



CITY COUNCIL

STAFF REPORT

April 2, 2025

ITEM TITLE: PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2025-014 APPROVING REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CONGESTION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RTCIP) PROJECT PLAN – REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CONGESTION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT ON STATE ROUTE 75. (0680-95 & 0920-60)

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:

Public Works

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Adoption of Resolution 2025-014 will approve a project plan funded by the Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Program (RTCIP) fee obtained from each new single family residential unit constructed in the City of Imperial Beach since July 1, 2008. The fee for Fiscal Year 2026 is \$3,047.57 per single family unit. The project plan is required by the TransNet Extension Ordinance and Expenditure Plan and must be performed on a roadway designated as a Regional Arterial. The only Regional Arterial within the City of Imperial Beach is State Route 75 (SR 75). The proposed project plan is to construct beautification improvements including restabilizing and recompacting decomposed granite and enhancing landscaping elements at Bicentennial Triangle Park.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Open the Public Hearing.
2. Receive public comment.
3. If Council wishes to proceed, close the Public Hearing.
4. Adopt Resolution 2025-014 approving the RTCIP Project Plan to construct beautification improvements including restabilizing and recompacting of decomposed granite and enhancing landscaping elements at Bicentennial Triangle Park.

OPTIONS:

- Adopt Resolution No. 2025-014 approving the RTCIP Project Plan to construct beautification improvements including restabilizing and recompacting of decomposed granite and enhancing landscaping elements at Bicentennial Triangle Park and authorize City staff to sign and forward a letter to ITOC confirming the 2026 project plan.
- Reject Resolution 2025-014 and direct Staff to prepare and develop a different RTCIP Project Plan thus retaining the current plan for Fiscal Year 2025, or
- Request additional information and an additional report

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

In 2004, voters approved a plan to ensure that future transportation improvements in the San Diego region would be adequately funded. Under this plan, effective July 1, 2008, each local

agency in the region is required to contribute \$2,000 per newly constructed residential housing unit—via private sector exactions—toward the Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Program (RTCIP). This mechanism ensures that new developments help fund the Regional Arterial System and related transportation improvements as outlined in SANDAG’s most recently adopted Regional Transportation Plan.

Residential housing units developed for extremely low, very low, low, and moderate income households (as defined in California Health and Safety Code Sections 50105, 50106, 50079.5, and 50093) are exempt from this requirement. Additionally, the contribution amount is adjusted annually by a percentage not to exceed the increase specified by the Engineering Construction Cost Index (or a similar construction cost index). Local agencies are responsible for establishing impact fees or other revenue programs to collect these contributions and for developing procedures to remit the funds to the RTCIP.

The funds collected are intended for a variety of transportation enhancements, including the construction or widening of arterials, improvements in traffic signal coordination, freeway interchange upgrades, railroad grade separations, and enhancements for regional express bus and rail transit systems.

Changes to the RTCIP project plan must be approved through a public hearing process, and then submitted to the Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee for review. A 10-day public hearing notice was published in the March 20, 2025 Eagle & Times Newspaper.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

Not a project as defined by CEQA.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This project plan provides for the use of the funds collected from the \$3,047.57 assessment (adjusted annually by inflation) for each newly constructed residential housing unit in the City of Imperial Beach towards an improvement project along and across State Route 75. The estimated annual assessment collected is \$30,475.70.

ATTACHMENTS:

ATT 1 - Resolution No. 2025-014

ATT 2 – RTCIP Project Plan – Exhibit A to Resolution No. 2025-014