



Memorandum

Date: April 21, 2017
To: Transportation Authority Board
From: Anna LaForte – Deputy Director for Policy and Programming
Subject: 05/09/17 Board Meeting: Adoption of the District 1 Neighborhood Transportation Improvement Program [NTIP Planning] Final Report

<p>RECOMMENDATION <input type="checkbox"/> Information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action</p> <p>Adopt the District 1 Neighborhood Transportation Improvement Program [NTIP Planning] Final Report.</p> <p>SUMMARY</p> <p>The District 1 NTIP Planning project was recommended by former Commissioner Mar for \$100,000 in Prop K sales tax funds to engage the community and develop conceptual designs to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety on routes into Golden Gate Park in the Richmond District. The project was focused on identifying near- and long-term improvements for Arguello Boulevard, with near-term improvements having already reached implementation. The project final report is included as an enclosure in this packet.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Allocation <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Programming <input type="checkbox"/> Policy/Legislation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan/Study <input type="checkbox"/> Capital Project Oversight/Delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Budget/Finance <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Procurement <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
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DISCUSSION

Background.

The District 1 NTIP Planning project was recommended by former Commissioner Mar for \$100,000 in Prop K sales tax funds. The NTIP is intended to strengthen project pipelines and advance the delivery of community-supported neighborhood-scale projects, especially in Communities of Concern and other underserved neighborhoods and areas with at-risk populations (e.g. seniors, children, and/or people with disabilities).

The planning effort was led by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) with the aim of engaging the community, former Commissioner Mar’s office and other relevant stakeholders to plan and develop conceptual designs to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety on north-south routes into Golden Gate Park in the Richmond District. A majority of this project was dedicated to a full corridor planning process for Arguello Boulevard between Golden Gate Park and the Presidio.

In mid-2016, with support from the community and the District 1 commissioner’s office, the SFMTA moved forward with final design and legislation of near-term (paint-only) and long-term (concrete and signal infrastructure) improvements. In May 2016, the Transportation Authority allocated NTIP

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Capital funds to advance the project, with \$188,931 for construction of the near-term improvements and \$10,520 for design of long-term improvements.

Earlier this month, staff from the SFMTA and the Transportation Authority briefed the new District 1 Commissioner (Fewer) and she is comfortable advancing the NTIP plan to the Board for approval. The recommended improvements are summarized below.

Near-term Improvements on Arguello.

Near-term improvements included a painted buffer zone adjacent to the bike lanes on Arguello Boulevard, painted median islands, reconfigured turn pockets, improved crosswalk markings, lengthened bus zones, and other painted upgrades. This work was completed in October 2016.

Long-term Improvements on Arguello.

Long-term improvements include full concrete pedestrian islands, concrete median barriers, concrete bulb-outs, and a new Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon. Construction of these improvements will be coordinated with the upcoming Public Works paving project, which is currently on hold pending confirmation of the Fiscal Year 2017/18 Public Works budget.

Planning for Additional Corridors.

The District 1 NTIP project also included predevelopment activities that aided the SFMTA in developing planning project scopes for additional corridors. The SFMTA is now well underway with planning for 8th Avenue, and is beginning the Central Richmond Neighborway project (Prop K funded) to study traffic calming, bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements on 23rd, 22nd, and 18th Avenues. The 8th Avenue project team has held several public events and is entering the detailed design phase, with a final public outreach event scheduled for summer 2017. The Central Richmond Neighborway project will begin outreach in Summer 2017.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The recommended action would not have an impact on the adopted Fiscal Year 2016/17 budget.

CAC POSITION

The CAC will consider this item at its April 26, 2017 meeting.

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

Enclosure 1 – District 1 NTIP Planning Grant Final Report