



City of Santa Ana
20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92701
Staff Report
October 15, 2024

TOPIC: McFadden Avenue Transit Signal Priority Pilot Project

AGENDA TITLE

Cooperative Agreement with Orange County Transportation Authority for the McFadden Avenue Transit Signal Priority Pilot Project (Project No. 25-6030) (Non-General Fund)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Approve an appropriation adjustment recognizing Regional Early Action Planning 2.0 funding in the amount of \$3,690,000 into the Public Services-Street Safety Projects, State Grant-Indirect revenue account and appropriate the same amount into the Regional Early Action Planning Grant, Improvements Other Than Building expenditure account. *(Requires five affirmative votes)*
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute a cooperative agreement with Orange County Transportation Authority in an amount not to exceed \$3,690,000, for the design, construction, and evaluation of the McFadden Avenue Transit Signal Priority Pilot Project, effective upon full approval of the agreement through December 31, 2026, with the option to be extended (Agreement No. A-2024-XXX).
3. Approve an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Capital Improvement Program to include \$3,690,000 in design and construction funds for the McFadden Avenue Transit Signal Priority Pilot Project (No. 25-6030).

GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 APPLIES: Yes

DISCUSSION

On April 12, 2023, Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), in cooperation with City of Santa Ana, submitted an application to Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) for Regional Early Action Planning (REAP 2.0) grant funding which seeks to accelerate progress towards state housing goals and climate commitments through a strengthened partnership between the state, its regions, and local entities. REAP 2.0 seeks to accelerate infill housing development, reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled, increase housing supply at all affordability levels, affirmatively further fair housing, and facilitate the implementation of adopted regional and local plans to achieve these goals.

On July 6, 2023, SCAG awarded OCTA \$11 million in state funding REAP 2.0 grant funds for 11 OCTA planning, outreach, transit, active transportation, and transit signal priority projects which included funding for the McFadden Avenue Transit Signal Priority (TSP) Pilot project.

The McFadden Avenue Transit Signal Priority (TSP) Pilot Project will enhance the City's planned improvements for McFadden Avenue by providing funding to design and install innovative transit improvements, including transit signal priority, bus shelters, and real-time bus arrival signage. These improvements will benefit the Santa Ana residents who utilize OCTA's Route 66, one of the highest ridership bus routes in Orange County. Route 66 services Orange County bus riders from Irvine Valley College to Goldenwest College in Huntington Beach while traversing the cities of Irvine, Tustin, Santa Ana, Garden Grove, Westminster, and Huntington Beach primarily through McFadden Avenue. The route consists of approximately 152 stops covering both directions with nearly 60 of them in Santa Ana. Tentatively, the project includes adding the following improvements:

- 39 Real-time arrival information displays
- 25 Bus shelters and trash receptacles
- 25 Overhead lighting fixtures
- Seven bus stop relocations with bus pads

Under the proposed cooperative agreement, the City agrees to deliver the project per the scope and guidelines approved by SCAG. Project delivery will include City in-house engineering design and procurement of consultants and/or contractors, as necessary, to complete the project within the expenditure period of the REAP 2.0 funds. The City will draw funds up to the authorized amount and request reimbursement from OCTA. These improvements will be coordinated with the McFadden Bikeway Project Improvements to deliver both projects simultaneously without overlapping or duplicative work.

Staff recommends the approval of the proposed Cooperative Agreement with OCTA (Exhibit 1) in order to identify the roles and responsibilities of each agency, including provisions from SCAG, to ensure compliance with REAP 2.0 grant funding guidelines and identify OCTA's responsibilities for reimbursement and reporting to SCAG.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

There is no environmental impact associated with the action.

FISCAL IMPACT

With the approval of the requested appropriation adjustment, \$3,690,000 in REAP 2.0 grant funds will be recognized in the Public Services-Street Safety Projects, State Grant-Indirect revenue account (No. 14717002-52027) and appropriate it for spending in the Regional Early Action Planning Grant, Improvements Other Than Building expenditure account (No. 14717613-66220). The following table summarizes the funds budgeted for FY 2024-25. Any unspent budget in FY2024-25 will be included in future-year carryforward for City Council consideration.

Fiscal Year	Accounting Unit - Account No. (Project No.)	Fund Description	Accounting Unit - Account No. Description	Amount
Appropriation Adjustment				
2024-25	14717613-66220 (25-6030)	Street Safety Programs	Regional Early Action Plng Grt, Improvements Other Than Building	\$3,690,000
TOTAL				\$3,690,000

EXHIBIT(S)

1. Cooperative Agreement
2. FY 2024-25 Capital Improvement Program Sheet

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Approved By: Alvaro Nuñez, City Manager