



CITY OF EASTVALE

AGENDA STAFF REPORT

City Council Meeting

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item No. 11.7

January 8, 2025

Approval of List of Projects for 2024-2029 Riverside County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Plan

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Recommended Action(s)

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a Resolution to approve the proposed list of infrastructure and planning projects to be included in the 2024-2029 Riverside County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Plan.

Summary

The U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) provides a wide variety of assistance and grants for local jurisdictions to implement infrastructure and planning projects that are related to economic development. To qualify for EDA assistance and grants, a jurisdiction must adopt a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) that includes the names of specific infrastructure and planning projects.

The County of Riverside adopts a CEDS Plan every five years and is in the process of developing the 2024-2029 CEDS. Staff members from the Riverside County Office of Economic Development has kindly requested Riverside County cities to include relevant projects and programs that may be eligible for existing and future EDA funding. As a result, city staff is requesting the City Council to review and approve a proposed list of infrastructure and planning projects to be included in the 2024-2029 Riverside County CEDS Plan.

Background

In the 2019-2024 Riverside County CEDS Plan, the City provided one project to be included in the document, which was the Limonite Gap Closure Project. Examples of other projects that were

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adopted in the 2019-2024 Riverside County CEDS Plan include Murrieta's Innovation Center and Moreno Valley's Citywide Broadband Installation Project. Once the plan is adopted by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, County staff will include a brief update to amend the document every two years. During those updates, Riverside County cities will be given another opportunity to update their respective lists of local projects.

Analysis

After reviewing the City's Capital Improvement Plan and General Plan, in addition to consulting with the Business and Development Success Ad-Hoc Committee, staff proposes to include the following projects in the 2024-2029 Riverside County CEDS:

Chandler Area Specific Plan

Developing a Specific Plan to guide the development and enhancement of the Chandler Neighborhood in Eastvale. The Specific Plan will provide detailed guidance for future development in the Chandler Area, increase development potential by creating more certainty for residents, developers, businesses, and stakeholders, and include various opportunities for public involvement.

Citrus Property Feasibility Study

Conducting a feasibility study for the City's 22-acre Citrus Property in accordance with the City's 2040 General Plan, which would transform the Citrus Property into a community gathering hub that includes various amenities such as event spaces, park spaces, and other open space uses.

Civic Center Project

A project to construction a new City Hall, a new Library, and a new Police Station located in the southeast quadrant of the Leal Master Plan. The Library will be operated by the County of Riverside Library System and the Police Station will be operated by the Riverside County Sheriff's Office. The Civic Center will be a community-serving and welcoming place where people can connect and prosper.

Hamner Avenue Beautification Project

Design and install landscape median along Hamner Avenue between 65th Street and Schleisman Road to close the gap of landscape median along Hamner Avenue within the City limits. The project is estimated to start after Hamner Avenue Traffic Signal is synchronized.

Improvement of Trail Network Connectivity

Design and construction of nearly five miles of trails running along Scholar Way and Harrison Avenue, utilizing excess right-of-way rather than impacting vehicle circulation/travel lanes. The project will provide dedicated space for people to bike and walk from northern City limits to the Santa Ana River trails, connecting to schools, parks, retail, and neighborhoods.

Public Works Yard Facility Project

Build a maintenance yard facility for City's miscellaneous equipment and operations, which can support streets maintenance and other Public Works projects and initiatives.

Schleisman Road Mobility, Safety, and Connectivity Project

Design and construction of Schleisman Road between Hamner Avenue and Sumner Avenue to include all-inclusive, all ages and abilities Class I trail/pathways in existing roadway to enhance

mobility, safety, and connectivity.

Third Fire Station

A project to construct a Fire Station located in the southeast commercial quadrant of the Leal Master Plan. The Fire Station (to be operated by the Riverside County/CalFIRE) will provide service to the northern portion of the City of Eastvale within proximity to the Downtown Leal Project and immediate response to the residents and businesses adjacent to the I-15 Corridor.

Traffic Signal Improvement at Sumner Avenue and 68th Street

Design and install traffic signals at the intersection of Sumner Avenue and 68th Street, thereby increasing the capacity of the intersection to handle traffic and reduce the number of potential accidents.

Zoning Code Update

Update the City's Zoning Code to promote community livability, balance the City's development uses, and increase the efficiency of the City's existing land use.

Environmental

Pursuant to Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, organizational or administrative activities of governments that do not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment are not considered as CEQA projects.

Strategic Plan Action - Priority Level: N/A | Target #: C | Goal #: J

Including a list of infrastructure and planning projects in the 2024-2029 Riverside County CEDS Plan can allow the City to be qualified to apply for relevant EDA grants.

Fiscal Impact

Approving a list of projects to be included in the 2024-2029 Riverside County CEDS Plan does not result in any direct fiscal impacts.

Prior City Council/Commission Action

There were no prior City Council or Commission actions.

Attachment(s)

[Attachment 1 - 2019-2024 Riverside County CEDS Plan](#)

[Attachment 2 - 2019-2024 Riverside County CEDS Plan \(2021 Update\)](#)

[Attachment 3 - 2019-2024 Riverside County CEDS Plan \(2023 Update\)](#)

[Attachment 4 - Resolution 25-XX](#)