

Agenda Report Reviewed by:
City Manager: 

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM

Meeting Date: April 20, 2021
To: Honorable Mayor and Honorable City Councilmembers
From: Joe Gaffney, City Engineer
Subject: Adoption of Resolution Approving an SB 1 Proposed Project List for Fiscal Year 2021-22
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution Approving the SB1 Proposed Project List.
Funding: Currently Budgeted: Yes No N/A
Net General Fund Cost: \$ none

Account Code/Costs authorized in City Approved Budget AK (verified by Administrative Services Department)

INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE:

The item is for the adoption of a Resolution approving the SB 1 proposed project list. The proposed action supports Council’s Goal #2, *Maintain, Improve and Invest in the City’s Infrastructure*.

BACKGROUND:

The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, also known as SB 1, has resulted in funding from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) to local agencies for road maintenance and rehabilitation projects, complete street components, and on critical safety projects. RMRA funds can also be used as a local match for State and Federal funds for eligible projects. Prior to receiving funds, a local agency must annually submit a list of projects proposed to be funded with RMRA funds to the California Transportation Commission (CTC). The funds are population-based apportionments to local agencies. The State Controller’s Office will determine if SB 1 expenditures were eligible during audits.

To receive RMRA funding, the City must annually expend from its general fund for street, road, and highway purposes an amount not less than the annual average of its expenditures from its general fund during fiscal years 2009–10, 2010–11, and 2011–12. This is known as the Maintenance of Effort (MOE). Starting next fiscal year, the MOE base years will change to fiscal years 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20. The State Controller’s Office reviews compliance with MOE during audits.

DISCUSSION:

The City manages paving and other street-related infrastructure work in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) which lists potential projects together with anticipated time frame, estimated cost, and sources of funds. Many CIP projects are for pavement preservation or repair, or infrastructure for bicycles and pedestrians. The application for use of RMRA funds together with a Proposed Projects List is submitted to CTC. The Projects List requires the adoption of a Resolution of proposed list of projects and subsequent submittal of the Resolution to the CTC. The projects on the proposed list are included in the City’s adopted 5-year CIP.

The SB 1 proposed list of projects, including required information to be submitted to the CTC are shown in the table that follows. There is no use-it-or-lose-it requirement in SB 1, so multi-year projects are eligible.

Project Name	Description	Approximate Locations	Est Useful Life	Year of Completion
Citywide Paving of Local Streets	Paving and repairs of various local streets	Hanson Ct., Kathleen Ct., Cleveland Ave.	15	2022
Bodega Avenue Resurfacing	Design and construction of resurfacing and shoulder improvements along Bodega Ave.	Bodega Avenue between High Street to Pleasant Hill Rd.	30	2023

SB 1 funds are not intended to replace discretionary general fund sources that have been the typically used for street maintenance and rehabilitation and the Maintenance of Effort must be maintained. Although the project list above is provided to the CTC, the City does not need to amend a project list and resubmit to the CTC mid-year should priorities/projects change.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

As of the writing of this staff report, the City has not received any public comment. However, if staff receives public comment from interested parties following the publication and distribution of this staff report, such comments will be provided to the City Council as supplemental materials before or at the meeting. In addition, public comments may be offered during the public comment portion of this item.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

This item was noticed in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and was available for public viewing and review at least 72 hours prior to schedule meeting date.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

Disbursement of RMRA monies projected for FY 2021-22 is proposed to be 154,000. This is slightly higher than the current fiscal year. For FY 2020-21, the City projected to receive 140,500 and for FY 2019-20 the City received \$146,500.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council adopt the Resolution Approving the Proposed Projects List for SB 1 projects funding for FY 2021-22.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution Approving the Proposed SB 1 Projects for FY 2021-22

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL APPROVING A LIST OF
PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 FUNDED BY SB 1,
THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

WHEREAS, the City of Sebastopol (City) has a pavement preservation and management program for its Local Streets and Roads; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017) was passed by the Legislature and Signed into law by the Governor in April 2017 in order to address the significant multi-modal transportation funding shortfalls statewide; and

WHEREAS, SB 1 includes accountability and transparency provisions that will ensure the residents of our City are aware of the projects proposed for funding in our community and which projects have been completed each fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, this is the fifth year in which the City is receiving SB 1 funding and will enable the City to continue essential road maintenance and rehabilitation projects, safety improvements, repairing and replacing aging bridges, and increasing access and mobility options for the traveling public that would not have otherwise been possible without SB 1; and

WHEREAS, the City must approve by resolution a list of all projects proposed to receive funding from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA), created by SB 1, which must include a description and the location of each proposed project, a proposed schedule for the project's completion, and the estimated useful life of the improvement; and

WHEREAS, these guidelines set May 1, 2021 as the deadline for all cities and counties to submit their FY 2021–22 SB 1 project lists to become eligible for SB 1 funds; and

WHEREAS, the City will receive an estimated \$154,500 in RMRA funding in Fiscal Year 2021-22 from SB 1; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has discussed the proposed projects on the list at various Council meetings and/or included the project(s) in the City's adopted Five Year Capital Improvement program; and

WHEREAS, the City considered the Pavement Management System and other infrastructure priorities to develop the SB 1 project list to ensure revenues are being used on the most high-priority and cost-effective projects that also meet the City's priorities for transportation investment; and

WHEREAS, the funding from SB 1 will help the City make pedestrian accessibility and safety improvements and rehabilitate roads this year and the following years; and

WHEREAS, the City can amend the SB 1 project list via resolution at any time if needed; and

WHEREAS, without revenue from SB 1, the City’s roads would continue to deteriorate due to the lack of funding to repair and maintain our street infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, maintaining and preserving the local street and road system in good condition will reduce drive times and traffic congestion, improve bicycle safety, and make the pedestrian experience safer and more appealing, which leads to reduce vehicle emissions helping the State achieve its air quality and greenhouse gas emissions reductions goals; and

WHEREAS, restoring roads before they fail also reduces construction time which results in less air pollution from heavy equipment and less water pollution from site run- off; and

WHEREAS, the SB 1 project list and overall investment in our local streets and roads infrastructure with a focus on basic maintenance and safety, investing in complete streets infrastructure will have significant positive benefits for the community.

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, ORDERED AND FOUND by the City Council of the City of Sebastopol, as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.
2. The approval of the following list of projects planned to be funded with Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account revenues:

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3. The City Manager is authorized to do everything necessary and appropriate to prepare and submit the required documentation to the CTC for the City’s SB 1 project list and the SB 1 expenditures reports for FY 2021-22.

The above and foregoing Resolution was duly passed, approved, and adopted at a meeting by the City Council on the 20th Day of April 2021, by the following vote:

VOTE:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

APPROVED: _____
Mayor Una Glass

ATTEST: _____
Mary Gourley, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, MMC

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
Larry McLaughlin, City Attorney