



# City of Stockton

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### Summary

Funding agencies have recently invited grant applications for two separate programs: the CMAQ and Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Programs. The CMAQ Improvement Program funds transportation projects that contribute to attainment or maintenance of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone, carbon monoxide, and particulate matter. Public Works' staff is preparing applications for 10 projects for submission to SJCOG for funding consideration under the CMAQ grant program. The CMAQ Improvement Program is federal funding, and requires a minimum 11.47 percent local match.

The Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program funds planning projects that develop and implement plans that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve and support infill development and equity through improvement of existing infrastructure, and achieve other sustainability objectives. Public Works' staff intends to submit two project applications to the Strategic Growth Council through the State Department of Conservation for funding consideration, one of which is an Environmental Justice set-aside project. Successful applicants are required to provide a 10 percent local match, which can be comprised of five percent local funds and five percent in-kind services. The match requirement is waived for applications that qualify as an Environmental Justice set-aside project.

## DISCUSSION

### Background

As a result of calls for projects, staff is considering several projects for submittal to the CMAQ and Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives programs. City policy requires Council approval when the grant amount and required match are over the City Manager's signing authority. Additionally, the Planning Grant program requires that a resolution with specified language be adopted by Council.

### CMAQ

The CMAQ Improvement Program was initially authorized in 1991, under the federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, as a result of the amendments in 1990 to the Clean Air Act to bolster America's efforts to improve air quality. The CMAQ Improvement Program was reauthorized in 2005 under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users transportation legislation and, again, with the 2012 reauthorizing legislation Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21).

Funding is available for "non-attainment" areas that do not meet the NAAQS, as well as former non-attainment areas that are now in compliance (maintenance areas). The City of Stockton lies within the San Joaquin Valley non-attainment area. The formula for distribution of funds considers an area's population, and the severity of its ozone and carbon monoxide problems within the non-attainment or

maintenance area, with greater weight given to areas that are both carbon monoxide and ozone non-attainment/ maintenance areas. Through SJCOG, \$20.2 million is now being made available for fiscal years 2016/17 and 2017/18.

The CMAQ Improvement Program funds transportation projects that contribute to attainment or maintenance of the NAAQS for ozone, carbon monoxide, and particulate matter. Past CMAQ-funded City projects included Bus Rapid Transit, numerous traffic signals, Adaptive Traffic Control and Interconnect Systems, and other congestion relief projects.

### Sustainable Communities Planning Grant

The Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program is funded by Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006. The program funds local governments and regional agencies to develop and implement plans that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and achieve other sustainability objectives. Program objectives include promoting equity, public health, energy efficiency and conservation, increasing infill and compact development, revitalizing urban and community centers, reducing automobile usage and fuel consumption, and strengthening the economy. Grant requests for amounts from \$50,000 to \$1 million will be considered.

The current funding cycle under this program has approximately \$16 million available. Approximately \$4 million (25 percent) is set aside for proposals that include and specifically benefit Environmental Justice communities. The grant program defines Environmental Justice communities as those that receive the top ten percent of statewide scores for communities that are disproportionately burdened by multiple sources of pollution. Scores are calculated by the State of California using a complex screening methodology. Most of Stockton falls within the top five to ten percent range. If the State Department of Conservation does not receive enough proposals for the Environmental Justice set-aside, that funding will be returned to the primary funding pool.

### Present Situation

#### CMAQ

Grant applications for the CMAQ Improvement Program are due to SJCOG by February 14, 2014. A CMAQ Program scoring committee consisting of local agencies, including the City of Stockton and other SJCOG staff representatives, is scheduled to evaluate applications on February 20, 2014. The SJCOG Board is anticipated to approve the list of projects to be funded in March 2014. A minimum 11.47 percent local match is required from non-federal funding sources in order to receive federal CMAQ funding. In response to SJCOG's call for projects, staff is preparing applications for the following projects that have been identified as a need and are expected to score competitively under the CMAQ scoring criteria:

- Bicycle Route Improvements at Various Locations (signage and lane additions)
- Pedestrian Hybrid Signal on Pacific Avenue between March Lane and Yokuts Avenue
- West Lane Responsive Traffic Control System
- Thornton Road/Lower Sacramento Road/Hammer Lane Triangle Left Turn Lanes
- "Road Diet" (reduction of vehicle traffic lanes) on Robinhood Drive between Pacific and Pershing Avenues to Install Bicycle Lanes

- Roundabout at Lincoln Street and Eighth Street
- Roundabout at Miner Avenue and Sutter Street
- Roundabout at Hammertown Drive and Montauban Avenue
- Roundabout at Swain Road and Morgan Place
- Bus Rapid Transit Improvements (Phase V) in the Downtown Area

Detailed estimates for these projects have not been finalized, but it is anticipated that the final requested grant funds will be in the \$5 million to \$7 million range. Approved funding received by the City for the last CMAQ cycle was approximately \$5.3 million.

### Sustainable Communities Planning Grant

The application deadline to the State Department of Conservation for the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant is February 28, 2014. The State Department of Conservation staff will review and score the applications and make funding recommendations to the Strategic Growth Council. A 10 percent match comprised of a combination of five percent local funds and five percent in-kind services will be required for successful applications.

Public Works' staff proposes to submit the following two planning projects:

- Miner Avenue Complete Streets Planning Project
- Update of the City's Bicycle Master Plan

Requested funding for these two projects is anticipated to be approximately \$750,000.

Staff is currently working to develop final project details and corresponding cost estimates. The exact sources of the local matching funding for both grant programs will be determined when funding awards are known. These sources could include, but are not limited to, Air Quality Public Facilities Fees, Street Public Facilities Fees, and various Measure K funds.

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY

No appropriations are required at this time, and there is no impact to the City's General Fund or to any other unrestricted fund as a result taking of the recommended actions.

The CMAQ Improvement Program funding will be available in fiscal years 2016/17 and 2017/18. There will be time to plan and identify a matching funding source, and specific proposed funding appropriations will be included in a future Capital Improvement Program. The Sustainable Communities Planning Grant funding will be available upon award. If one or both of the City's proposed projects are awarded funding, staff will return to Council to request the necessary appropriations at that time.

Resolution No.

## STOCKTON CITY COUNCIL

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### **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT AND INCENTIVES PROGRAM UNDER THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006 (PROPOSITION 84)**

The Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the program shown above; and

The Strategic Growth Council has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures; and

Said procedures established by the Strategic Growth Council require a resolution certifying the approval of applications by the City Council before submission of said applications to the State; and

The applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the development of the proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City Manager is authorized to approve the filing of applications for the Miner Avenue Complete Streets Planning Project, and the Bicycle Master Plan update, in order to become a sustainable community.
2. Certifies that applicant understands the assurances and certification in the application.
3. Certifies that applicant or title holder will have sufficient funds to develop the proposals or will secure the resources to do so.
4. Certifies that the proposals will comply with any applicable laws and regulations.
5. Appoints the Public Works Director, or designee, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned projects.

6. The City Manager is authorized to take whatever actions are necessary and appropriate to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED January 28, 2014.

ATTEST:

ANTHONY SILVA, Mayor  
of the City of Stockton

BONNIE PAIGE, City Clerk  
of the City of Stockton