

# STAFF REPORT

## City of Lancaster

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Date: March 10, 2015

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Carlyle S. Workman, Public Works Manager

Subject: **Appropriation of Federal Funds for PWCP 11-018, Rural Intersection Enhancements Project - HSIPL-5419(035)**

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### **Recommendations:**

Approve the additional appropriation of federal funding from the Cycle 4 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIPL) for PWCP 11-018, Rural Intersection Enhancements Project - HSIPL-5419(035), which includes:

- a) Increase estimated revenues in Revenue Account No. 399-3301-210 by \$46,711.00 for Fiscal Year 2014-2015
- b) Appropriate \$46,711.00 in federal funds to Capital Improvement Budget Account No. 399-12TC003-924

### **Fiscal Impact:**

With these actions, sufficient funds are available in Capital Improvement Budget Account Number 399-12TC003-924 to complete construction efforts.

### **Background:**

The Rural Intersection Enhancements project is partially funded with federal funds as part of the Cycle 4 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIPL). City staff originally secured \$210,000.00 of federal funding for this safety improvement project. The Rural Intersection Enhancements project - HSIPL-5419(035) involves installation/upgrades to signs and striping and markings at thirty-nine (39) rural intersections in the City of Lancaster. All intersections will or have received new thermoplastic markings, 350 feet of re-painted centerlines and upgrades to various regulatory signs such as stop and intersection warning signs. Access remains open to all motorists.

On May 21, 2014, one (1) sealed bid was received and opened. The cost for construction was significantly higher than originally anticipated. Committed to provide these much needed safety improvements, the City awarded the project to Sterndahl Enterprises, Inc. on June 24, 2014, and will cover the budget shortfall with local funds. As conditioned by the granting agency, City staff submitted an Award Package to Caltrans and included a request for an additional \$105,242.00 in federal funds to fund the budget shortfall. On December 17, 2014, the City was notified that the requested additional federal funding was approved.

A separate but parallel project, also funded through Cycle 4 of the HSIPL, titled Solar-Powered LED Stop Sign project - HSIPL-5419(040) received lower than expected bid prices. Since grant projects are set with a maximum reimbursement ratio, this project resulted in savings of federal funding. Accordingly, to help with accurate accounting, City staff will transfer the savings from the LED Stop Sign project to the Rural Intersection Enhancements project to reach the \$105,242.00 of additionally authorized federal funding for the Rural Intersection Enhancements project.

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