



Approve Scope Change for City of West Sacramento "Great Delta Trail: Clarksburg Branch Line Extension"

Consent

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Attachments: No

Referring Committee: Transportation

Issue:

The City of West Sacramento was awarded Carbon Reduction Program funding to complete preliminary engineering and right-of-way phases for "California Delta Trail: Clarksburg Branch Line Extension". The City is requesting to move all awarded funding into the preliminary engineering phase, leaving an unfunded need for the right-of-way phase.

Request:

Approve

Recommendation for Board:

The Transportation Committee unanimously recommended that the board approve the City of West Sacramento's request to move \$824,598 into the earlier project development phase.

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That the Transportation Committee recommend that the board approve the City of West Sacramento's request to move \$824,598 into the earlier project development phase.

Background:

As part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)/Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) signed into law in November 2021, the U.S. Department of Transportation established the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP). This program provides funding to states and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) for projects designed to reduce transportation-related carbon emissions from on-road highway sources. CRP funds are suballocated to SACOG from the state and must be available for the six-county region and competitively awarded, with the funding decision made by the SACOG board.

SACOG conducted a funding program in 2024 to award the first two years of funding to projects that offered strategic carbon reductions, consistent with the regional Carbon Reduction Strategy approved in June 2023. The two-year funding program focused on pre-construction projects to further implementation of the Regional Trail Network, program development for zero-emission vehicle deployment, and implementing sustainable mobility programs to create and support mode shift. The funding program was structured to strategically advance projects and programs to "shovel-ready" status, or ready to construct status; shovel-

ready projects are more competitive for state and federal funding programs.

The Board approved funding for eight projects in June 2024, including one award of \$1,899,951 to advance development of the Great California Delta Trail: Clarksburg Branch Line Trail” The project was proposed by the City of West Sacramento. —in partnership with Yolo County, Yolo Transportation District, and the Delta Protection Commission—to complete the preliminary engineering and right-of-way phases of the trail from the Regional Trail Network.

Discussion/Analysis:

The City of West Sacramento obligated \$1,075,033 to start pre-construction work on the Clarksburg Branch Line Extension, connecting West Sacramento residents to residents, businesses, and environmental attractions on the way to and in the Yolo County community of Clarksburg. However, the proposal the City of West Sacramento accepted for this phase of work exceeded the amount identified for the preliminary engineering phase in the project’s schedule and funding summary.

The City of West Sacramento requested to shift the funding reserved for the right-of-way phase to this earlier phase of pre-construction work, which would result in an unfunded need for right-of-way work. SACOG staff analyzed this request with regards to the original CRP guidelines and the scoring criteria used to evaluate and rank the project, and determined it was consistent with the conditions of the original award.

If this scope change is approved, SACOG will update the project's schedule and funding summary in the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plan so the City may obligate the full awarded funding amount for preliminary engineering work. The project will not receive an increase in funds awarded through this scope change; the impact is that the City of West Sacramento staff would be able to spend the full award amount on preliminary engineering. SACOG will also work with the City of West Sacramento to identify alternate funding sources to help the project get ready for construction, as was intended with the original CRP award.

Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

Included in the Overall Work Program/Budget

List of Attachments:

Not applicable