetings in the community as part of the planning process.
8. Upon submission of the completed design, the City will be eligible for a construction grant. Since it is by no means certain the City would receive the grant, the design will need to be flexible, so as to not overburden the City’s available funds.

Analysis &

Conclusion: The Planning Grant will allow the City to schedule a robust community outreach, so that a plan may be developed as to the community's vision of what the Creston Road Corridor should look like. Features such as: safe pedestrian walkways, bike lanes, safe routes to school, traffic calming, and storm water control could be included in the plan. In order to begin spending the funds to be reimbursed with the Grant, the City Council must adopt the attached resolution authorizing the City Manager to act on behalf of the City, in matters of the grant requirements and procedures.

Policy

Reference: General Plan Circulation Element

Fiscal

Impact: The \$185,000 Planning Grant, along with a match of \$50,000, has been included in the recently adopted budget. The matching amount is from the General Fund.

- Options:
- A. Approve Resolution No. 16-XXX, authorizing the City Manager to execute agreements, and generally act on behalf of the City in the requirements and procedures of the Caltrans Sustainability Grant; or
 - B. Amend, modify, or reject the above option.

Attachments:

1. Resolution No. 16-XXX

RESOLUTION NO. 16- XXX

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES
DESIGNATING THE CITY MANAGER AS GRANT ADMINISTRATOR AND PROJECT
MANAGER FOR THE CRESTON ROAD CORRIDOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY
GRANT

WHEREAS, City Council authorized staff to submit an application to the California Department of Transportation to receive a Sustainable Community Grant; and

WHEREAS, the City of Paso Robles was successful in receiving a grant in the amount of \$185,000; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation requires the City Council to designate a grant administrator and project manager to act on behalf of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES
DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles does hereby accept the planning grant and designate the City Manager to act as the Grant Administrator and Project Manager for the Creston Road Corridor Sustainable Community Grant, and with the authority to sign the agreement and any amendments thereto.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of August, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

Steven W. Martin, Mayor

Kristen L. Buxkemper, Deputy City Clerk