

# CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

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MEETING DATE: May 23, 2024

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REQUEST: REQUEST FOR DIRECTION ON PROJECT CST00002 WALK AND ROLL PD (PHASE 3)

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Provide direction on Project CST00002 – Walk and Roll PD (Phase 3) scope of work and approve staff recommendations as outlined in the staff report.

## **BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:**

On March 23, 2023, the City Council approved the Walk and Roll PD Implementation Plan, which categorized the project into three major phases:

- Phase 1 – Addition of Shared Lane Markings “Sharrows”
- Phase 2 – Additional Bike Lanes
- Phase 3 – Additional Sidewalk and Crosswalks

Phase 3 improvements focus on the addition of sidewalks and crosswalks on streets like De Anza Way, Catalina Way, San Gorgonio Way, San Pascual Avenue, Fairhaven Avenue, and San Juan Drive. Walk and Roll is a program that adds sidewalks and bike lanes for better connectivity.

### Community Engagement Feedback:

Michael Baker International, Inc. (MBI), the city’s design consultant for this project, was able to create alternative design options for most of the streets listed above. Staff organized and held four community engagement events to better inform the final design and scope of work for this project. The majority of the meetings were held at on-site locations that would make it easily accessible for residents to provide input.

- February 29<sup>th</sup> at Council Chambers
- April 9<sup>th</sup> at 43822 Fairhaven Drive at Vista Bonita
- April 10<sup>th</sup> at 73750 Catalina Way, Outside the Joslyn Center
- April 16<sup>th</sup> at 44550 San Carlos Avenue, Palma Village Park

Overall, staff estimates about 60+ residents participated in our outreach efforts. Below is a summary of the top recommendations and preferences expressed by the majority of those in attendance:

- Remove San Juan Drive sidewalk from the scope of work
- Return affected areas to original/similar conditions (i.e. if the city removes fences in R/W, the city will install a similar fence type alongside the sidewalk)

- Protect on-street parking
- Consider the addition of traffic calming measures

**Staff Recommendations:**

Based on the community feedback received and staff analysis, staff is requesting City Council approve the following recommendations regarding the Walk and Roll PD project:

- Proceed with the Walk and Roll PD project with the following considerations:
  - Exclude the addition of sidewalks on San Juan Drive
  - Coordinate the reinstallation of fences/landscaping where needed
  - Evaluate and include traffic calming measures where possible, to include but is not limited to:
    - Narrow the streets
    - Speed Cushions (temporary measure)
    - Speed Feedback Signs
    - Stop Signs (Stop Warrant Analysis)
    - Rapid Flashing Beacons at Crosswalks

Staff plans to communicate the final design with residents before beginning construction, at a later date.

**Legal Review:**

This report has been reviewed by the City Attorney’s office.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The Walk and Roll PD project is included in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 through 2024-2025 budgets as shown in the table below. Measure A Fund is the source of this project; therefore, there is no financial impact to the City’s general fund.

| Funds        | Account         | Fiscal Year | Budget              | Expenditures      | Balance             |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Measure A*   | 2134633-5000103 | FY 23/2024  | \$ 2,291,223        | \$ 427,227        | \$ 1,919,424        |
|              |                 | FY 24/2025  | \$ 2,500,000        | -                 | -                   |
| <b>Total</b> |                 |             | <b>\$ 4,791,223</b> | <b>\$ 427,227</b> | <b>\$ 4,363,996</b> |

\*Staff is actively pursuing grant funding opportunities.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. ATP Letter – April Meetings