REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE:
JUNE 19, 2018

TITLE:
ADOPT A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING CIRCULATION ELEMENT CONSISTENCY WITH THE COUNTY’S MASTER PLAN OF ARTERIAL HIGHWAYS AND CONCURRENCE WITH MITIGATION FEE PROGRAM TO MAINTAIN FUTURE MEASURE M2 FUNDING ELIGIBILITY EXCEEDING $5 MILLION IN FY 2019-20 {STRATEGIC PLAN NO. 6, 1A, B, F, G}

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt a resolution affirming consistency between the City’s Circulation Element and the Orange County Master Plan of Arterial Highways, and concurrence with the existing Transportation System Improvement Area fee program, both of which are necessary to maintain Orange County Transportation Authority Measure M2 Program eligibility funding, estimated to exceed $5 million for Fiscal Year 2019-20.

DISCUSSION

In November 1990, Orange County voters approved Measure M, a one-half-cent sales tax increase for 20 years, to fund transportation projects in Orange County. Sixteen years later, in November 2006, the voters again approved a renewal of Measure M, referred to as M2, for an additional thirty years. M2 became effective in April 2011, and the net revenues generated by M2 contribute to two types of funding: Local Fair Share (LFS) and Competitive. All Orange County cities are eligible for LFS funding which is distributed on a formula-based allocation determined by population, number of existing Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH) centerline miles, and taxable sales. However, the competitive component of the M2 funding requires cities compete by nominating eligible improvements, resulting in worthy projects successfully receiving grant funds. In addition, fulfilling M2 eligibility requirements allows cities to also qualify for other regional, competitive M2 grant funding opportunities.

To maintain M2 eligibility for Fiscal Year 2019-20, the City must adopt a resolution (Exhibit 1) prior to June 30 of every year informing OCTA that the City’s Circulation Element is in conformance with the MPAH and every odd-numbered calendar year, the City’s resolution must reaffirm the City has an existing mitigation fee program.

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City staff has reviewed and updated the City's street classification system to ensure traffic mobility and traffic safety are in alignment with City goals and have coordinated those changes with OCTA. The resolution also attests that the City's adopted General Plan Circulation Element is consistent with the MPAH, does not preclude implementation of the MPAH within Santa Ana, and that no unilateral reduction in through lanes has been made on MPAH arterials during Fiscal Years 17-18 and 18-19. The resolution also reaffirms the City's concurrence with its existing and previously adopted Transportation System Improvement Area Fees which mitigate the effects of new development on transportation infrastructure by requiring new development pay their fair share of necessary transportation improvements.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

Approval of this item supports the City's efforts to meet Goal #6 - Community Facilities & Infrastructure, Objective #1 (establish and maintain a Community Investment Plan for all City assets), Strategy A (Develop a complete inventory of all assets to determine the scope of improvements needed to sustain the City’s current infrastructure investment); Strategy B (Equitably maintain existing streets and associated assets in a state of good repair so they are clean, safe and aesthetically pleasing for all users); Strategy F (Perform periodic measurements to monitor and update each asset’s condition and ensure adequate funding for repair and/or replacement costs in future budgets); and Strategy G (develop and implement the City’s Capital Improvement Program in coordination with the Community Investment and Deferred Maintenance Plans).

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

There is no environmental impact associated with this action.

FISCAL IMPACT

There are no fiscal impacts at this time. The recommended actions satisfy certain OCTA M2 eligibility requirements. The City is anticipated to remain eligible for $5,014,808 in LFS funds (as of February 2019 estimate) and eligible for M2 competitive funds for FY 2019-20, which in recent years has averaged $20 million in combined annual revenue from M2 LFS and competitive fund allocations.

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Executive Director
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Exhibit: 1. Resolution
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-XXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ANA CONCERNING THE STATUS AND UPDATE OF THE CIRCULATION ELEMENT AND MITIGATION FEE PROGRAM FOR THE MEASURE M (M2) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Ana desires to maintain and improve the streets within its jurisdiction, including those arterials contained in the Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH); and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Ana had endorsed a definition of and process for, determining consistency of the City's Traffic Circulation Plan with the MPAH; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted a General Plan Circulation Element which does not preclude implementation of the MPAH within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the City is required to adopt a resolution biennially informing the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) that the City's Circulation Element is in conformance with the MPAH and whether any changes to any arterial highways of said Circulation Element have been adopted by the City during Fiscal Years (FY) 2017-18 and FY 2018-19; and

WHEREAS, the City is required to send biennially to the OCTA all recommended changes to the City Circulation Element and the MPAH for the purposes of re-qualifying for participation in the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs; and

WHEREAS, the City is required to adopt a resolution biennially certifying that the City has an existing Mitigation Fee Program that assesses traffic impacts of new development and requires new development to pay a fair share of necessary transportation improvements attributable to the new development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Santa Ana as follows:

Section 1. The arterial highway portion of the City Circulation Element of the City is in conformance with the MPAH.

Section 2. The City attests that no unilateral reduction in through lanes has been made on any MPAH arterials during FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19.

Section 3. The City reaffirms that the City Council concurs with the existing Mitigation Fee Program.
Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the Clerk of the Council shall attest to and certify the vote adopting this Resolution.

ADOPTED this ___ day of ___________ 2019.

Miguel A. Pulido
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Sonia R. Carvalho, City Attorney

By: John M. Funk
Assistant City Attorney

AYES: Councilmembers __________________________

NOES: Councilmembers __________________________

ABSTAIN: Councilmembers _________________________

NOT PRESENT: Councilmembers _______________________

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTATION AND ORIGINALITY

I, Norma Mitre, Acting Clerk of the Council, do hereby attest to and certify the attached Resolution No. 2019-____ to be the original resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Ana on _____________________, 2019.

Date: ____________________

Acting Clerk of the Council
City of Santa Ana

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