



CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

January 27, 2020

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Mark Gluba, Acting City Manager

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Subject: **APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A LOCAL ROADWAY SAFETY PLAN (LRSP) FUNDING APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CALTRANS)**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council authorize the submittal of a funding application to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the preparation of a Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Approval will result in the submittal of an application to Caltrans to obtain funds for the preparation of a Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP). Recent changes in Federal regulations now requires a local agency to have a LRSP to be eligible to apply for future Federal funding opportunities. The process of preparing a LRSP creates a framework to systematically identify and analyze safety problems and recommend safety improvements.

FISCAL IMPACT: The maximum awarded grant amount is \$72,000 per application with a minimum 10% match. To be more competitive in the application process, the City local match funds will be in the amount of \$20,000 from the FY 2019-20 General Fund Operating Budget (101-2530-52285-00000).

PREVIOUS RELATED ACTION: None.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: None.

DISCUSSION: Federal regulations require each State has a Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). A SHSP is a statewide data-driven traffic safety plan that coordinates the efforts of a wide range of organizations to reduce traffic accident fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads. In coordination with Federal, State, local and private sector safety stakeholders, the SHSP

establishes goals, objectives, and emphasis (or challenge) areas. The SHSP address the 4Es of traffic safety: Engineering, Enforcement, Education, and Emergency Services.

While the SHSP is used as a Statewide approach for improving roadway safety, a LRSP can be a means for providing local road owners with an opportunity to address unique highway safety needs in their jurisdictions while contributing to the success of the SHSP. Preparing a LRSP facilitates the development of local agency partnerships and collaboration, resulting in a prioritized list of improvements and actions that can demonstrate a defined need and contribute to the statewide plan. The LRSP offers a proactive approach to addressing safety needs and demonstrates agency responsiveness to safety challenges. Future federal grant opportunities will require local agencies to have a LRSP in place to become eligible to apply.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES & GOALS: This item supports the 2019-2020 City Council Priority 1: Fiscal and Operational Responsibility – Goal C: Obtain additional grant funding and other revenues to help achieve City goals.

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