



CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

June 19, 2017

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Linda Lowry, City Manager

Submitted by: Meg McWade, Public Works Director

Subject: **Approval of Cooperative Agreement with OmniTrans for the West Valley Connector Safe Routes to Transit Project Related to the Five Enhanced Bus Stop Locations Planned for Pomona**

OVERVIEW

Recommendation – That the City Council:

1. Approve the Cooperative Agreement with OmniTrans for the West Valley Connector Safe Routes to Transit Project (Project); and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the Cooperative Agreement and any related documents, on behalf of the City, subject to review by the City Attorney.

Fiscal Impact – OmniTrans will fully fund the design and construction of the Project utilizing a \$3.5 Million Active Transportation Program Grant. The Project will provide approximately \$390,000 worth of improvements in Pomona. The City's contribution toward the Project will be in the form of an in-kind fee waiver for coordination, plan check, and inspection services (anticipated to be approximately \$12,000) as well as future maintenance responsibilities for sidewalk, crosswalks, etc. related to the project.

Public Noticing Requirements – None

Previous Related Action – None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

OmniTrans was awarded a \$3.5 Million federal grant for the West Valley Connector Safe Routes to Transit Project (Project) for the planned West Valley Connector Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridor in the cities of Pomona, Montclair, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, and Fontana. To improve access to the overall transit system, this project will construct appropriate new sidewalks, accessible curb ramps, and crosswalk improvements within walking distance of future enhanced bus stops. Five of the enhanced bus stop locations are planned along Holt Avenue, from Garey Avenue to the east City limits. Approval of the Cooperative Agreement will establish the responsibilities of OmniTrans to provide transit

route enhancements and the City's responsibilities to perform plan check/inspection services as an in-kind contribution and to maintain the improvements in the future.

DISCUSSION

The West Valley Connector Project seeks to improve mobility in the San Bernardino Valley with an enhanced, state-of-the-art bus rapid transit system, including enhanced bus stop shelters, to address the growing traffic congestion and the estimated one million people that will be added to the area by 2030. The West Valley Connector Project is a 25-mile-long bus rapid transit project (BRT Project) that proposes limited stops, providing speed and quality improvements to the public transit system within the corridor. Among the numerous benefits, the BRT Project will provide premium transit with 10-15 minute service, Transit Signal Priority (TSP), dedicated lanes, enhanced bus stations and integration with other bus routes. The BRT Project includes stations at 27 locations/major intersections.

The first phase of the BRT Project is the West Valley Connector Safe Routes to Transit Project. This phase proposes to construct active transportation improvements such as sidewalks, curb ramp repair or replacement, striping of crosswalks, and installation of bicycle racks, at or within a half-mile of the proposed enhanced bus stops along the future BRT corridor. The first such enhanced stop on the BRT corridor will be implemented at the Pomona Downtown Transit Station. The four other enhanced station locations in Pomona are planned near the intersections of: Holt/Garey, Holt/Towne, Holt/Clark and Holt/Indian Hill. The locations and amenities are depicted on the final three pages of Attachment 1.

OmniTrans will oversee the implementation of this phase of the Project, including engineering design, project management, procurement and management of contractors, construction, and coordination with other cities. OmniTrans has requested that the City accept maintenance responsibilities for the facilities they will construct, such as crosswalks, sidewalks and accessible curb ramps within Pomona. Proposed bicycle racks are excluded from the City's maintenance responsibility. This Cooperative Agreement is related to the proposed active transportation improvements only, and does not address the future phase of the West Valley Connector Project which is the construction of the enhanced bus stations.

Attachment: West Valley Connector Safe Routes to Transit Project Cooperative Agreement

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