


Agenda Report Reviewed by:
City Manager: 

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM

Meeting Date: March 15, 2022
To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
From: Toni Bertolero, Engineering Consultant
Subject: ATP Cycle 6 Grant
Recommendation: Authorize Staff to Pursue ATP Cycle 6 Grant for the Ragle Road West Side Bicycles and Pedestrian Access Project
Funding: Currently Budgeted: Yes No N/A

Account Code/Costs authorized in City Approved Budget (if applicable) AK (verified by Administrative Services Department)

INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE:

The item is to request Council authorize staff to pursue the Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 6 grant for the Ragle Road West Side Bicycles and Pedestrian Access (Project). This project is also known as the West Side Bicycle and Pedestrian Access project in the California Transportation Plan (CTP) 2050.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

A Call for Projects for ATP Cycle 6 will be released by Caltrans on March 16, 2022, with applications due on June 15, 2022. ATP goals include increasing proportion of trips by walking and biking, increasing safety and mobility, enhancing, public health and includes a broad spectrum of projects to benefit many types of active transportation users including disadvantaged communities. The City applied for an ATP Cycle 4 grant in 2018 and scored well but not awarded the grant. For Cycle 4, a total of 59 projects were awarded grants with the lowest score being 86/100. The City’s application scored an 84.

Application for this Project, estimated at \$9.1 million in 2018, is for a large infrastructure project (those totaling more than \$7 million). There is no local match requirement for ATP grants, however, a local match contribution would make the application more competitive by showing local commitment to a project.

The Project consists of bicycle lanes and sidewalks and pedestrian paths on Bodega Avenue from Jewell Avenue to Ragle Road; Ragle Road from Bodega Avenue to Mill Station Road; Mill Station Road from Ragle Road to SR 116. This is a joint City and County undertaking. To make the Project more competitive by showing connectivity to existing bicycle paths and major parts of the city, the application may be expanded to include Bodega Avenue Phase 2 bicycle paths (segment between Nelson Way and Pleasant Hill Road) and completing the bicycle trail section on Bodega Avenue westward to the existing terminus of the Sonoma County trail at Atascadero Creek. See attached project map for proposed Cycle 6 application.

Engineering on-call staff (GHD and W-Trans) have been in discussion with the County transportation staff as well as State transportation staff regarding application to the ATP Cycle 6 grant for this joint Project. The estimated fee for W-Trans to prepare the ATP Cycle 6 grant is \$24,530. Based on discussions with the County transportation director, the County is prepared to share in half the cost of the grant application preparation, up to a maximum County share of \$12,500. The other half would be paid by the City.

GOALS:

This action supports the following City Council Goals and General Plan Action:

- Goal 2 - Maintain, Improve and Invest in the City's Infrastructure (Water, Sewer, Streets, Circulation, Parks, Storm Drains and Public Facilities).
- Circulation 2 – Maintain and expand a safe and efficient pedestrian, bicycle, and transit network that connects neighborhoods with key destinations to encourage travel by non-automobile modes while also improving public health.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

As of the writing of this staff report, the City has not received any public comment. However, staff anticipates receiving public comment from interested parties following the publication and distribution of this staff report. Such comments will be provided to the City Council as supplemental materials before or at the meeting. In addition, public comments may be offered during the public comment portion of the agenda item.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

This item was noticed in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and was available for public viewing and review at least 72 hours prior to schedule meeting date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

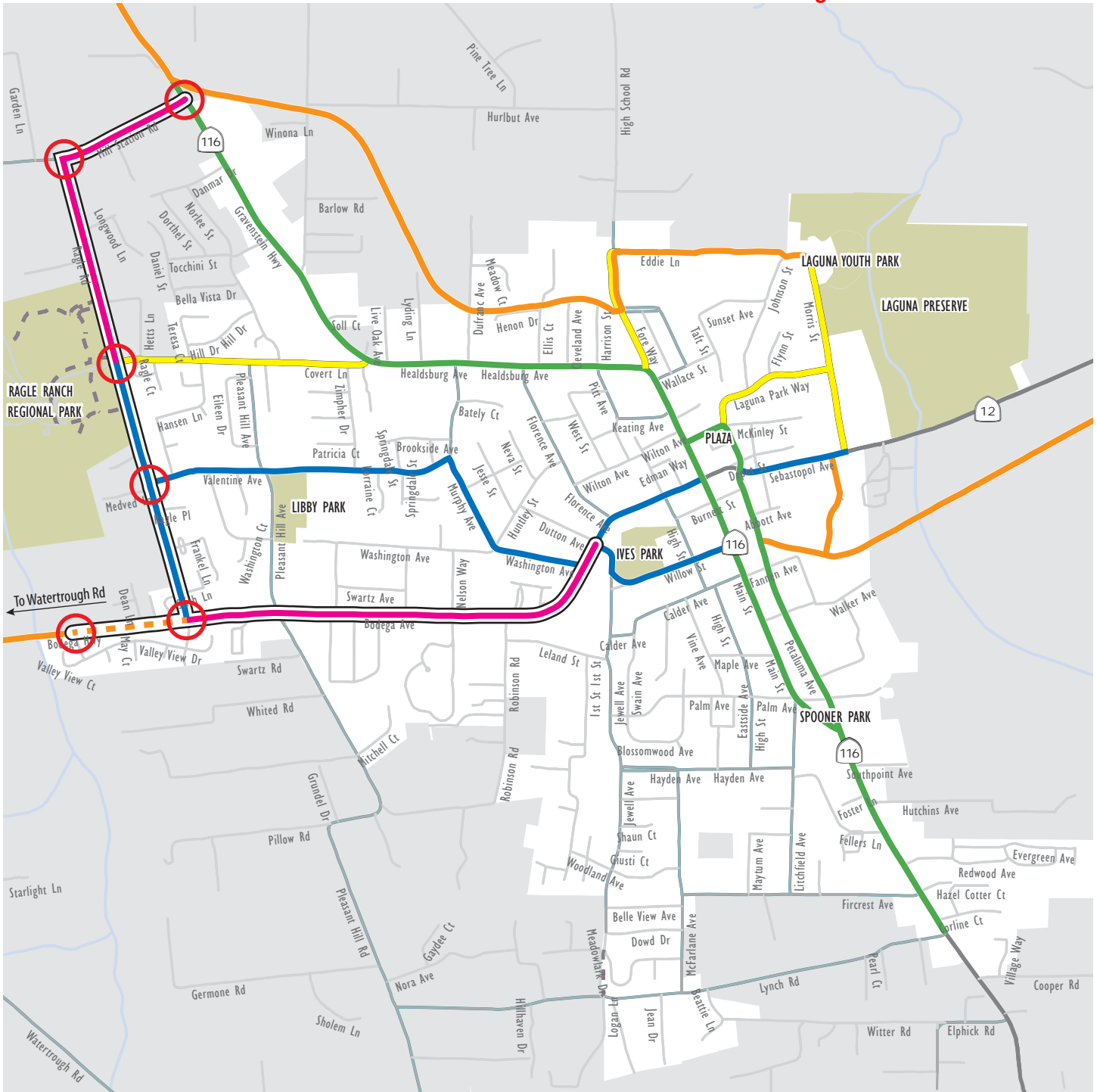
The City's share of the W-Trans fee for the preparation of the ATP Cycle 6 grant is within the City Manager's approval authority for consultant services. There is sufficient budget in the Engineering operations budget for this work.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Sebastopol City Council authorize staff to pursue the ATP Cycle 6 grant and prepare an application for the Ragle Road West Side Bicycles and Pedestrian Access Project (aka "West Side Bicycle and Pedestrian Access" project).

Attachment:

ATP Cycle 6 Project Map



○ ATP Application Intersection Connection Improvements

○ ATP Application Segment Improvements

- Existing Class I Trail
- Proposed Class I Trail
- Existing Class II Bike Lanes
- Class II Bike Lanes in Progress
- Proposed Class II Bike Lanes
- Existing Class III Routes



ATP Application: West Sebastopol Bicycle Connectivity and Pedestrian Enhancements
Figure 1 – ATP Application Area

