



April 16, 2025

ITEM TITLE: RESOLUTION NUMBER 2025-017 AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR SANDAG'S SMART GROWTH INCENTIVE PROGRAM (SGIP) FOR THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN UPDATE. (0140-40 & 0230-15)

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:

Community Development

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Resolution No. 2025-017 authorizes the City Manager to apply for a Smart Growth Incentive Program (SGIP) grant through the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG). This funding, supported by the TransNet Extension Ordinance, aims to promote walking, biking, and transit use through compact, mixed-use development near public transit, ultimately reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving public health. The City proposes to request \$150,000 to update the Imperial Beach Climate Action Plan (CAP). The CAP update would involve a current GHG emissions inventory, the development of new reduction strategies, and community engagement to ensure local relevance and effectiveness. Approval of this resolution would enable the City to pursue critical funding for this vital planning effort.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution No. 2025-017 to authorize the City Manager or designee to submit a grant application for Smart Growth Incentive Program through SANDAG.

OPTIONS:

- Request additional information and an additional report.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

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 goals of the SGIP are to encourage comprehensive public infrastructure projects and planning activities that facilitate compact, mixed-use development focused near public transit, and that aim to increase housing and transportation choices, reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG), and improve public health.

The City of Imperial Beach is committed to proactive climate action and seeks funding through SANDAG's Smart Growth Incentive Program (SGIP) to undertake a comprehensive update to its existing Climate Action Plan (CAP). This update is crucial for maintaining a current and effective strategy to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and align with regional and state climate goals.

This CAP update would employ a data-driven approach grounded in the latest scientific understanding and recognized protocols, ensuring the resulting plan is robust, actionable, and effectively guides the City toward achieving its climate objectives.

The CAP Update would involve several key components:

- **Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Inventory and Baseline Year:** Including an inventory update and establishment of a new baseline year. This recent baseline would provide an accurate reflection of current conditions for measuring future progress
- **GHG Emissions Forecasts:** Forecasting future "business-as-usual" emissions based on local growth projections, including key local drivers such as population growth and time horizons
- **GHG Reduction Targets:** Establishing or reaffirming quantifiable GHG reduction targets for 2030 and 2045, aligning with California's goals
- **GHG Reduction Measures:** Developing specific, measurable, and actionable GHG reduction measures
- **CAP Implementation, Monitoring, and Updates:** Creating a framework for ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the CAP's implementation and effectiveness

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

Not a project as defined by CEQA.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with applying for the grant.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 2025-017