



**City of Santa Ana**  
**20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92701**  
**Staff Report**  
**February 20, 2024**

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**TOPIC:** SARTC Beautification Projects

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**AGENDA TITLE**

Approve an Appropriation Adjustment for the Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center Transit Beautification Projects

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approve an appropriation adjustment to recognize \$1,975,000 in Clean California Local Grant Program funding from the California Department of Transportation for the Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center Painting and Wrought Iron Fencing project and the Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center Outdoor Water Fountain Renovation project. *(Requires five affirmative votes)*

**GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 APPLIES** No

**DISCUSSION**

In September 1985, the Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center (SARTC) was opened and quickly became a major transportation hub in Orange County. Located at 1000 E Santa Ana Blvd., Santa Ana, CA 92701, SARTC serves as a hub for various transportation services, including Amtrak intercity rail service, Metrolink commuter rail service, and several local and regional bus services (i.e. Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), Greyhound, and other bus services). The Spanish and Mediterranean Revival architectural style of SARTC features ceramic red barrel roof tiles, stucco-style walls, and extensive use of painted tiles for decoration. Many features are original to the facility.

The Public Works Agency (PWA)'s, Parks, Fleet, and Facilities Services Division submitted two successful grant applications for funding to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Clean California Local Grant Program to revitalize the SARTC. On December 5, 2023, the City Council adopted Resolution 2023-090 and 2023-091, which authorized the Executive Director of the Public Works Agency to execute agreements with Caltrans for the following two projects:

- SARTC Painting and Wrought Iron Fencing Project

The existing exterior paint of the SARTC has faded and chipped, leaving the facility looking neglected and outdated. The existing dilapidated wrought iron fence is also worn out and has significant rust that requires removal and/or replacement. The proposed project to repaint the exterior of the SARTC and repair the wrought iron fencing aims to provide an appealing and pleasing commuting environment for the community and overall region. This entails the removal of existing wrought iron fencing and installation of new perimeter fencing.

- SARTC Outdoor Water Fountain Renovation Project  
 As the main decorative art installation of the SARTC's entrance, the outdoor water fountain intends to enhance the commuter experience by providing an aesthetically pleasing and tranquil environment. The water fountain has been inoperable for over 5 years, is chipping in many locations, has algae build-up, and does not have running water or power. After careful inspection and consideration, staff concluded that the water fountain, including everything that fed into or out of the fountain, needs replacement. The design includes removing the existing outdoor water fountain and replacing it with a new fountain, including plumbing, pump, and electrical components.

Both projects are anticipated to be completed by December 31, 2024. To ensure the timely delivery of these projects, staff recommends approving the appropriation adjustments recognizing the grant funding.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Approval of the requested Appropriation Adjustments will recognize California Department of Transportation, Clean California Local Grant Program grant funds totaling \$1,975,000 into the PWA-SARTC Operations, State Grant-Direct revenue account (No. 06717002-52025), and appropriate \$1,475,000 into the PWA-SARTC Operations, Buildings & Building Improvements expenditure account (No. 06717650-66200) and \$500,000 into the PWA-SARTC Operations, Improvements Other Than Buildings expenditure account (No. 06717650-66220).

The following table summarizes the funds budgeted in FY 2023-24 and available for expenditure to deliver these projects.

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Accounting Unit - Account No.</b>	<b>Fund Description</b>	<b>Accounting Unit, Account No. Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Appropriation Adjustment</b>				
2023-24	06717650-66200	Regional Transp Center	PWA-SARTC Operations, Buildings & Building Improvements	\$1,475,000

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2023-24	06717650-66220	Regional Transp Center	PWA-SARTC Operations, Improvements Other Than Buildings	\$500,000
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$1,975,000</b>

**EXHIBIT(S)**

1. Caltrans Agreement – SARTC Painting and Wrought Iron Fencing
2. Caltrans Agreement – SARTC Outdoor Water Fountain Renovation

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Approved By: Tom Hatch, Interim City Manager