AGENDA MEMORANDUM
Future Item for the City Council Meeting of January 19, 2016
Action Item for the City Council Meeting of January 26, 2016

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Resolution approving submission of grant applications for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant for Fiscal Year 2017

CAPTION:

Resolution approving the submission of two grant applications with Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Fiscal Year 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant for wayfinding signage along the City's Bike Trails and a High-Intensity Activated Cross Walk (HAWK) Signal for Cole Park to be located near Ocean Drive and Del Mar Boulevard.

PURPOSE:

This resolution provides for Council approval of two grant applications in connection with the Federal Transportation Alternatives Program. The Program's purpose is to fund projects related to transportation alternatives for non-motor mobility.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO) is seeking projects for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). The TAP is a federally funded transportation alternative program to provide improvements for pedestrian, bicycle, and other non-vehicular forms of transportation.

The first grant application is for funding to help provide improved accessibility, safety and wayfinding to the regional bike system by installing appropriate traffic safety and wayfinding signage on the City streets that have been designated Bike Boulevards in the Regional Plan. This plan provides synergy with the Street Preventative Maintenance Program (SPMP) to fund

signage and pavement markings on the SPMP roadways which are designated Bike Boulevards.

The second grant application seeks to purchase and install a HAWK automated traffic signal on Ocean Drive at Cole Park for improved pedestrian safety. Special events at Cole Park attract a high volume of pedestrian traffic that needs safe access across Ocean Drive. The existing crossing only provides warning flashers and a crosswalk. The new HAWK system will allow signalized crossing with pedestrian interaction to improve public safety.

On January 7, 2016, a public meeting was held with the Del Mar Community Association for the input from the residents on this project. The association was in near unanimous agreement in support of the HAWK signal (30 for and 1 against). The City now has over thirty letters of support from the Del Mar Community Association.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve submission of grant applications. (recommended)
2. Do not approve submission of grant applications. (not recommended)

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Federal funds will cover 80% of the construction-related expenses for each project. The wayfinding grant will seek $300,000 of federal transportation funding and the HAWK grant will seek $150,000 in federal transportation funding.

FY2017 applications will be carried forward into FY2018, so these applications are good for both financial years.

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

Not applicable.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-Emergency.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Street Department

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

☐ Operating   ☐ Revenue   ☐ Capital   ☒ Not applicable

Fiscal Year 2016-2017	Project to Date Expenditures	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item				
BALANCE				

Comments: Funding commitments are not required at this time.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the resolution as proposed, which would allow staff to apply and receive grants from the Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO) to support our transportation initiatives.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution
Location Maps (2)
HAWK Signal Function
Presentation