

**REPORT TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL****TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:**

DATE: November 18, 2014

SUBJECT: APPROVE CIP PROJECT NO. 2324 (CITYWIDE CURB RAMP IMPROVEMENTS) AND CIP PROJECT NO. 2325 (FY14-15 CITYWIDE ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS) AND APPROPRIATE PROJECT FUNDING (FUNDED BY: CDBG AND MEASURE J FUNDS)

Report in Brief

These two projects will provide for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Improvements in several areas throughout the City. The City's ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan (SETP), which was adopted by the City Council in October 2009, prioritizes the need for ADA accessibility improvements throughout the City and specifically in high use pedestrian areas and places of public accommodation (i.e., commercial and business zones).

There is sufficient Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding available in the current Citywide ADA Improvements holding account, Project No. 1284 (Citywide Accessibility Improvements) for these appropriations, totaling \$574,000. These projects also require the use of Measure J funds to supplement the appropriated CDBG funds, which cannot be used for administrative project-related costs. There is sufficient Measure J funding available in Project No. 1173 (Citywide Sidewalk Improvement Annual Program) for these appropriations, totaling \$80,000.

Staff recommends that the City Council approve Project No. 2324 (Citywide Curb Ramp Improvements) and appropriate \$400,000 from Project No. 1284 (Citywide Accessibility Improvements) and \$30,000 from Project No. 1173 (Citywide Sidewalk Improvement Annual Program); and approve Project No. 2325 (FY14-15 Citywide Accessibility Improvements in Various Locations) and appropriate \$174,000 from Project No. 1284 (Citywide Accessibility Improvements) and \$50,000 from Project No. 1173 (Citywide Sidewalk Improvement Annual Program), to fully fund the projects.

Background

These proposed projects are FY 2014-15 "spin-offs" of Project No. 1284 (Citywide Accessibility Improvements). Project No. 1284 is the annual holding account for Citywide ADA improvements including curb ramps, sidewalks and other accessibility improvements, which is funded with CDBG funds. Each fiscal year funding is transferred from Project No. 1284 into a new project for implementation and expenditure tracking purposes.

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Both of these projects would provide for the construction of ADA-compliant curb ramps at various locations around the City. The specific scope of work for Project No. 2324 (Citywide Curb Ramp Improvements) includes the construction of 64 concrete ADA-compliant curb ramps and associated driveway and sidewalk improvements. As recommended in the ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan (SETP), this project would be part of the effort to upgrade all non-ADA-compliant curb ramps – especially those in high use pedestrian areas, as well as to places of public accommodation (i.e., commercial and business zones). This project’s main focus will be three specific areas: Clayton Road (near the Concord BART station); Willow Pass Road (between Port Chicago Hwy and Esperanza Street); and Salvio Street (between Port Chicago Hwy and Esperanza Street). Additionally, staff has included the replacement of nine curb ramps in various areas that are in response to specific citizen requests (Attachment 1). Staff is currently completing the scope of work for Project No. 2325 (FY14-15 Citywide Accessibility Improvements in Various Locations) including specific locations, but in general, the project would provide for the construction of various accessibility improvements in high use pedestrian areas throughout the City, including ADA-compliant curb ramps and associated facilities.

Discussion

Every year, the City Council approves an allocation of CDBG funds for the current fiscal year CIP Program to fund ADA improvement projects, including the construction of sidewalk and curb ramps to improve accessibility in various locations citywide. These projects will be the final projects identified for the use of remaining FY 2013-14 funds, as well as the full portion of the FY 2014-15 CDBG funding allocation, which were approved by the City Council in May, 2013 and July, 2014, respectively.

As mentioned above, these projects also require the use of Measure J funds to supplement the appropriated CDBG funds, which cannot be used for administrative project-related costs. Project No. 1173 (Citywide Sidewalk Improvement Annual Program) is the annual holding account for sidewalk repair projects funded with Measure J and other similar funds intended for street improvements, as well as providing the required local match for Project No. 1284’s CDBG Grant. Each fiscal year funding is transferred from Project Nos. 1173 and 1284 into new projects for implementation and expenditure tracking purposes.

The requested funding appropriation would allow staff to begin work on the design plans, with an estimated project schedule which includes bidding Project No. 2324 in January, 2015, beginning construction in February/March, 2015 and completion by May, 2015. For Project No. 2325, staff estimates completion of design plans by June, 2015 and bidding the project by August, 2015.

Fiscal Impact

Project No. 2324 (Citywide Curb Ramp Improvements) requires an appropriation of approximately \$430,000 to fully fund the project including construction and associated administrative costs. Staff recommends funding this through a \$30,000 budget transfer in Measure J (Fund 475) from Project No. 1173 (Citywide Sidewalk Improvement Annual Program) and a \$400,000 budget transfer in CDBG funds (Fund 254) from Project No. 1284 (Citywide Accessibility Improvements), to Project No. 2324. There is sufficient funding available in both of these projects for the requested appropriations.

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Project No. 2325 (FY14-15 Citywide Accessibility Improvements in Various Locations) requires an appropriation of approximately \$224,000 to fully fund the project including construction and associated administrative costs. Staff recommends funding this through a \$50,000 budget transfer in Measure J (Fund 475) from Project No. 1173 (Citywide Sidewalk Improvement Annual Program) and a \$174,000 budget transfer in CDBG funds (Fund 254) from Project No. 1284 (Citywide Accessibility Improvements), to Project No. 2325. There is sufficient funding available in both of these projects for the requested appropriations.

Public Contact

The City Council Agenda was posted.

Recommendation for Action

Staff recommends that the City Council approve Project No. 2324 (Citywide Curb Ramp Improvements) and appropriate \$400,000 from Project No. 1284 (Citywide Accessibility Improvements) and \$30,000 from Project No. 1173 (Citywide Sidewalk Improvement Annual Program); and approve Project No. 2325 (FY14-15 Citywide Accessibility Improvements in Various Locations) and appropriate \$174,000 from Project No. 1284 (Citywide Accessibility Improvements) and \$50,000 from Project No. 1173 (Citywide Sidewalk Improvement Annual Program), to fully fund the projects.

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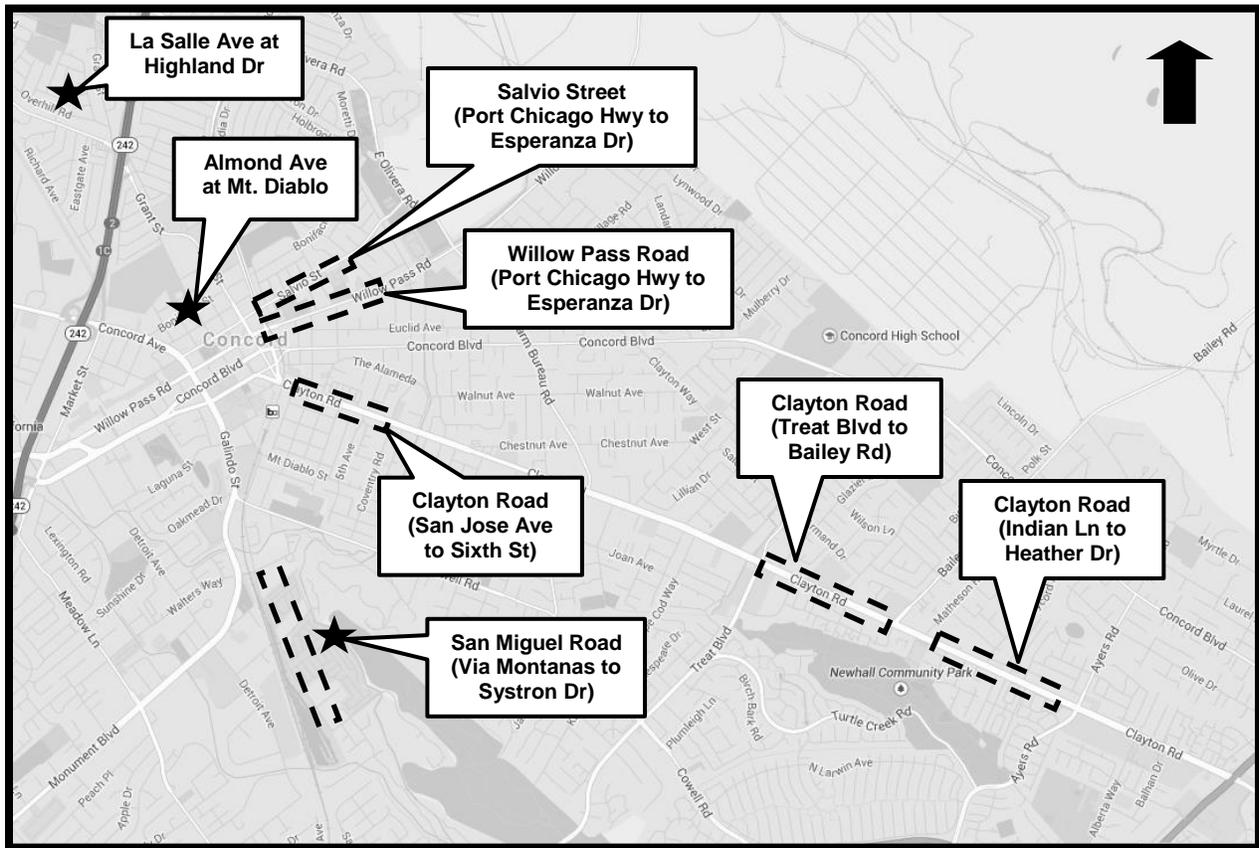
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Attachment 1: Location Map – PJ2324



LOCATION MAP

PROJECT NO. 2324

CITYWIDE CURB RAMP IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

NO SCALE

(Clayton Road – 25 ramps: from San Jose Ave to Sixth St, from Treat Blvd to Bailey Rd; and from Indian Ln to Heather Dr)

(Salvio Street – 15 ramps from Port Chicago Hwy to Esperanza Dr)

(Willow Pass Road – 15 ramps from Port Chicago Hwy to Esperanza Dr)

★ Citizen Requests – 9 ramps: Almond Ave at Mt. Diablo St; La Salle Ave at Highland Dr; and San Miguel Rd between Via Montanas & Systron Dr