

**STAFF REPORT – PLANNING
CITY OF TEMECULA
PLANNING COMMISSION**

DATE OF MEETING: November 20, 2019

TO: Planning Commission Chairperson and Members of the Planning Commission

FROM: Luke Watson, Director of Community Development

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PROJECT SUMMARY: General Plan Consistency Review for an Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2020-24 Capital Improvement Program (LR19-1433)

CEQA: Exempt: Not a Project as defined by CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4)

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Planning Commission review the proposed amendment to the Fiscal Years 2020-24 Capital Improvement Program and make a determination that the proposed amendment is in conformance with the adopted City of Temecula General Plan.

BACKGROUND SUMMARY

Government Code Section 65103 of State Planning and Zoning Law requires that the Planning Commission review and provide comments to the City Council regarding the conformity of the proposed amendment to the Fiscal Year 2020-24 Capital Improvement Program with the adopted General Plan.

On June 11, 2019, the City Council approved the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget for Fiscal Years (FY) 2020-24. The CIP included a list of projects to be completed during the five-year Capital Improvement Program. In addition to the approved CIP, staff is recommending the addition of three new Capital Improvement projects. Prior to Council appropriating funding to the projects, the Planning Commission must first make findings that the projects are consistent with the General Plan, therefore the recommendations below are to assign (i.e. reserve) the funding for these projects, and the request to appropriate funds will come back to Council once the Planning Commission findings have been made. The additional three projects are:

- City Facility Security Improvements
- Old Town Security and Sound System Upgrade
- Community Recreation Center Splash Pad and Shade Structures

ANALYSIS

Infrastructure and Other Projects

The Fiscal Years 2020-24 CIP Amendment contains two projects in this category. The Infrastructure/Other Projects include:

- City Facility Security Improvements
- Old Town Security and Sound System Upgrade

Staff has reviewed the General Plan and has determined that these projects are consistent with provisions of the Public Safety Element Implementation Program PS-12 (Minimizing Criminal Activity) for the provision of security enhancement features within our Old Town Area.

Parks and Recreation Projects

The Fiscal Year 2020-24 CIP Amendment is the addition of the Community Recreation Center Splash Pad and Shade Structures

The proposed amendment Project is consistent with the General Plan. The proposed project to convert the Community Recreation Center kiddie pool into a splash pad, and the addition of shade structures throughout the pool area is consistent with the General Plan Open Space/Conservation Element Goal 1 (A high quality parks and recreation system that meets the diverse recreation needs of residents).

LEGAL NOTICING REQUIREMENTS

No public hearing notice is required for the Planning Commission's review and conformity finding of the proposed amendment to FY 2020-24 CIP.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

The Amendment to FY 2020-24 Capital Improvement Program is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review, in accordance with Title 14 California Code of Regulations. The amendment to FY 2020-24 Capital Improvement Program is not a "project" within the meaning of Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines, and is therefore exempt from the requirements of CEQA. Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines states that a project does not include the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. The Planning Commission's review and determination that the FY 2020-24 Capital Improvement Program is consistent with the City of Temecula General Plan, does not result in the construction nor cause the construction of any specific CIP project, and will have no effect on the environment, and therefore, no environmental impact assessment is necessary.

ATTACHMENTS

Updated FY 2020-24 Capital Improvement Program Project List Sheets