



Staff Report

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Honorable Mayor and Members of the Hermosa Beach City Council
Meeting of June 22, 2021

Regular

**APPROVAL OF ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY
ACT OF 2017 (SENATE BILL 1) PROJECT LIST FOR THE
CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22**

(Interim Public Works Director Angela Crespi)

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends City Council:

1. Approve a resolution adopting a list of projects for FY 2021-2022 funded by (SB 1) Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017; and
2. Direct staff to submit the project list and supporting documentation to the California Transportation Commission by July 1, 2021.

Executive Summary:

Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, provides funding for the maintenance and repair of local streets and roads through a Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA). To be eligible for FY 2021-2022 funding, the City must submit a project list to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) by July 1, 2021, along with a resolution documenting the approval of the City's project list.

Background:

On April 28, 2017, the Governor of California signed Senate Bill (SB 1) (Beall, Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017), known as the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, to address basic road maintenance, rehabilitation, and critical safety needs on both the state highway and local streets and road system. SB 1 increases per gallon fuel excise taxes, increases diesel fuel sales taxes and vehicle registration fees, and provides for inflationary adjustments to tax rates in future years.

A percentage of this funding is apportioned by formula to eligible cities and counties for basic road maintenance, rehabilitation, and critical safety projects on the local streets and roads system. The projected revenue for the City of Hermosa Beach in Fiscal Year 2021-22 is estimated at \$387,903.

SB 1 revenue is not intended to replace existing local discretionary funding, such as General Fund or Capital Improvement Funds, for road repair and maintenance projects. Therefore, it requires cities and counties to maintain their existing commitment of local funds for street, road, and highway purposes in order to remain eligible for Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) funding apportionment as defined by a Maintenance of Effort (MOE) estimate. The MOE estimate establishes the minimum amount of funding that the City of Hermosa Beach must continue to allocate

on an annual basis toward street and highway projects from local discretionary funds.

The State Controller's Office (SCO) completed its review of the City's certified General Fund discretionary expenditures for street purposes for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012. Based on the review, the SCO set the City's MOE at \$833,246.

The City is required to submit a list of projects (**Attachment 2**) to the California Transportation Commission each fiscal year. The FY 2021-22 list is due to the Commission by July 1, 2021. The City is also required to develop and submit a project expenditure report to the Commission by October 1, 2021 for the FY 2020-21 expenditures and comply with all requirements including reporting requirements for RMRA funding.

RMRA funding may be used for basic road maintenance, rehabilitation, and critical safety projects on the local streets and roads system. Streets and Highways Code (SHC) Section 2030 provides a number of example projects and uses for RMRA funding that include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation
- Safety Projects
- Railroad Grade Separations
- Traffic Control Devices
- Complete Streets Components-including active transportation purposes, pedestrian and bicycle safety projects, transit facilities, and drainage and stormwater capture projects in conjunction with any other allowable project

Additionally, RMRA projects may incorporate, where feasible, the following project elements:

- Technologies and material recycling techniques that lower greenhouse gas emissions and reduce the cost of maintaining local streets and roads through material choice and construction method;
- Systems and components in transportation infrastructure that recognize and accommodate technologies including but not limited to Zero Emissions Vehicle (ZEV) fueling or charging and infrastructure-vehicles communications for transitional or fully autonomous vehicles;
- Project features that increase resilience to the impacts of climate change, fires, floods, and sea level rise; and
- Complete Streets elements that improve the quality of bicycle and pedestrian facilities and that improve safety for all users of transportation facilities.

A city or county may spend its apportionment of RMRA funds on transportation priorities other than those outlined in SHC Section 2030 if the city or county's average Pavement Condition Index (PCI) meets or exceeds 80. Hermosa Beach currently has an average Pavement Condition Index below

80. Therefore, the City needs to spend the available funding on the types of projects identified above.

RMRA funds may also be used to satisfy a match requirement in order to obtain state or federal funds for eligible projects.

Analysis:

Based on the expected revenues available for FY 2021-22, staff has identified one new project that meets the Street and Highway Code guidance for projects for this year's list. This list also includes two current projects that continue to receive RMRA funding. The recommended projects are described below and in **Attachment 2**.

CIP 192 Annual Striping Improvements (new)

Estimated Total Project Cost: \$100,000

This project consists of removal of existing striping and restriping improvements in public Parking Lots A, C, R, City Hall, Community Center, and various streets. Restriping improvements will include, traffic striping, parking tees, crosswalks and restriping public parking lots to accommodate current ADA parking requirements.

CIP 190 Annual Street Improvements (current)

Estimated Total Project Cost: \$200,000

This project provides for pavement rehabilitation of streets at various locations. The project would also repair/replace deteriorated portions of sidewalk, curb & gutter, and curb ramps.

CIP 186 Street Improvements - Various Locations (current)

Estimated Total Project Cost: \$1,608,271

This project consists of pavement rehabilitation of streets at various locations. The project also includes the repair or replacement of deteriorated portions of sidewalk, curb & gutter, and curb ramps.

General Plan Consistency:

This report and associated recommendation have been evaluated for their consistency with the City's General Plan. Relevant Policies are listed below:

Infrastructure Element

Goal 1. Infrastructure systems are functional, safe, and well maintained.

Policies

- 1.2 Priority investments. Use City Council established priorities and the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to identify and allocate funding for projects identified in the infrastructure plan.

Goal 2. Roadway infrastructure maintenance supports convenient, attractive, and complete streets and associated amenities.

Policies

- 2.1 Preventive street maintenance. Maintain streets, sidewalks and other public rights-of-way to provide a reliable network for circulation through a proactive preventive maintenance program.
- 2.2 Pavement rating system. Prioritize roadway re-pavement projects by regularly evaluating pavement ratings and identifying roadway segments with the greatest deficiencies.
- 2.3 Street and sidewalk standards. Require the use of standardized roadway, sidewalk, parkway, curb and gutter designs to ensure continuity and consistency as property redevelops over time.

Fiscal Impacts:

The projected SB 1 revenue for the City in Fiscal Year 2021-22 is estimated at \$387,903, which would be expended on the projects listed on the Fiscal Year 2021-22 RMRA Project List (**Attachment 2**).

Attachments:

1. Resolution Adopting a List of Projects For FY 2021-22 Funded by SB1
2. Hermosa Beach Fiscal Year 2021-22 RMRA Project List
3. List of Project Street Locations

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