

STAFF REPORT
COUNCIL MEETING DATE:
May 14, 2012

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

**Approve Proposition 1B Program of Projects for Funding for Transportation
Capital Projects**

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Department: Public Works



Signature

**Reviewed by
City Manager:**



Signature

ACTION NON-ACTION STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize submittal of the Proposition 1B Program of Projects to the State Department of Finance requesting funding for pedestrian accessibility improvements to portions of Santa Ynez Avenue.

Sample Motion: I move to authorize the submittal of the Proposition 1B Program of Projects to the State Department of Finance requesting funding for the Santa Ynez Avenue Pedestrian Improvements Project.

I. BACKGROUND:

Approved by voters in November 2006, State of California Proposition 1B (Prop 1B) provided \$19.925 billion in bond funds for a variety of transportation priorities, including \$2 billion for cities and counties to fund the maintenance and improvement of local transportation facilities.

Funds shall be used for improvements to transportation facilities that will assist in reducing local traffic congestion and further deterioration, improving traffic flows, or increasing traffic safety

that may include, but not be limited to, street and highway pavement maintenance, rehabilitation, installation, construction and reconstruction of necessary associated facilities such as drainage and traffic control devices, or the maintenance, rehabilitation, installation, construction and reconstruction of facilities that expand rider ship on transit systems, safety projects to reduce fatalities, or as a local match to obtain state or federal transportation funds for similar purposes. Funds apportioned to cities are based on total population of the city in relation to all cities in the State (minimum \$400,000 to each city). The City of Carpinteria was allocated \$441,128.84. The City submitted a claim for \$400,000 in Fiscal Year 2007-2008 for a pavement maintenance project.

II. DISCUSSION:

At this time, the City has a balance of \$41,128.84 available in Proposition 1B funds. The California Department of Finance manages the Proposition 1B Bond program. To receive the funding a local agency must submit a Program of Projects (POP) to the Department of Finance that consists of one or more projects that are eligible for the program. The Department of Public Works has identified the Santa Ynez Avenue Pedestrian Improvement Project. The Santa Ynez Pedestrian Improvement Project is eligible for the program. The project consists of 10 locations along Santa Ynez Avenue where pedestrian safety and connectivity can be improved through the construction or reconstruction of accessibility ramps. This is an important project that follows the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Pavement Rehabilitation Project that included Santa Ynez Avenue and Casitas Pass Road. Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the City is required to upgrade transportation facilities to meet the Act as major maintenance occurs. The City plans to meet that requirement by planning improvements projects and completing them as funding becomes available. The Santa Ynez Avenue Pedestrian Improvement Project is an important project that will improve accessibility for all citizens in the Santa Ynez Avenue neighborhood area.

Currently, accessibility ramps are not provided at the Santa Ynez Avenue intersections with La Tierra Lane (4 ramps), Chaparral Drive (2 ramps) and Aargon Drive (1 ramp). The project also includes upgrading three (3) ramps at the intersection at Aargon Drive to meet current ADA accessibility ramp criteria.

III. POLICY:

This project addresses many of the goals, objectives and policy statements in the pedestrian circulation section of the Circulation Element in the City of Carpinteria General Plan.

IV. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Public Works Department estimates that the design and construction of the ten (10) accessibility ramps can be delivered within a \$60,000 budget. To supplement the Prop 1B funding for the project, the Public Works Department has currently budgeted Measure A funds for accessibility ramp replacements. There would be no impact on the General Fund Account. The Proposition 1B Program of Projects is included in Attachment A of this Report

V. ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A

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Proposition 1B Program of Projects - 2009-2010 Appropriation

Minor Projects

Project	Estimated Project Cost	Prop 1B Requested Allocation	Local Measure A Funding	Total
Santa Ynez Avenue Pedestrian Improvements Project	\$60,000	\$41,128.84	\$18,871.16	\$60,000