



# STAFF REPORT

## CITY of YORBA LINDA

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### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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**SUBJECT:** APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF LOCAL ROADWAY SAFETY PLAN

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Council approve and adopt the Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP) as a guideline for seeking future highway safety improvements grant opportunities.

### **BACKGROUND**

The City of Yorba Linda's Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP) (Attachment 1) is a comprehensive plan that creates a framework to systemically identify and analyze traffic safety related issues and recommend projects and countermeasures. The LRSP aims to reduce fatal and severe injury (F+SI) collisions through a prioritized list of improvements that can enhance safety on local roadways.

City staff submitted an application to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for funding related to the LRSP, which was approved on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Staff subsequently received an allocation apportionment from the District Local Assistant Engineer in an amount of \$63,000. On May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, after a qualitative selection process was conducted, the City Council approved an award of a professional services agreement to the transportation consultant firm TJKM for the development of the LRSP. The consultant has coordinated with City staff throughout the development of the LRSP and the finalized document was recently completed.

### **DISCUSSION**

The LRSP takes a proactive approach to addressing safety needs. It is viewed as a guidance document that can be a source of information and ideas. It will also serve as a living document, one that is routinely reviewed and updated by City staff and their safety partners to reflect evolving collision trends and community needs and priorities. With the LRSP as a guide, the City will be able to apply for grant funds, such as the federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and other future grant funding opportunities for projects that require a plan like the LRSP as a requirement to the grant.

In addition to City staff, stakeholders such as Yorba Linda Traffic Commission, Orange County Sheriff's Department, Orange County Fire Authority, Placentia Yorba Linda School District, Yorba Linda Country Riders, and Orange County Bicycle Coalition have been included in the process of the LRSP preparation. Two stakeholders' meetings were held on November 16, 2021, and May 26, 2022, respectively. In addition, community outreach was conducted using an online interactive map tool on the City's website.

The Traffic Commission reviewed and unanimously approved the LRSP at its regular meeting on September 22, 2022.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no direct fiscal impact.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

The City Council may choose to not approve the LRSP. However, staff does not recommend this alternative as the city may become ineligible to apply future State and Federal highway safety improvements grants.

### **ATTACHMENT**

Attachment 1: Local Roadway Safety Plan

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