



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

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MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 6, 2016

ITEM NUMBER: **CC-14**

**SUBJECT: COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR THE BICYCLE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT - WEST 19<sup>TH</sup> STREET BICYCLE TRAIL**

**DATE: NOVEMBER 21, 2016**

**FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT-TRANSPORTATION SERVICES DIVISION**

**PRESENTATION BY: RAJA SETHURAMAN, INTERIM PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR**

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Approve Cooperative Agreement between the City of Costa Mesa and the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) for the Bicycle Corridor Improvement (BCI) Program project - West 19<sup>th</sup> Street Bicycle Trail. (Attachment 1).
2. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer and City Clerk to review and accept minor revisions to the agreement and to execute the above agreement.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The BCI Program is funded using federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds, authorized under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Federal Transportation Act. The CMAQ Program provides funding through annual appropriations to OCTA for transportation-related projects that reduce congestion and improve air quality. OCTA is responsible for selecting regionally significant projects for Orange County and working with the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in administering selected projects.

The California Active Transportation Program (ATP) authorized under California Senate Bill 99 is funded with Federal and State funds. The California Transportation Commission (CTC) has the authority to approve ATP funding.

In 2014, Public Services staff applied for a BCI Program grant and was successful in capturing federal funding for the West 19<sup>th</sup> Street Bicycle Trail Project in the amount of \$385,000. In August 2014, CTC approved ATP funding of up to \$1,319,000 for the project, resulting in the total funding of \$1,704,000 for the subject project.

The West 19<sup>th</sup> Street Bicycle Trail project provides a combination of a bicycle route, lanes, and a trail to provide a bicycle and pedestrian connection along West 19<sup>th</sup> Street and the Talbert Nature Preserve between Placentia Avenue and the Santa Ana River, connecting to the Greenville-Banning Channel Trail. Within the Talbert Nature Preserve, the trail generally uses the Southern California Edison (SCE) easement.

## **ANALYSIS:**

The attached Cooperative Agreement defines the terms and conditions for the BCI Program and ATP funding for the West 19<sup>th</sup> Street Bicycle Trail project. OCTA will fund, administer, monitor, and

audit all the BCI Program projects. The City of Costa Mesa will be responsible for project implementation and will be required to meet federal funding guidelines. The City will also be responsible to coordinate with Caltrans on the administration of ATP funding.

The City has been proactive in expanding Active Transportation opportunities and this important project will continue the City's promotional efforts. Receipt of grant funding will also relieve the City from the considerable financial responsibility for this project. Staff recommends execution of the Cooperative Agreement to enable the implementation of the subject project.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

One alternative would be not to approve the Cooperative Agreement. However, this alternative would result in the loss of substantial funding for improving the bicycle infrastructure within the City of Costa Mesa. It will result in the City relinquishing the BCI Program federal grant funds of approximately \$385,000 captured for this project.

**FISCAL REVIEW:**

There is no match funding required for this project. The City is responsible for the design and environmental phases of the project. A total of \$240,000 has been expended towards these phases.

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

The City Attorney's office has reviewed the attached Cooperative Agreement and has approved it as to form with minor revisions. Staff requests authorization for the Chief Executive Officer and City Clerk to review and accept minor revisions to the agreement as it undergoes final review by OCTA.

**CONCLUSION:**

Staff captured a BCI Program and ATP grant funding for the West 19<sup>th</sup> Street Bicycle Trail project. This project improves the City's bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure by providing a bicycle facility connection along West 19<sup>th</sup> Street and the Talbert Nature Preserve from Placentia Avenue to the Santa Ana River and the Pacific Ocean. Staff requests that the City Council approve the attached Cooperative Agreement between the City of Costa Mesa and OCTA for the implementation of this project. Staff also requests the City Council's authorization for the Chief Executive Officer and City Clerk to review and accept minor revisions by OCTA and execute the agreement.

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ATTACHMENT: [1 - Cooperative Agreement C-6-1425 - West 19<sup>th</sup> Street Bicycle Trail Project](#)

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