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COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: Resolution Accepting 2014 Transportation Demand Management Congestion, Mitigation and Air Quality Grant Funds from the Washington State Department of Transportation – April 26, 2016
DATE: April 5, 2016

SUMMARY:

A resolution authorizing the execution of a grant agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$270,000; accepting and depositing said sum into the General Fund, to continue work on transportation issues and enhance livability and economic development in downtown Tacoma from July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

- Strengthen and support a safe city with healthy residents.
- Assure outstanding stewardship of the natural and built environment.

This grant funds programs that encourage people to walk, bike and use transit. These modes of transportation are all more environmentally friendly than driving and all “active” transportation contributes to the health of Tacoma’s citizens.

BACKGROUND:

In fall of 2014, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) received a \$3.6 million Federal 2014 Regional Congestion, Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant through the Puget Sound Regional Council for Transportation Demand Management (TDM) programs in select regional centers. The City of Tacoma’s downtown region is one of the areas targeted for trip reduction with encouraging and incentivizing walking, biking and transit use through education and outreach programs in conjunction with Downtown On the Go. The work in this grant is consistent with a number of policies and goals in the Transportation Master Plan and the Environmental Action Plan. The City of Tacoma was awarded \$270,000 of those funds to develop trip reduction programs in the downtown area. The grant will begin on July 1, 2016 and terminate on June 30, 2018. This grant requires no matching funds from the City.

ISSUE:

This grant will support the City’s efforts to leverage ongoing planning efforts and investments in our downtown growth center; and will allow the City to expand the Downtown on the Go program, provide new initiatives to increase alternate transportation and afford additional data collection opportunities. This grant may be used to help fund additional program staff or contractors needed to support the increased services and efforts. The scope of work for this grant is attached for reference.

ALTERNATIVES:

If the grant funds are not accepted, it will stall work on downtown trip reduction and livability programs, including many that are orchestrated by Downtown On the Go. It would also be a breach of good faith in the City’s relationship with WSDOT because the grant was supported by the City during the application process.



RECOMMENDATION:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

EXPENDITURES:

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME *	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
0010 General Fund, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability	20700	5310100	\$270,000
TOTAL			\$270,000

* General Fund: Include Department

REVENUES:

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
2014 TDM CMAQ from WSDOT	IO 80020343	4333240	\$270,000
TOTAL			\$270,000

POTENTIAL POSITION IMPACT:

POSITION TITLE	PERMANENT/PROJECT TEMPORARY POSITION	FTE IMPACT	POSITION END DATE
Active Transportation Coordinator	Project	In-Kind Support	June 30, 2018
TOTAL			

FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$67,500 in revenue

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? No, revenues are not budgeted at this time but will be upon acceptance.

IF EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THEY ARE TO BE COVERED.

The only expenditures associated with the project will be covered by revenue from the grant funds. A budget adjustment will be completed to recognize the revenue and increase in expenditure budget.