



CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

August 6, 2018

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Linda Lowry, City Manager

Submitted by: Meg McWade, Public Works Director

Subject: **Authorize the Submittal of Active Transportation Program (ATP) Application to California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Requesting up to \$10 Million for the Implementation of Bicycle Infrastructure and Pedestrian-Crossing Enhancements**

OVERVIEW

Recommendations – That the City Council:

1. Authorize the submittal of Active Transportation Program (ATP) application to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) requesting up to \$10 million for the implementation of bicycle infrastructure and pedestrian-crossing enhancements; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute all required documents.

Fiscal Impact – While preliminary estimates for this project are in the amount of \$9,269,702, Staff is seeking approval to request up to \$10 Million in grant funding due to current bid prices and inflation. This amount is eligible for 100% Federal reimbursement. No local matching funds will be required.

If the City Council accepts Staff's project recommendations and the application is approved, Staff will return to City Council to make the necessary Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget and scope adjustments.

Previous Council Action – The City Council authorized submittal of three grant applications for the ATP and Safe Routes to School (SRTS) funds on March 17, 2014.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of the ATP program is to encourage and increase use of active modes of transportation such as biking and walking. The ATP program encourages applicants to apply for

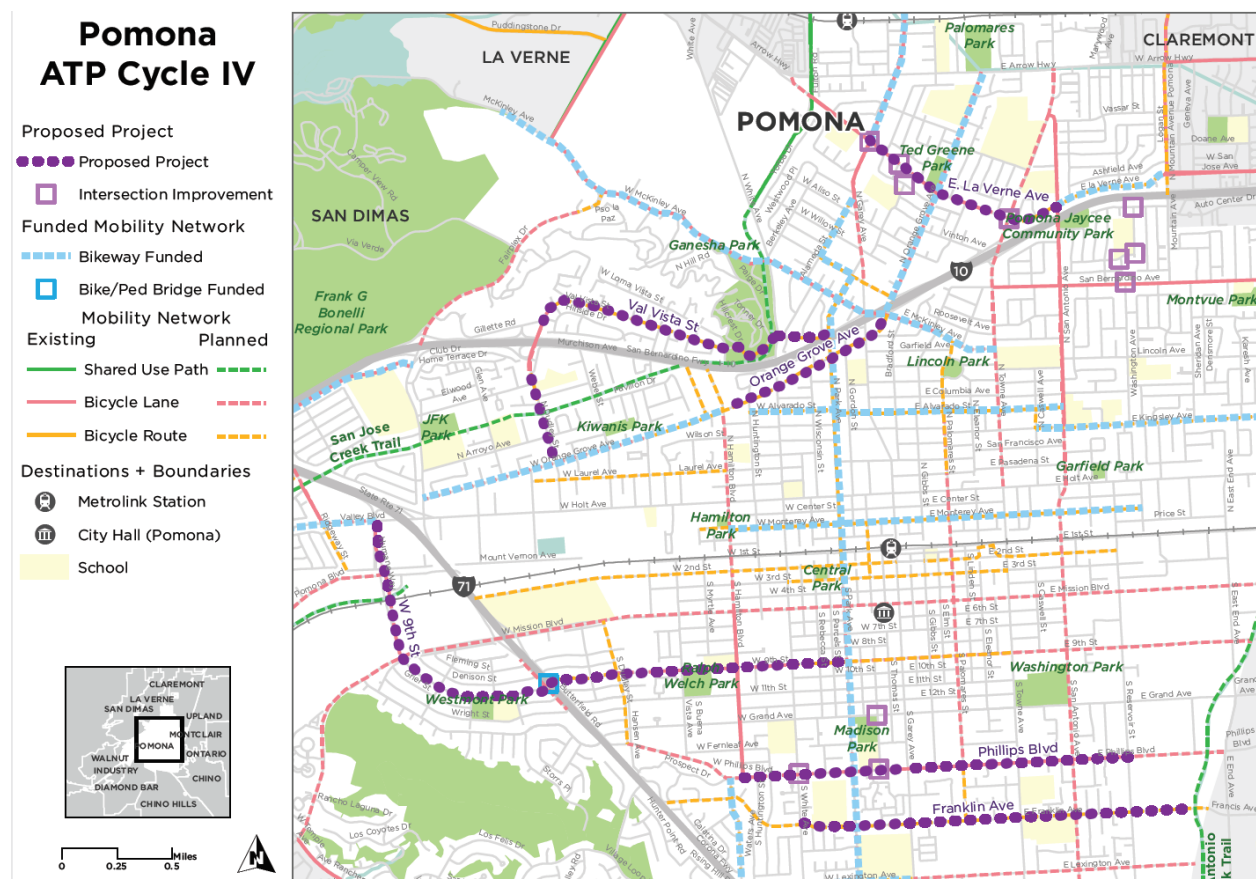
projects that provide a transformative benefit to a community or a region. The proposed project will greatly connect the gaps of the City's bicycle infrastructure. Other improvements included with the application are pedestrian crossing enhancements such as warning lights, bulb outs, signage and refuge median.

DISCUSSION

In 2014, the State Governor signed legislation creating ATP in the Department of Transportation. The ATP consolidates existing federal and state transportation programs, including the Transportation Alternatives Program, Bicycle Transportation Account, and Safe Routes to School, into a single program with a focus to make California a national leader in active transportation. The purpose of the ATP is to increase bicycling and walking with enhanced safety and mobility for non-motorized users.

Unlike previous grant applications, this ATP does not require any local matching funds. However, up to five points are given for leveraging of additional funds. Leveraging funds cannot be from any of the California Transportation Commission's competitive funding programs. Staff will continue to seek available leveraging funds to achieve an increase in the application scoring. If the application is approved, Staff will return to City Council to make the necessary CIP budget and scope adjustments.

The proposed grant funds will help increase bicycle network connectivity by adding bike lanes on designated routes as identified in the City's adopted Active Transportation Plan.



The addition of bike lanes will connect the gap between existing bicycle networks. The proposed routes include Franklin Avenue, Ninth Street, Phillips Boulevard, Dudley Street, Val Vista Street, Orange Grove Avenue and La Verne Avenue. The application also includes intersection improvements near elementary schools (San Jose, Allison, Madison, and Fremont Academy). These improvements include flashing warning lights, bulb outs, signage and a refuge median. The preliminary estimates that have been developed are approximately \$9.3 Million. Due to increased bid prices being received on current projects, potential for continuing inflation, and additional project refinements, Staff is seeking approval to request up to \$10 Million in grant funding.

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