

CITY OF YUBA CITY
STAFF REPORT

Date: August 18, 2020
To: Honorable Mayor & Members of the City Council
From: Public Works Department
Presented by: Diana Langley, Interim City Manager

Summary

Subject: Feasibility Study for Abandoned Railroad Corridor (Grant Award)

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute and submit all necessary documentation related to the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning, Sustainable Communities Grant.

Fiscal Impact: \$200,000 Grant with City Match of \$25,912.

Purpose:

To extend the City's pedestrian and bicycle facilities throughout the abandoned railroad corridor.

Background:

In October of 2019, the Public Works Department applied for a Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Sustainable Communities Grant (Grant) to secure funding for a Feasibility Study. The study would allow the City to determine the feasibility of converting the existing railroad right of way between Harter Parkway and Plumas Street to a bike/pedestrian path. In June of 2020, the City was notified that it was awarded \$200,000 for the grant, with a local match of \$25,912.

Analysis:

As part of the Grant General Conditions of Acceptance, the City is required to submit a resolution to Caltrans by August 21, 2020, authorizing a signatory for the Grant contract. Executing such a resolution will allow City staff to move the project forward, and issue a Request for Proposals from qualified consultants.

If feasible, converting the existing abandoned railroad corridor to pedestrian and bicycle trails will create more opportunities for recreation, exercise, and shopping while significantly enhancing the City's bikeway network.

Fiscal Impact:

Minimal staff costs associated with executing grant documents. The City has received \$200,000 in grant funding, with a local match of \$25,912. Detailed fiscal impacts and any necessary fiscal appropriations will be presented to Council at the time of awarding a consultant contract for the Feasibility Study.

Alternatives:

Do not authorize the City Manager to execute and submit necessary documents associated with the Sustainable Communities Grant. This may compromise grant funding and delay the project timeline.

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute and submit all necessary documentation related to the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning, Sustainable Communities Grant.

Attachments:

1. Resolution

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ATTACHMENT 1

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUBA CITY
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION
RELATED TO THE CALTRANS SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES GRANT FOR THE FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR ABANDONED
RAILROAD CORRIDOR**

WHEREAS, the City of Yuba City was awarded \$200,000 in funding with a local match of \$25,912 for the Caltrans Sustainable transportation Planning Sustainable Communities Grant (Grant) for the Feasibility Study for the Abandoned Railroad Corridor (Project); and,

WHEREAS, the Grant General Conditions of Acceptance require the City to submit a resolution to Caltrans which authorizes signatory authority to a designated City representative; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Yuba City wishes to delegate authority to execute all necessary documentation related to the Grant to the City Manager.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved and ordered by the City Council of the City of Yuba City as follows:

The City Council of the City of Yuba City does hereby delegate authority to the City Manager to execute all necessary documentation related to the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Sustainable Communities Grant for the Feasibility Study for Abandoned Railroad Corridor.

The foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Yuba City at a regular meeting thereof held on the 18th day of August, 2020.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Shon Harris, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia Buckland, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM
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