



Staff Report

TO: City Council

FROM: Jennifer Ustation, Finance Director
Robert Vestal, Public Works Director

DATE August 19, 2025

SUBJECT: Authorization to Execute Agreement for SB 821 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Program Funding

Description Request for City Council to authorize the City Manager to sign the SB 821 grant agreement to fund the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Master Plan Update and Action Plan.

Background and Analysis:

In February 2025, the City submitted a grant application to the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) under the SB 821 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Program to fund an update to its 2011 Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Master Plan. The proposed Project aligns with the Mobility Element of the City's 2040 General Plan and prioritizes safety, accessibility, and multi-modal transportation options throughout the community.

The updated Plan will address existing gaps in pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, improve safety through a Complete Streets framework, and enhance connectivity to key destinations and transit corridors. The Plan will be developed through community engagement, with input from a Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Council (BPAC) that will be established as part of the project. The project received strong community and stakeholder support, including letters from County Supervisor Guterrez, the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce, the Beaumont Unified School District, and Beaumont High School's Track and Cross Country teams.

City staff concurrently applied for additional federal funding to develop a comprehensive Citywide Safety Plan that would integrate this SB 821-funded effort. If the federal funding is awarded (with a decision anticipated by December 2025), this project will serve as the local match. If unsuccessful, the City will proceed with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update as outlined in the current scope.

Fiscal Impact:

Total Project Cost: \$325,450

- SB 821 Grant Award: \$248,400
- Required Cash Match: \$57,050
- In-Kind Match (staff time and indirect costs): \$20,000

City staff will present a future item to City Council to create a Capital Improvement Project, establish a project budget of \$305,450, and identify a funding source of \$57,050.

The in-kind match will be tracked separately through payroll and estimated indirect costs.

The estimated cost to prepare this report is \$360.

Recommended Action:

Approve the Grant Agreement between the City of Beaumont and Riverside County Transportation Commission for the period of thirty-six (36) months, from the date of the agreement, in an amount of \$248,400; and

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the agreement and any necessary documents related to the grant.

Attachments:

- A. RCTC - SB 821 Grant Agreement
- B. Facilities Map - Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Program