



City Council Staff Report

Subject: SACOG Federal Funding Program Application

Date: August 25, 2026

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Department: Community Development

Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Rocklin Authorizing Applications for Grant Funding from the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) 2026 Federal Funding Programs; Authorizing the City Manager to Submit City of Rocklin SACOG 2026 Federal Funding Program Application Priorities; and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute all Grant Documents and Timely Project Delivery Requirements.

Background:

The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) is the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the greater Sacramento region, which is a six-county region comprised of Sacramento, Yolo, Sutter, Yuba, Placer, and El Dorado counties. SACOG is also the transportation planning agency for the four-county sub-region of Sacramento, Yolo, Sutter, and Yuba counties (El Dorado County and Placer County both have their own transportation planning agencies).

SACOG plays a central role in funding transportation improvements throughout the region by administering federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds across three programs. For the first time, the 2026 funding cycle includes all six counties - El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba - marking a more comprehensive, region-wide approach. This competitive process now establishes performance-based funding targets for each county to ensure resources are distributed in line with regional priorities and measurable outcomes. Through its three core programs, Next Generation Solutions & Clean Air, System Performance, and System Preservation, SACOG directs federal funds to projects that improve mobility, enhance safety, support sustainability, and advance equity.

Following a review of City projects that could qualify for these grant funds, staff recommends submitting the following two projects through the System Performance Program:

1. Sunset Boulevard Sidewalk Gap Closure Project (Estimated Cost: \$2.3 million)

The proposed project would consist of streetscape improvements including sidewalk gap closure on the west side of Sunset Boulevard between Coronado Way/Topaz

Avenue to the approved Whitney Walk development, new Class II bike lanes, streetlights, and bulb-outs with ADA ramps at the Coronado Way and Topaz Avenue intersection. This project will enhance safety for cyclists and pedestrians by providing sidewalks and bike lanes where they currently do not exist along Sunset Boulevard.

2. Farron Street At-Grade Railroad Roadway and Pedestrian Improvements Project (Estimated Cost: \$2.8 million)

The proposed project would include pedestrian improvements on Farron Street between Front Street and Pacific Street adjacent to the existing Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) crossing, including new sidewalk, concrete curb and gutter, pavement rehabilitation, fencing, signing, striping, and the installation of new crossing panels at the existing Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) crossing. These improvements are necessary to reduce exposure to train conflicts, support safe multimodal travel, and provide continuous, ADA-compliant pedestrian improvements along with enhanced safety features where they currently do not exist along Farron Street.

As part of the application process, SACOG requires the project sponsor to acknowledge the federal funding obligations associated with the program, including providing the required local matching funds, complying with federal and regional project delivery requirements, attending project delivery meetings if funding is awarded, and accepting responsibility for project costs exceeding the awarded funding.

Adoption of the attached resolution satisfies these application requirements and authorizes the City Manager to submit the applications and execute all required grant documents if funding is awarded.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no direct financial impact associated with this action at this point. Should the City be awarded grant funding for any of these projects, the City would be required to provide local matching funds of approximately 11.47 percent of the amount granted. Once any of the projects are awarded grant funding, staff will return to the City Council to identify the source of the required match and accept the grant if approved.

ATTACHMENTS:

[1. Resolution](#)