

Public Works

AGENDA REPORT

DATE:	October 18, 2022
TO:	Mayor Butt and Members of the City Council
FROM:	Nickie Mastay, Deputy City Manager Jene Levine-Snipes, Development Project Manager
Subject:	Resolution to Accept and Appropriate State of California Department of Transportation Clean California Grant Program Funds for the Yellow Brick Road: Clean, Green, and Beautiful Project
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	These actions do not create any direct cost or liability to the City's General Fund. The actions contemplated here would generate a one-time grant that does not have to be repaid. These funds would be administered by the Public Works Department in accordance with SPP rules and regulations. The Public Works Department, Parks Division will adjust its budget accordingly and set up a fund for this program.
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:	None
STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:	City staff is requesting City Council to approve a resolution to ACCEPT and APPROPRIATE grant funds in the amount of \$4,999,955 from the State of California Department of Transportation (Cal Trans) Clean California Grant Program for Yellow Brick Road: Clean, Green, and Beautiful Project
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	ADOPT a resolution to ACCEPT and APPROPRIATE grant funds in the amount of \$4,999,955 from the State of California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) Clean California Grant Fund – Public Works (Nickie Mastay/Jene Levine-Snipes 510-307-8132).

DISCUSSION:

"Yellow Brick Road: Clean, Green, and Beautiful" is Phase 3 of the Yellow Brick Road Project (YBR) in Richmond's Iron Triangle neighborhood. While Phase 1 constructed pedestrian-friendly street infrastructure, Phase 2 will add plants and trees, and Phase 3 will install human-scale street lighting, litter abatement facilities, wayfinding and placemaking signage, and public art elements to 8th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue in Richmond. The Project also proposes decorative fencing at the two parks that bookend the YBR route (Elm Playlot and Harbour-8 Park) as well as a litter abatement and public art maintenance campaign for residents who live within a 1/4-mile of the project site. This project will clean and beautify the project site, and it will provide necessary placemaking elements to complete the community's vision to create a clean, green, and safe street for biking and walking in the Iron Triangle neighborhood.

On January 31, 2022, City of Richmond staff submitted the application for the Yellow Brick Road: Clean, Green, and Beautiful Project. On May 17, 2022, the City was notified of the grant award. The project must be complete by June 30, 2024.

City staff is requesting City Council to approve the resolution to accept and appropriate the grant funds and adjust the FY2022-2023 revenues and expenditures by \$4,999,955. The project is a result of a collaboration in the grant application submittal with the City of Richmond and Pogo Park.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

Attachment 1 – Resolution Attachment 2 – Grant Award Letter