

SBCAG STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Measure A North County Safe Routes to School, Bicycle and Pedestrian Program

MEETING DATE: November 19, 2020

AGENDA ITEM: 4B

STAFF CONTACT: Dylan Tonningsen

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a Cooperative Agreement with the City of Lompoc for Cycle 3 of the North County Measure A Safe Routes to School, Bicycle and Pedestrian and Program to provide \$45,000 in Measure A funding for the Cypress Avenue & A Street Sidewalk Infill & Pedestrian Railroad Crossing Project with a timely use of funds deadline of June 30, 2023.

DISCUSSION:

In May 2020, the Board approved \$458,838 in Measure A funding for 9 projects from Cycle 3 of the Measure A North County Safe Routes to School, Bicycle and Pedestrian Program. The next step in the process for delivering the projects is for SBCAG and each local agency to execute a Cooperative Agreement. The cooperative agreements specify details such as the amount of Measure A funding allocated to each project, matching fund commitments, responsibilities for notifying the public that a project is Measure A funded (including Measure A construction signage), liabilities and indemnifications for the project, and timely use of funds deadlines. The Cycle 3 cooperative agreement format is similar to the one executed for Cycles 1 and 2; there are no substantial program changes.

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The attached Cooperative Agreement (**Attachment A**) describes and allocates funding for the Cypress Avenue & A Street Sidewalk Infill & Pedestrian Railroad Crossing Project. The Cypress Avenue & A Street Sidewalk Infill & Pedestrian Railroad Crossing Project includes design and construction of sidewalk and pedestrian railroad crossing at the SW corner of A St and Cypress Avenue. This project will eliminate the only sidewalk gap along Cypress Avenue between Lompoc Valley Middle School and Hapgood Elementary and will improve safety for students traversing around the railroad drainage structure and onto the street while walking to and from school.

The Cooperative Agreement is scheduled for approval by the Lompoc City Council on November 17, 2020. Approval of the Cooperative Agreement by both SBCAG and the City Council is required before reimbursable work can commence on the project.

The recommended action is not a “project” within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEA Guidelines because it is a creation of a government funding mechanism or other government fiscal activity.

ATTACHMENT:

A – Measure A cooperative agreement with the City of Lompoc (web posting only)