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# CITY OF POMONA

## COUNCIL REPORT

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August 3, 2020

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: James Makshanoff, City Manager

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**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CALTRANS) FOR HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HSIP) FUNDS**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Authorize the submittal of an application to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds; and
- 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the application and any related documents required for submittal.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:** This action will result in submittal of an application for funding from the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). The program's purpose is to improve roadway safety by focusing resources on the greatest needs. For a project to be eligible for HSIP funds, the project location must be on any public roadway, publicly owned bicycle/pedestrian pathway, or trail. The proposed project consists of upgrading existing traffic signal poles and hardware at nine potential intersections.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The project contains improvements that are 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. The estimated grant award is \$5.4 million, which includes design and construction. This is a reimbursable grant.

**PREVIOUS RELATED ACTION:** The City Council has previously approved applications for HSIP funds on February 4, 2008, December 6, 2010, July 11, 2016, and July 16, 2018.

**DISCUSSION:** The purpose of this Federal program is to improve roadway safety. For a project to be eligible for HSIP funds, the project location must be on any public roadway, publicly-owned

bicycle/pedestrian pathway, or trail. All public agencies within the State of California are eligible to compete for HSIP funds. The grant process includes development of new projects by applicants, as well as project application evaluations and project ranking by Caltrans staff. The grant funds must be used for the proposed project listed in the application.

The proposed grant funds will upgrade existing traffic signals at these nine intersections:

- Mission Boulevard and East End Avenue
- Mission Boulevard and Reservoir Street
- Mission Boulevard and San Antonio Avenue
- Mission Boulevard and Towne Avenue
- Garey Avenue and Harrison Avenue
- Garey Avenue and Monterey Avenue
- Garey Avenue and Third Street
- Garey Avenue and Fourth Street
- Garey Avenue and Grand Avenue

City Staff identified these nine locations due to the existing condition of the traffic signals. The accident/collision history at these locations also support the upgrade needs. The scope of the project will improve signal hardware, implement protective/permissive left turns, and implement leading pedestrian intervals (giving pedestrians a “head start” over cars going in the same direction), all of which will help enhance the overall traffic operations. The intersections noted above are not listed in any particular order, and may be reduced based on Caltrans recommendations.

Time expended by City Staff is eligible for grant reimbursement. If the grant is awarded, Staff will return to City Council to increase revenue estimates and appropriate the grant funds.

**COUNCIL PRIORITIES & GOALS:** This item supports the 2019-20 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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