



March 19, 2025

ITEM TITLE: RESOLUTION NUMBER 2025-012 AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR SANDAG'S SMART GROWTH INCENTIVE PROGRAM (SGIP) FOR THE PALM AVENUE STREETScape AND GATEWAY PROJECT. (0140-40 & 0720-10)

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:

Public Works

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Resolution No. 2025-012 would authorize the City Manager to submit an application for SANDAG's Smart Growth Incentive Program (SGIP) and execute agreements with SANDAG, and other agencies as necessary, following award of the grant.

The *TransNet* Extension Ordinance provides funding for the grant program to support local jurisdictions' efforts to increase walking, biking, and transit usage throughout the region. The Palm Avenue Streetscape and Gateway Project would complement the bicyclist and pedestrian safety improvements being designed along the corridor by adding new median and bike buffer landscaping, bicycle and pedestrian wayfinding signage, and two new gateway signs to Palm Avenue, creating a complete inviting multimodal corridor that would promote non-vehicular travel across the City. The project would also assist in completing the Palm Avenue Master Plan project. Grant applications are due by April 11, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution No. 2025-012 to authorize the City Manager to submit an application for SANDAG's SGIP grant.

OPTIONS:

- Request additional information and an additional report.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

Staff is preparing to make a grant application to secure funding for the Palm Avenue Streetscape and Gateway Project. The campaign would focus on improving the visual elements of Palm Avenue by improving the landscape, hardscape, and signage along the corridor, and would assist in completing the Palm Avenue Master Plan project. These improvements would create a sense of placemaking for residents and be more welcoming for visitors. The requested amount of the grant is \$2,400,000 with a City in-kind match of \$600,000 for a total of \$3,000,000 for this project if awarded.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

The City is preparing a CEQA analysis for the project, which would be considered at a later date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with applying for the grant. Acceptance of the grant, if awarded, would result in a City in-kind match funding requirement of \$600,000 to be determined at the time of award of the grant.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 2025-012