MEMORANDUM

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: TERESA McCLISH, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

BY: MATTHEW DOWNING, PLANNING MANAGER

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT AN
APPLICATION FOR THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM
CYCLE 4 GRANT AND EXECUTE ANY AGREEMENTS FOR THE USE
OF GRANT FUNDS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HALCYON ROAD
COMPLETE STREETS PLAN (STAFF PROJECT 18-006)

DATE: JULY 24, 2018

SUMMARY OF ACTION:
Authorizing the submittal of a grant application may result in grant funding being made available for implementation of the Halcyon Road Complete Streets Plan, which is in the final stages of approval.

IMPACT ON FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL RESOURCES:
Staff resources will be necessary for administration should a grant application be successful. Potential grant funds could exceed $5,000,000 if successful.

RECOMMENDATION:
It is recommended that the City Council adopt a Resolution authorizing the Community Development Director to submit an application for the Active Transportation Program Cycle 4 Grant and execute any agreements necessary for the use of grant funds.

BACKGROUND:
On September 26, 2013, Governor Brown signed legislation creating the Active Transportation Program (ATP). The ATP consolidates existing federal and state transportation programs, including the Transportation Alternatives Program, Bicycle Transportation Account, and State Safe Routes to School, into a single program with a focus to make California a national leader in active transportation. The purpose of ATP is to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation by achieving several goals, including:

1. Increase the proportion of trips accomplished by biking and walking;
2. Increase safety and mobility for non-motorized users;
3. Advance the active transportation efforts of regional agencies to achieve greenhouse gas reduction goals;
4. Enhance public health;
5. Ensure that disadvantaged communities fully share in the benefits of the program; and
6. Provide a broad spectrum of projects to benefit many types of active transportation users.

The ATP is now in its fourth cycle, with applications due July 31, 2018.

In 2014/2015, the City received a Sustainable Transportation Planning (STP) Grant for development of the Halcyon Road Complete Streets Plan (the “Plan”), which proposes multimodal transportation enhancements so that all travel modes are accommodated, and will promote safe and convenient walking and bicycling for residents and visitors alike. The Community Development Department has been working to develop the Plan since receiving the STP Grant and is completing environmental review prior to action by the Council.

ANALYSIS OF ISSUES:
The ATP grant application is an opportunity to receive funding to implement the multimodal enhancements identified for Halcyon Road. These enhancements were developed based on existing and projected future conditions and through an extensive public outreach effort, which included multiple charrettes where community members interactively voted on priorities and features. It is anticipated that the plan will move forward to Council with two (2) alternatives. The ATP grant would be utilized to implement the alternative selected when the Plan is adopted by the Council. The ATP has different levels of project funding and it is anticipated that, should the City’s application be successful, resulting funding for implementation of the Plan could total between $5,000,000 and $7,000,000.

ALTERNATIVES:
The following alternatives are provided for the Council’s consideration:
1. Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the Community Development Director to submit an application for ATP Cycle 4 Grant funding and execute any agreements necessary for the use of grant funds;
2. Modify and adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the Community Development Director to submit an application for ATP Cycle 4 Grant funding and execute any agreements necessary for the use of grant funds; or
3. Provide direction to staff.

ADVANTAGES:
Submittal of the grant application could result in the awarding of funds to implement the final Halcyon Road Complete Streets Plan, which was developed utilizing other grant...
funds and will be instrumental in addressing deficiencies on Halcyon Road, including vehicle speeds, congestion, and lack of pedestrian access.

DISADVANTAGES:
If the grant is approved, considerable staff time will be necessary to administer the grant. However, if no application is made, or the grant is not awarded, the Halcyon Road Complete Streets Plan will not be able to be implemented on a large scale in the foreseeable future.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:
Environmental review is not required for submittal of grant applications.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION AND COMMENTS:
The Agenda was posted at City Hall and on the City’s website in accordance with Government Code 54954.2. At the time of report publication, no comments were received.
RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE AUTHORIZING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT THE GRANT APPLICATION AND TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY AGREEMENTS FOR THE USE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CYCLE 4 GRANT

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Arroyo Grande is eligible to receive federal and/or state funding for active transportation improvements through the Active Transportation Program (ATP); and

WHEREAS, the City has been working to develop the Halcyon Road Complete Streets Plan; and

WHEREAS, the ATP could provide funding to implement the Halcyon Road Complete Streets Plan; and

WHEREAS, agreements may be needed to be executed before such funds can be claimed should the City’s application be successful; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Arroyo Grande wishes to delegate authorization to execute any such agreements and any amendments thereto to the Community Development Director.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Arroyo Grande hereby authorizes the Community Development Director to submit the ATP Cycle 4 Grant application and to execute any necessary agreements thereto.

On motion by Council Member           seconded by Council Member           and by the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

The foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted this 24th day of July, 2018.
JIM HILL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

KELLY WETMORE, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

JAMES A. BERGMAN, CITY MANAGER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

HEATHER K. WHITHAM, CITY ATTORNEY