



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT

AGENDA DATE: December 14, 2016

TO: Neighborhood Advisory Council

FROM: Administration Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Proposed Fiscal Year 2018-2023 Neighborhood Improvement Task Force Capital Improvement Program

RECOMMENDATION: That the Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC) review the proposed Neighborhood Improvement Task Force Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-2023 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and recommend that the CIP be forwarded to the Planning Commission and City Council.

DISCUSSION:

Background

The City's CIP is a comprehensive list of capital projects needed to maintain or improve city facilities and infrastructure. Historically, capital projects are large-scale endeavors in terms of cost, size, and benefit to the community. The underlying strategy of the CIP is to plan for land acquisition (if required for a project), construction, and major preservation of public facilities and infrastructure necessary for the safe and efficient provision of services to the community. The CIP also serves a critical role to identify future funding needs for long-term facility maintenance and repair.

As part of developing a two-year financial plan, the City updates the six-year CIP. It includes both funded and unfunded projects, and strives to provide a strategic approach for both short-term and long-term infrastructure needs. The City Council adopts the six-year CIP as part of the annual budget adoption process. A balanced CIP requires budgeting funds to preserve or enhance existing facilities and provide new assets that will respond to community needs.

Proposed Neighborhood Improvement Task Force FY 2018-2023 CIP Projects

The Neighborhood Improvement Task Force (NITF) is an inter-departmental team that addresses a variety of neighborhood issues that include safety, accessibility, public health, recreation, and other community needs. The NITF includes representatives from the Public Works, Police, Parks and Recreation, Community Development, City Attorney, and City Administrator Departments. NITF CIP projects are typically funded through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, which is a Federally-funded

annual program that supports a wide range of services and infrastructure improvements in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. It is a competitive grant program that typically is unable to fund all the proposed projects or services in a given year. Both the City of Santa Barbara (City) and non-governmental organizations are eligible to apply for funding. The City's portfolio of NITF CIP projects proposed for FY 2018-2023 include the following:

- Access Ramps for Low-Moderate Income Neighborhoods
- Sidewalk Infill for Low-Moderate Income Neighborhoods
- Bus Shelters for Low-Moderate Income Neighborhoods
- Health and Wellness at Neighborhood Parks
- Lower Westside and Westside Street Light Improvement
- Neighborhood Enhancement Program
- Neighborhood Park and Recreation Facility Improvements
- Union Pacific Railroad Corridor Landscaping
- Union Pacific Railroad Corridor Fencing

The staff presentation will include an overview of each of these proposed projects. The majority of the NITF proposed CIP projects are historically funded through the CDBG. Attachment 1 shows the geographic areas that qualify for CDBG funding. Staff requests NAC input on the proposed CIP projects, and a recommendation to forward the project list to the Planning Commission and City Council for incorporation into the City's FY 2018-2023 CIP.

ATTACHMENTS: 1. Map of CDBG-Eligible Areas
2. FY 2018-2023 NITF CIP Summary
3. FY 2018-2023 NITF CIP Detailed Projects

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