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Agenda Item No.: 8

Date: June 27, 2012

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Ed Domingue, Director for Engineering Services

SUBJECT: Highway Safety Improvement Program Application

RECOMMENDATION:

It is requested that Council adopt Resolution No. 2012-117, authorizing the Director of Engineering Services or his designee to complete an application to Caltrans for a federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant to support the East Valley Parkway Widening Project – Beven Drive to Northern City Limits.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The East Valley Parkway Widening Project is anticipated to be a \$4.5-5 million construction project. Maximum HSIP funds per project are \$900,000; the maximum reimbursement ratio is 90%. Match will be Transnet funds.

CORRELATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL ACTION PLAN:

This item relates to the Council's Action Plan regarding Economic Development.

BACKGROUND:

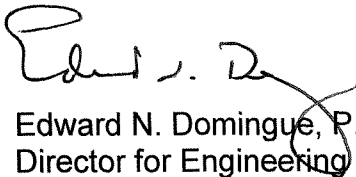
Phases of the East Valley Parkway Widening Project south of this project site have been completed and the County has completed improvements on Valley Center Road to the north of this project. The Engineering Division is currently evaluating a proposal for engineering services for the East Valley Parkway Widening Project between Beven Drive and Northern City Limits from Bureau Veritas.

The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), codified as Section 148 of Title 23, United States Code (23 U.S.C. §148) was elevated to a core program as a result of the passage of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). The purpose of this funding is to reduce fatalities and serious injuries with an emphasis on data driven projects. HSIP funds are eligible for work on any public road or publicly owned bicycle/pedestrian pathway or trail, or on tribal lands for general use of tribal members. For a project to be eligible for HSIP funding, a specific safety problem must be identified for correction and the proposed

countermeasure must correct or substantially improve the condition. All proposed projects must lead to the construction of safety improvements and awards will be made on a benefit-cost basis.

The East Valley Parkway Widening Project from Beven Drive to Northern City Limits will accommodate increased traffic demands and reduce congestion on this segment of the parkway by widening it to a minimum of four lanes with a center median. The project will include traffic signal modifications at Lake Wohlford Road and bridge widening over Escondido Creek at Lake Wohlford Road. The project is preliminarily scheduled to begin construction in 2015. The Engineering Department will apply for a maximum of \$900,000 in federal funding from Caltrans as part of the project.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ed N. Domingue", is written over the printed name and title.

Edward N. Domingue, P.E.
Director for Engineering Services

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-117

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA,
AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF
ENGINEERING SERVICES OR HIS
DESIGNEE TO APPLY TO CALTRANS FOR A
HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM GRANT TO SUPPORT THE EAST
VALLEY PARKWAY WIDENING PROJECT –
BEVEN DRIVE TO NORTHERN CITY LIMITS

WHEREAS, the Highway Safety Improvement Program ("HSIP"), codified as Section 148 of Title 23, United States Code ("23 U.S.C. §148") was elevated to a core program as a result of the passage of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users ("SAFETEA-LU"); and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2012, the California Department of Transportation's Local Assistance Program put out a call for projects for HSIP Cycle 5 and High Risk Rural Roads ("HR3") Cycle 3; and

WHEREAS, the amount of federal safety funds available for the local HSIP program in this call for projects is expected to be approximately \$100 million; and

WHEREAS, HSIP funds are eligible for work on any public road or publicly owned bicycle/pedestrian pathway or trail, or on tribal lands for general use of tribal members, that corrects or improves the safety for its users; and

WHEREAS, the City of Escondido plans to begin a East Valley Parkway Widening Project from Beven Drive to Northern City Limits; and

WHEREAS, the East Valley Parkway Widening Project from Beven Drive to Northern City Limits will include traffic safety improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Escondido, California, as follows:

1. That the above recitations are true.
2. That the City Council authorizes the Director of Engineering Services or his designee to apply to Caltrans for a Highway Safety Improvement Program grant.