

AGENDA ITEM 2.A

REQUEST

APPROVE A LIST OF CITY OF TRACY PROJECTS FOR SAN JOAQUIN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT'S ONE VOICE TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C., FOR CONGRESSIONAL FUNDING APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of the list of projects by City Council will make these projects eligible for San Joaquin Council of Government's (COG) One Voice trip to Washington D.C. for congressional funding appropriation requests.

DISCUSSION

Every year the City of Tracy submits a list of projects for consideration at the annual congressional funding appropriations during One Voice trip to Washington D.C., by San Joaquin County, Council of Governments, and cities elected officials. Each city is requested to submit a total of two projects; one project of regional significance, and one project for local improvements.

Staff has reviewed the existing needs of various transportation projects and is recommending the following two projects for the 2014 One Voice trip.

- I-205/Lammers Road Interchange Improvements
Total Construction Cost - \$62 million
Requested appropriation - \$5 million
- New MacArthur Drive above grade crossing over UPRR Mococo line
Total Construction Cost - \$28 million
Requested appropriation - \$5 million

Both of these projects were submitted for consideration for the 2013 and 2014 One Voice trip; however, the City did not receive any funding in 2014. The City has received funds for the I-205/Lammers Road Interchange during previous years and the City's consultant is presently working on completion of the project design, improvement plans and construction documents.

The I-205/Lammers Road project is of regional significance and will connect Byron Road and Contra Costa County to Highway 580. This project is also essential for development of the Tracy Gateway project and the future Caltrans project located just north of the interchange. In addition this project will initiate developments north of I-205 along Lammers Road.

The existing at-grade Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Mococo line crossing with MacArthur Drive (adjacent to Sixth Street) will divide the City into two separate unconnected areas for the duration of the freight trains movement through the City when

the line is activated for higher volumes of train traffic. The proposed above grade crossing at the new MacArthur Drive alignment over the Mococo line will alleviate this condition. The above grade crossing at the new alignment of MacArthur Drive (east of the UPRR switch yard) intersecting with the Eleventh Street overpass will allow for an uninterrupted flow of traffic including quick movement of emergency vehicles on both sides of the Mococo rail line.

This list of projects, after approval from City Council, will be submitted to the San Joaquin Council of Governments for inclusion in the One Voice Trip to Washington for congressional funding.

Submittal of projects to the SJCOG's One Voice effort does not necessarily mean continued participation in the program. Other alternatives can also be considered in the future to advocate for Tracy projects.

STRATEGIC PLAN

This agenda item is consistent with the Council's adopted Economic Development Strategy to ensure the availability of infrastructure necessary for development in Tracy.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approving the proposed projects for the One Voice trip will not impact the General Fund. The City is requesting approximately \$10 million in congressional appropriations. In addition to this funding, the proposed projects will be supported through other sources, including Measure K Sales Tax and development impact fees.

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council approve the list of City of Tracy projects for the San Joaquin Council of Government's One Voice Trip to Washington D.C. for congressional funding appropriation.

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Approved by: Troy Brown, City Manager

RESOLUTION _____

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WHEREAS, The City of Tracy submits a list of projects for consideration at the annual congressional funding appropriations during One Voice trip to Washington D.C., by San Joaquin County, Council of Governments, and cities elected officials, and

WHEREAS, Staff has reviewed the existing needs of various transportation projects and is recommending the following two projects for the One Voice trip:

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WHEREAS, There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund. In addition to the requested congressional appropriations, funding of the above projects will be shared by a variety of sources including Measure K Sales Tax and development impact fees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That City Council approves the list of City of Tracy projects for the San Joaquin Council of Government's One Voice Trip to Washington D.C. for congressional funding appropriation.

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The foregoing Resolution 2015-_____ was passed and adopted by the City of Tracy City Council on the 6th day of January, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS
 NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS
 ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS
 ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS

MAYOR

ATTEST:

INTERIM CITY CLERK