



DATE: March 25, 2015

AGENDA ITEM # 5

**TO:** Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Commission

**FROM:** Cedric Novenario, Staff Liaison

**SUBJECT:** Community Block Development Grant (CDBG) Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Project

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Review and recommend the proposed CIP project for use of FY 15/16 and 16/17 CDBG funds

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**BACKGROUND**

The City has participated in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program since 1975 as part of the Urban County CDBG Program, which is administered by the County of Santa Clara. This program provides CDBG funds for capital projects that benefit low and very low-income household, or otherwise disadvantaged persons. Projects funded by these grant monies include affordable housing developments, housing rehabilitation loans and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access barrier removal improvements.

In 2014, the City Council adopted a Resolution authorizing execution of a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) between the City of Los Altos and County of Santa Clara allowing the City to participate in the program through September of 2017.

The City has funded CIP TS-01008 ADA Accessibility in fiscal years 13/14 and 14/15 through the CDBG program completing individual projects recommended by the BPAC. Recently completed projects under TS-01008 include MSC Driveway ADA improvements and South San Antonio Road ADA improvements.

**DISCUSSION**

CDBG CIP project recommendations are presented in April in anticipation of a July 1 contract start date with Santa Clara County. Due to a significant reduction in federal funding to the CDBG nationwide, the City's allocation for Fiscal Year 2015/16 is expected to be between \$65,000 and \$75,000. Previous annual allocations have ranged from \$60,000 to \$130,000.

City staff conducted an inventory of all downtown parking plaza driveway entrances shown in Attachment A. It was discovered that of 63 existing driveway approaches 7 were found to be non-compliant and presented to be an access barrier to those with disabilities traveling along the public sidewalk or attempting to access the public sidewalk from accessible parking spaces within the parking plazas. Staff requests the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission recommend the replacement of driveway approaches listed in Attachment A be prioritized for use of CDBG funds.

The proposed CIP project will be completed over a two-year timeframe with design and partial construction completed in the first fiscal year and remaining construction completed in the second fiscal year of the funding. The proposed CIP project will be included in the upcoming five-year CIP being developed as part of the City's two- year budget cycle process.

Attachment

A. Downtown Parking Lot Driveway Approach Inventory