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# **NEWPORT BEACH**

## **City Council Staff Report**

March 24, 2020  
Agenda Item No. 4

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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**TITLE:** Resolution No. 2020-26: Specifying Uses for FY 2020-21 RMRA  
Funding from the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017

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### **ABSTRACT:**

Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 provides funding for the maintenance and repair of local streets and roads through a Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA). To be eligible for FY 2020-21 funding, the City must submit a project list to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) by May 1, 2020, along with a resolution documenting the approval of the City's project list.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- a) Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and
- b) Adopt Resolution No. 2020-26, *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, Adopting a List of Projects for Fiscal Year 2020-21 Funded by SB 1, The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.*

### **FUNDING REQUIREMENTS:**

RMRA Funding for identified projects will be included in the FY 2020-21 proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget for Council consideration.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The City of Newport Beach receives transportation funding from the State in the form of grants or direct allocation of Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax (Gas Tax) through the Highway Users Tax Account (HUTA). The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (SB 1) is a new funding program for California's transportation systems approximating \$5.2 billion per year. It is estimated that the City of Newport Beach will receive approximately \$1,646,555 in FY 2020-21 from RMRA funding.

To be eligible for this funding, the City must submit a proposed project list to the CTC by May 1, 2020, along with a resolution that identifies all proposed projects that may be funded with RMRA funding. The list includes previously budgeted projects that are funded with RMRA funds and active in the current fiscal year.

RMRA local streets and roads allocations must be used for projects that include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Road maintenance and rehabilitation
- Safety projects
- Railroad grade separations
- Traffic control devices
- Complete street components, (including active transportation purposes, pedestrian and bicycle safety projects, transit facilities, and drainage and stormwater capture projects in conjunction with any other allowable project)
- Match requirement to obtain state or federal funds for eligible projects

Staff recommends the use of RMRA funding to partially fund the following projects:

1. (FY 17-18) MacArthur Boulevard and University Drive Pavement Rehabilitation
2. (FY 18-19) Bison Avenue, San Joaquin Hills Road and San Nicolas Drive Pavement Rehabilitation
3. (FY 19-20) Cameo Highlands Street Pavement Reconstruction
4. (FY 20-21) Bonita Canyon Drive and Ford Road Pavement Rehabilitation

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:**

Staff recommends the City Council find this action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

#### **NOTICING:**

The agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Council considers the item).

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A – Resolution No. 2020-26

Attachment B – Proposed Project List