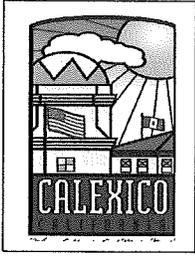


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AGENDA STAFF REPORT

DATE: March 15, 2017

TO: Mayor and City Council

APPROVED BY: Armando G. Villa, City Manager

PREPARED BY: Nick Fenley, Public Works Manager 

SUBJECT: Approval of Final Report for Calexico Transit Needs Assessment Study

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Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Council of the City of Calexico take the following action:

1. Approve the Final Report for Calexico Transit Needs Assessment Study.

Background:

In 2012, the City of Calexico received a call for projects from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for funding availability through their Transportation Planning Program. The purpose of the Transportation Planning Program was to promote a balanced, comprehensive multi-modal transportation system. Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) (applicant) and the City (sub-applicant) submitted a joint grant application for Calexico Transit Needs Assessment Study. The scope of work of the grant is to review and evaluate the current public transit system within the City and identify the mobility needs. The study will also help the City develop guidelines, standards and/or ordinances in order to regulate and/or provide sustainable solutions in improving transit offering within Calexico.

On August 15, 2012, Caltrans mailed out a letter to SCAG Executive Director advising him that SCAG and the City of Calexico were awarded a \$84,104 grant with a City in-kind match of \$10,896 for the Calexico Transit Needs Assessment Study.

On June 24, 2013, the City signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with SCAG for the Calexico Transit Needs Assessment Study. The MOU specifies the role and responsibilities of each agency. SCAG began the procurement phase of this project through a competitive bid processed and hired Nelson Nygaard as the consultant of the Calexico Transit Needs Assessment Study.

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Discussion & Analysis:

On June 28, 2016, Nelson Nygaard conducted the kick-off meeting for the Calexico Transit Need Assessment Study. The kick-off meeting was attended by representatives from Nelson Nygaard, Katherine Padilla & Associates (sub-contractor), Caltrans, SCAG and the City. The following work plan was presented and agreed upon:

- Analysis existing conditions
- Community outreach
- Recommendations
- Plan development

The Calexico Transit Needs Assessment Study Final Report includes a series of recommended guidelines, regulations, and strategies to improve mobility and modernize transit services in the City of Calexico. These recommendations include:

- Adopt transit guidelines
- Revise bus, shuttle and taxicab ordinance
- Improve the local transit network
- Construct the Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center

Once the Final Report has been reviewed and approved, the next step for the City would be to look for funding in order to implement the above-mentioned recommendations and improve mobility in the City of Calexico. For this reason, Public Works staff is recommending that the City Council of the City of Calexico approve the Calexico Transit Needs Assessment Study Final Report.

Fiscal Impact:

None at this time. The study is being funded through a Caltrans grant administered by SCAG.

Coordinated With:

Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) and Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG).

Attachment:

1. Draft Final Report - Calexico Transit Needs Assessment Study.