



## City of Santa Barbara Transportation & Circulation Committee Staff Report

**DATE:** December 10, 2015

**TO:** Transportation and Circulation Committee (TCC)

**FROM:** Browning Allen, Transportation Manager

**SUBJECT:** Measure A Cycle 3 Grant Applications

---

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Transportation and Circulation Committee endorse the City of Santa Barbara's Measure A Cycle 3 Pedestrian & Bicycle and Safe Routes to School applications.

### **SUMMARY:**

The City of Santa Barbara intends to apply for up to seven projects in the Measure A South County Pedestrian and Bicycle and Safe Routes to School subprograms in December 2015 and January 2016. All capital projects identified for potential funding are identified in the City's Six-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The following summarizes the Measure A program, City projects identified through the CIP, and City funding requests to the Measure A competitive grant program.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The voters of Santa Barbara County approved the sales tax transportation measure known as Measure A. The Measure A funding for the South County includes two grant programs: the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Program and the Safe Routes to School Program. The purpose of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Program is to fund projects thru a competitive grant process that would expand and improve the South Coast's bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The purpose of the Safe Routes to School Program is to fund projects through a competitive grant process that increase pedestrian and bicycle safety to, from, and near schools on the South Coast. Types of projects that are eligible to apply include capital projects, plans, studies or programs. Applicants or implementing agencies may apply for up to four projects in each category of funding.

Eligible applicants include the cities of Carpinteria, Goleta, and Santa Barbara, as well as the County of Santa Barbara. School districts, universities, colleges, transit agencies, and Caltrans are eligible to compete for funding with a city or county serving as a co-sponsor. Entities other than those listed above, such as a non-profit organization, can coordinate with a local agency to submit an application, but may not sign the application as an "applicant."

## DISCUSSION

The Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) recently issued a call for projects for Cycle 3 of the Measure A grant process.

Estimated funding available for the three year period, Fiscal Years 2016-2017- 2018-2019, for each program includes:

- Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian: \$1,798,675
- Safe Routes to School: \$1,711,788

The following page includes a summary of the projects that the City of Santa Barbara intends to submit for Measure A Cycle 3 Grant funding. Project costs may be slightly adjusted for the official applications. Detailed project descriptions follow the project summary chart.

### Bicycle and Pedestrian Applications

| Project  | Measure A Request | City Match | Total Project Cost | Capital Improvement Plan Project                         |
|--|-------------------|------------|--------------------|--|
| Green Lane Route and Intersection Markings for New Bicycle Master Plan Spine Connections | \$375,000         | \$37,500   | \$412,500          | Bicycle Master Plan Update: Implementation               |
| Downtown Bike Corrals  | \$25,000          | \$0        | \$25,000           | Bike Facilities: Bicycle Improvement (Annual)            |
| Mission Street Access Ramps  | \$200,000         | \$20,000   | \$220,000          | Pedestrian Enhancements: Sidewalk Access Ramps           |
| Hollister Sidewalk   | \$400,000         | \$0        | \$400,000          | Pedestrian Enhancement: Hollister Avenue Sidewalk Infill |

### Safe Routes to School Applications

| Project                                      | Measure A Request | City Match | Total Project Cost | Capital Improvement Plan Project                                     |
|--|-------------------|------------|--------------------|--|
| Old Coast Highway Sidewalk                   | \$400,000         | \$40,000*  | \$1,114,000        | Eastside Neighborhood Transportation Management Plan: Implementation |
| North La Cumbre Sidewalk and Enhancements    | \$190,000         | \$19,000   | \$289,525**        | Pedestrian Enhancement: La Cumbre Sidewalk Infill & Enhancements     |
| Westside Access Ramps Phase 2: Sunset Avenue | \$166,000         | \$20,000   | \$186,000          | Pedestrian Enhancements: Sidewalk Access Ramps                       |

\* Potential match from Community Development Block Grant Funds

\*\* Includes HSIP and matching funds for crossing enhancement

### Detailed Project Descriptions – Bicycle and Pedestrian

#### *Green Lane Route and Intersection Markings for New Bicycle Master Plan Spine Connections*

Design and install striping and green pavement markings for approximately 41 intersections. This treatment heightens visibility and awareness between motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists, and designates the continuation of the bicycle path, safely guiding bicyclists through the conflict zone. This project serves the City’s spine corridor routes along Lower State, Cota, and Haley Streets. These corridor routes connect with the City’s Downtown, Lower State Street, the Waterfront, Eastside, Lower East, Laguna, and West Downtown neighborhoods. The City would fund Class II bike facility network gaps along Cota and Haley Streets.

#### *Downtown Bike Corrals*

The project includes the installation of five bike corrals at various locations in the City’s downtown area. Bike corrals are in-street bicycle parking areas in commercial areas where a significant number of bicycle trips are typical. Over the past two years the City has installed two in-street and two off-street bike corrals. There have been numerous requests for more of these bike parking facilities from downtown businesses to increase bicycle parking capacity for their patrons. The cost of a bicycle corral is \$5,000 for design and construction.

### *Mission Street Access Ramps*

The project involves construction of nine new access ramps/curb cuts along Mission Street between Anacapa and Garden Streets. The access ramps will be constructed in accordance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and per City Standard Details. Once these ramps are constructed, vulnerable users (i.e. disabled, elderly, and pedestrians with strollers) will no longer be forced to walk into the street until there is a driveway or an access ramp they can safely navigate to. The project's design is complete.

### *Hollister Avenue Sidewalk*

Design and construct new sidewalk and access ramps on the north side of Hollister Avenue from approximately 900' west of Fairview Avenue to La Patera Lane. The project will complete the last link of sidewalk along Hollister in City right of way. This sidewalk would provide access from neighborhoods along Hollister to Old Town Goleta, which is a popular commercial, shopping and dining area in the City of Goleta. There are also bus stops along this corridor.

## **Detailed Project Descriptions – Safe Routes to School**

### *Old Coast Highway Sidewalk*

Proposal to design and construct sidewalk along the north side of Old Coast Highway between Salinas Street and Harbor View Drive. The proposed sidewalk is located in the City of Santa Barbara's Eastside Neighborhood, which is a low-to-moderate income neighborhood where many families depend on alternative transportation to get to school and work. Families with elementary school aged children will now be able to walk on sidewalk from Old Coast Highway to Cleveland Elementary School, which is less than a mile away. The project serves approximately 53 single family residences, 20 condominiums, and 28 apartment complexes.

In 2013, the City conducted community outreach and transportation planning processes to better understand Eastside resident concerns about traffic safety, particularly related to walking, biking and speeding vehicles. The neighborhood identified the need for more safe walking and bicycling facilities and improved neighborhood lighting. This sidewalk was identified by the residents as one of the neighborhood's top priority projects for pedestrian safety.

### *North La Cumbre Road Sidewalk and Pedestrian Crossing Enhancements*

The North La Cumbre Sidewalk and Pedestrian Crossing Enhancements Project completes a continuous sidewalk link on La Cumbre Road between State Street and State Highway 192, creating a safe path of travel for pedestrians to schools, transit stops, and State Street, where residents have access to shopping, employment, and health facilities. The remaining sections of missing sidewalk are located between Pemm Place and La Cumbre Hills Lane. Two access ramps are needed with the sidewalk installation.

An enhanced crosswalk is proposed on La Cumbre Road at Calle Cita. The enhanced crosswalk will include curb extensions to improve visibility of pedestrians and reduce crossing distances, pedestrian activated rectangular rapid flashing beacons to alert drivers of pedestrian presence and improve driver yielding, and crosswalk illumination to increase visibility of pedestrians at night. The crosswalk enhancement was awarded \$72,473 for Fiscal Year 2018 under the Highway Safety Improvement Program. The Measure A grant would fund the remaining portion of the project.

#### *Westside Access Ramps Phase 2: Sunset Avenue*

The project involves design and construction of eight access ramps/curb cuts along Sunset Avenue between Pedregosa and Micheltorena Streets. These intersections are a few blocks from Harding University Partnership School, La Cumbre Junior High School, Bohnett Park, the Santa Barbara Boys and Girls Club, and one block from public transit. Most elementary-aged children, where the ramps are proposed, use public transit to get to Adams Elementary School. The access ramps will be constructed in accordance with Title II of the ADA and per City Standard Details. Once these ramps are constructed, vulnerable users (i.e. disabled, elderly, and pedestrians with strollers) will no longer be forced to walk into the street until there is a driveway or an access ramp to which they can safely navigate.

The Westside Access Ramp Phase 1 Project included 16 access ramps along San Pascual Street between Pedregosa and Micheltorena Streets. Phase 1 was funded with Community Development Block Grant funds and will be constructed in Winter/Spring Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

### **CIRCULATION ELEMENT CONSISTENCY**

Goal 2: Strive to achieve equality of convenience and choice among all modes of Transportation.

- Policy 2.1 Work to achieve equality of convenience and choice among modes of transportation.

Goal 4: Increase bicycling as a transportation mode.

- Policy 4.5 The City shall actively promote the safe use of bicycles as an efficient and affordable mode of transportation.

Goal 5: Increase walking or other paths of travel.

- Policy 5.1 The City shall create an integrated pedestrian system within and between City neighborhoods, school, recreational areas, commercial areas and places of interest.
- Policy 5.6 The City shall make street crossings easier and more accessible to pedestrians.

### **BUDGET**

Matching funds for the projects have been or will be identified in the City's Streets Transportation Fund.