



# STAFF REPORT – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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October 04, 2023

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** Netra Khatri, City Engineer

**PREPARER:** Netra Khatri, City Engineer

**DATE:** September 27, 2023

**TITLE:** **Adopt Resolution No. 234-11, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Arcata Authorizing the City Manager to Execute All Master Agreements, Program Supplemental Agreements, Fund Exchange Agreements, Fund Transfer Agreements and Any Amendments for the South Arcata Multimodal Safety Improvements Plan with the California Department of Transportation.**

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

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## **INTRODUCTION:**

Early this year, the City of Arcata and the Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG) applied for and received a grant in the amount of \$323,880 for the South Arcata Multi-Modal Safety Improvements Plan through a Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant (STPG). The City of Arcata and HCAOG will collaborate with Caltrans, residents, schools, and businesses to create a plan for a safe walking and biking path between southern Arcata and the Sunny Brae and Bayside neighborhoods, not only for bicyclists and pedestrians but also for the daily users and crews responsible for maintaining the roads in that area. The project will foster transportation equity for disadvantaged neighborhoods and students, and support greenhouse gas reduction goals.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The planning area encompasses US 101 and SR 255 interchange area/neighborhood and is included in the Humboldt County Association of Government's Regional Transportation Plan VROOM (2022). The overarching goal of the project is to partner with the stakeholders and engage with the community members to create a Plan for a safe walking and biking path between southern Arcata and the Sunnybrae and Bayside neighborhoods. Below is the summary of steps involved:

- Partner with HCAOG and Caltrans to hire a consultant firm for community outreach and project concept design

- Develop Project Task Force (PTF)
- Assess existing conditions (gather GIS and multi-modal transportation data, field visits, traffic studies, analyze bike and pedestrian opportunities and constraints)
- Review planning documents and best practices
- Community outreach (refine public engagement strategy, hold PTF meetings, solicit public engagement on project, conduct concept design review community workshop, conduct series of public engagement activities)
- Develop concept walking and biking facility alternatives
- Conduct pop up demonstration
- Prepare and deliver draft and final reports to City council, HCAOG TAC, and Caltrans
- Fiscal management (invoicing, quarterly reports to Caltrans)

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (CEQA):**

This phase of the project is only for planning purposes, the later phase Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) will result in completion of environmental documents necessary for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

**BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:**

The grant has a local cash match of \$29,052 which is within the approved budgeted amount for the FY 23-24 under account 101-50-45-57601. The grant amount was not included in the FY23-24 budget and will be added via budget amendment.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- A. Resolution No. 234-11 (DOCX)