

STAFF REPORT*CITY OF OCEANSIDE*

DATE: March 27, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Development Services Department

SUBJECT: **ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM FUNDS**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council accept Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Emergency Relief (ER) Program funds for Vista Way from El Camino Real to College Boulevard in an amount not to exceed \$1,566,981 for road damage incurred due to the State Route (SR) 78 emergency repair detour; appropriate the City share from the Measure X Street Restoration/Asphalt Overlay account; and authorize the City Engineer to execute and submit all documents and agreements necessary for the use of these funds and for the completion of the project.

BACKGROUND

The FHWA ER program assists state and local governments with repair or reconstruction of Federal-aid highways that suffered serious damage from natural disasters or catastrophic failure from external causes. Federal-aid highways are public roads that are classified as arterial, urban collectors and major rural collectors. ER funding also supplements resources from States, localities and other Federal agencies to help in the repair of facilities damaged by other eligible events.

ANALYSIS

On March 15, 2023 both directions of SR 78 near El Camino Real were closed due to atmospheric river storm events that flooded the highway. Shortly after reopening the highway, westbound (WB) SR 78 was closed again from approximately College Boulevard to El Camino Real due to a sinkhole resulting from a metal culvert failure. California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) emergency repair efforts required the closure of WB SR 78 for approximately one month, after which the eastbound (EB) direction was closed for another month due to continued emergency repairs. During the emergency repair closure motorists traveling on SR 78 were detoured onto Vista Way for a total of two months, a street adjacent to the highway, between El Camino Real and College Boulevard/ Plaza Drive.

In accordance with the FHWA ER Program, City staff submitted a damage assessment form (DAF) requesting road repair funds for a two-inch asphalt overlay for this portion of Vista Way. The repairs resulted from the substantial increase in vehicular traffic on Vista Way resulting from the SR 78 emergency repair closure detour. In October 2023 City staff was notified of the approved FHWA DAF funding request. Initial coordination efforts with Caltrans and City staff were held in December 2023 to discuss program requirements and next steps.

Upon City Council acceptance of the FHWA ER program funds staff will prepare the construction documents and advertise the project. The project is anticipated to be completed by Fall 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT

The FHWA approved construction cost estimate is approximately \$1,770,000. The ER Program provides an amount not to exceed 88.53 percent Federal reimbursement for actual permanent restoration expenses. The City’s Measure X Street Restoration/Asphalt Overlay account 902159419517.5703 will provide funding for the remaining 11.47 percent City share, equal to the amount of \$203,019 required to complete the work. This Infrastructure account has an available balance of \$2,016,148; therefore, there are sufficient funds available for the City Match.

Description	Amount	Account	Available Balance
FHWA ER-St. RestAsphalt Overly (88.53% of reimbursable amt. of \$1,770,000)	\$1,566,981	822193523274.4381 822193523274.5703	
FHWA ER City Match St Rest (11.47% allocation with funds from Infrastructure Expenses)	\$203,019	902193523517.5703	
Overlay Infrastructure Expense	(\$203,019)	902159419517.5703.10100	\$2,016,148
Total Amount requested	\$1,770,000		

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Does not apply.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

Does not apply.

CITY ATTORNEY’S ANALYSIS


Does not apply.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council accept Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Emergency Relief (ER) Program funds for Vista Way from El Camino Real to College Boulevard in an amount not to exceed \$1,566,981 for road damage incurred due to the State Route (SR) 78 emergency repair detour; appropriate the City share from the Measure X Street Restoration/Asphalt Overlay account; and authorize the City Engineer to execute and submit all documents and agreements necessary for the use of these funds and for the completion of the project.

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