

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

DATE: March 25, 2014

SUBJECT: APPROVE CIP PROJECT NO. 2301 (ADA IMPROVEMENTS – MONUMENT BLVD (MI CASA COURT TO DETROIT AVENUE) AND APPROPRIATE PROJECT FUNDING (FUNDED BY: CDBG AND GAS TAX FUNDS)**Report in Brief**

Project No. 2301 (ADA Improvements – Monument Blvd - Mi Casa Court to Detroit Avenue) will provide for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Improvements. 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 around the City and specifically in places of public accommodation (i.e., commercial and business zones), such as the Monument Corridor area.

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 this \$70,000 appropriation. Project No. 2301 also requires the use of Gas Tax funds to supplement the appropriated CDBG funds, which cannot be used for administrative project-related costs. There is sufficient funding available in Project No. 2064 (Monument Corridor Pedestrian Infrastructure Improvements) for this \$6,500 appropriation.

Staff recommends that the City Council approve Project No. 2301 (ADA Improvements – Monument Blvd (Mi Casa Court to Detroit Avenue)); and appropriate \$70,000 from Project No. 1284 (Citywide Accessibility Improvements) and \$6,500 from Project No. 2064 (Monument Corridor Pedestrian Infrastructure Improvements) to fully fund the project.

Background

The proposed Project No. 2301 (ADA Improvements – Monument Blvd (Mi Casa Court to Detroit Avenue) is a FY 2013-14 "spin-off" of Project No. 1284 (Citywide Accessibility Improvements). Project No. 1284 is the annual holding account for Citywide ADA improvements made to curb ramps, sidewalks and other accessibility improvements, which is funded with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Each fiscal year funding is transferred from Project No. 1284 into a new project for implementation and expenditure tracking purposes.

Project No. 2301 will provide for ADA improvements along the south-side of Monument Boulevard from Mi Casa Court to Detroit Avenue. The scope of work for Project No. 2301 includes the removal of approximately

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six concrete curb ramps with replacement of ADA-compliant curb ramps and associated truncated domes, as well as two locations of concrete sidewalk which require replacement due to tree root and driveway damage affecting the ADA-compliant path of travel within the project area. The Monument Corridor area was chosen as the location for this project based on the need to improve ADA-accessibility in high use pedestrian areas, as well as to places of public accommodation (i.e., commercial and business zones) as recommended in the ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan (SETP). These sidewalk improvements will expand on the improvements that were completed by Project No. 2064 (Monument Pedestrian Sidewalk Improvements) in early 2012. This project will remove barriers to the mobility impaired and bring the facilities into compliance with ADA Codes as required, as well as continuing to improve pedestrian access to BART, commercial centers and residential areas along Monument Boulevard. Staff anticipates future accessibility improvements along this corridor.

Discussion

On May 7, 2013, the City Council approved the allocation of \$340,000 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the FY 2013-14 CIP Program to fund ADA/ Engineering projects, which include the construction of sidewalk and curb ramps to improve accessibility city-wide through the city's ADA Transition Plan. Project No. 2301 will be the 2nd project identified for the use of these FY 2013-14 funds. The remaining funds will be programmed for additional accessibility improvements as identified in the SETP.

Staff plans to use the City's Informal Bidding process to expedite construction of this project. The Informal Bidding process requires that staff request a minimum of three separate quotes, at least one being from a Concord vendor, if possible. A Request for Quote (RFQ) has been sent to four prospective contractors with proposals due by March 21, 2014. Additionally, the RFQ is posted on the City's website under Bidding Opportunities, which allows not only the vendors that were specifically sent the RFQ, but any vendor who meets the City's eligibility requirements, to bid on the project.

This project received a categorical exclusion per 24 CFR 58.35a2 (Special Projects Directed Toward the Removal of Material and Architectural Barriers that Restrict the Mobility and Accessibility of the Elderly and Handicapped) based on a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis approved on March 10, 2014. Furthermore, the project is categorically exempt for preparation of an environmental document in accordance with Section 15302 of the California Environmental Quality Act. A Notice of Exemption will be filed with the County Recorder's Office prior to contract award.

The estimated project schedule calls for beginning construction in early April, 2014 and completing by late April, 2014.

Fiscal Impact

Project No. 2301 (ADA Improvements – Monument Blvd (Mi Casa Court to Detroit Avenue) requires an appropriation of approximately \$76,500 to fully fund the project including construction and associated administrative costs. Staff recommends funding this through a \$6,500 budget transfer in Gas Tax (Fund 260) from Project No. 2064 (Monument Pedestrian Sidewalk Improvements) and a \$70,000 budget transfer in CDBG funds

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(Fund 254) from Project No. 1284 (Citywide Accessibility Improvements), to Project No. 2301. 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. 2301 (ADA Improvements – Monument Blvd (Mi Casa Court to Detroit Avenue); and appropriate \$70,000 from Project No. 1284 (Citywide Accessibility Improvements) and \$6,500 from Project No. 2064 (Monument Corridor Pedestrian Infrastructure Improvements) to fully fund the project.

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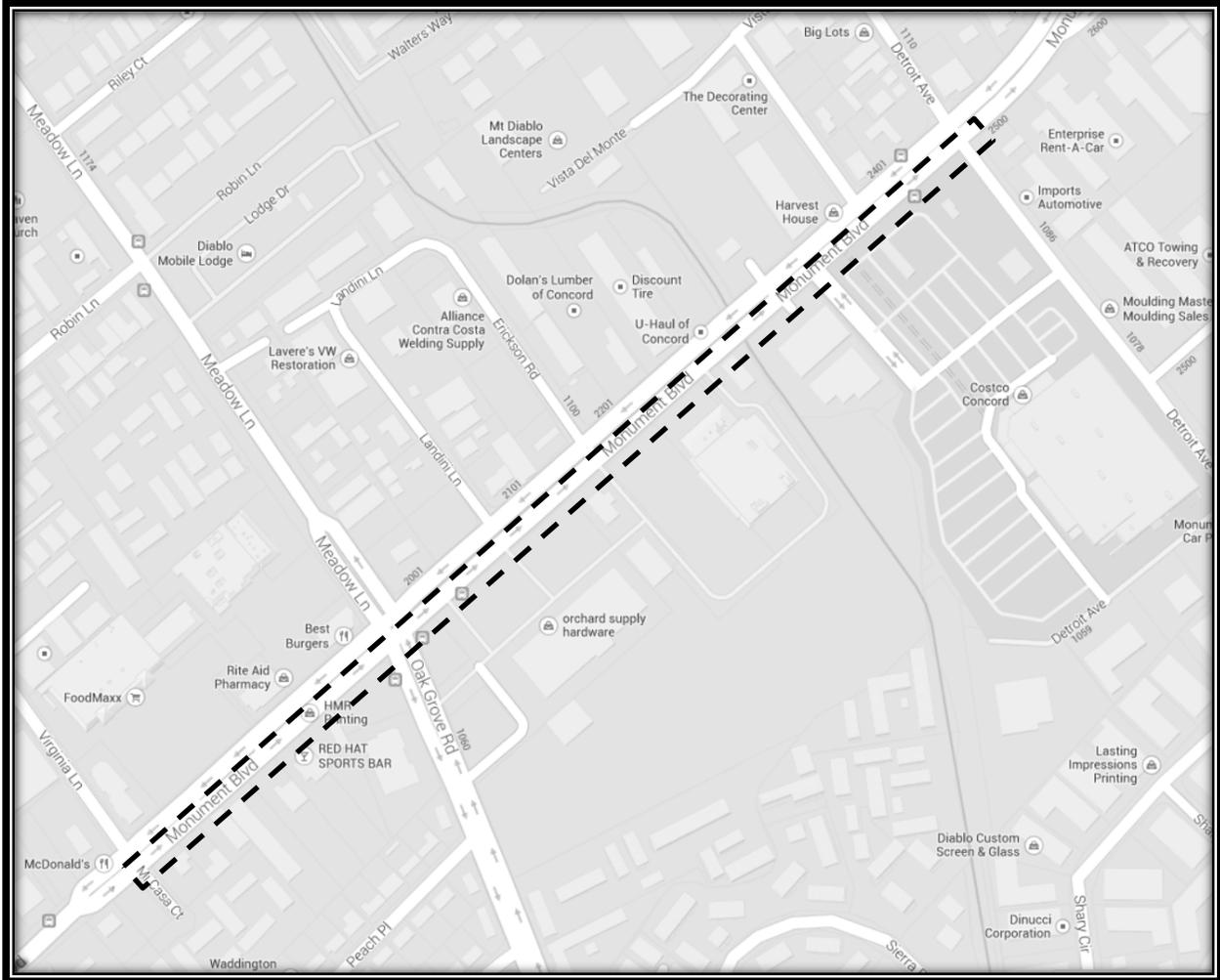
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Attachment 1: Location Map



LOCATION MAP
PROJECT NO. 2301
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