

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: RE-APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR BASTANCHURY ROAD WIDENING

(CASA LOMA AVENUE TO EUREKA AVENUE) FROM FISCAL YEAR

2022/23 TO FISCAL YEAR 2021/22

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council approve the re-appropriation of funds for the Bastanchury Road Widening (Casa Loma Avenue to Eureka Avenue) from Fiscal Year 2022/23 to Fiscal Year 2021/22. Staff also recommends that a Capital Improvement Program Project number be assigned to the project (SI221005).

BACKGROUND

At the time of the 2-year Capital Improvement Program budget approval in June 2021, it was anticipated that the Bastanchury Road Widening would occur during the Fiscal Year 2022/23 due to the lead time needed by SCE to relocate power poles along Bastanchury Road. However, SCE has been able to expedite their design process and they are prepared to complete the power pole relocation by March 2022. The completion of the power pole relocation along Bastanchury Road will enable the City to proceed with the construction effort to widen the roadway earlier than anticipated.

Staff recommends the re-appropriation of funds into the current Fiscal Year 2021/22 to allow for the timely advancement of the project. Shea Homes is currently underway with the development of the "West Bastanchury" development site and advancing the City's project will greatly benefit the coordination of activities with Shea's active construction site. Initiating the City's widening project at the earliest opportunity, following SCE pole relocations, will minimize construction conflicts and enable a substantial portion of the roadway widening to be complete by the time Shea Homes opens their model homes to the public.

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DISCUSSION

Staff has engaged the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) since they are funding a portion of the project and would need to concur with the requested advancement of the project. The project and associated funding are currently programmed with OCTA for Fiscal Year 2022/23, consistent with the City's previously approved budget. OCTA is acceptable to allowing the City to advance the project into the current 2021/22 Fiscal Year with the condition that reimbursements for the OCTA grant funds would not become available until the July 1st of the 2022/23 Fiscal Year. Based upon the Gas Tax available balance, sufficient funds are available to cover the encumbrance of the project in the current fiscal year.

FISCAL IMPACT

A budget amount of \$5,303,210 was originally appropriated by the City Council as part of the Fiscal Year 2022/23 budget. Of this total, \$2,651,605 is to be funded via OCTA CTFP Competitive Grant Funds and the remaining \$2,651,605 is to be funded via the City's Gas Tax. Sufficient gas tax funds are available to allow full encumbrance of the project in the current fiscal year. The recommended action will not affect the overall appropriation amount for the project (4010050-461620).

ALTERNATIVES

Do not re-appropriate funds and defer the start of construction until after July 1, 2022. However, deferring the City's widening project on Bastanchury Road has the potential to create more significant construction scheduling conflicts with the on-going tract home development at the West Bastanchury Site.

ATTACHMENTS

None