



**SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
CITY OF GUSTINE
CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
352 5th STREET GUSTINE, CALIFORNIA
February 2, 2017 – 3:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Council Members: Turner – Hasness - Oliveira - Mayor Pro Tem Nagy - Mayor Oliveira

PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT

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Members of the public, who have questions regarding a specific agenda item, may comment on that item before consideration of that item, when recognized by the Mayor.

CONSENT CALENDAR

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

- 1. Downtown Roundabout discussion and direction**
 - a. Staff Report**
 - b. Presentation of Conceptual design by Gouveia Engineering**
 - c. Site Visit**
 - d. Return to Council Chambers for discussion and direction**

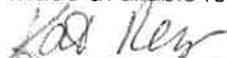
ADJOURNMENT

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CERTIFICATION

I, Kathryn Reyes, Community Services Director, do hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing Agenda was posted at the Gustine City Hall, 352 5th Street, Gustine CA and made available for public review on this 30th day of January, 2017, at or before 5:00 p.m.



Kathryn Reyes



ITEM NO.

COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

FEBRUARY 2, 2017

PREPARED BY: Steve Wright, City Manager

SUBJECT: CMAQ - Consideration of Downtown Traffic Circle

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

In the last quarter of 2015 Council considered a potential grant opportunity for the possible construction of a traffic circle at the intersection of Main St (5th St) and 4th Ave (See Exhibit B for original staff report). The Council debated the project at length discussing key issues such as downtown aesthetics, community opinion of traffic circles in the downtown, storm drain issues, potential loss of parking, potential addition of handicap parking, functional crosswalk upgrades and financial ability to cover grant match requirements. At the end of the discussion, the Council directed staff to send the matter to the Traffic Committee for a recommendation and to incorporate some feedback from the meetings into the conceptual design.

Staff presented the matter to the Traffic Committee at their October 21, 2015 meeting (exhibit C). After much discussion the committee voted to recommend moving forward with the traffic circle project to the Council. Significant comments made by the Traffic Committee revolved around the importance of fixing the storm drain issue, concern about how the circle would change the downtown aesthetic, consideration of how the roundabout could be constructed so that parades and other public events would not be impeded.

The City Engineers office took this feedback and the original feedback from Council and made updates to the original conceptual design to incorporate those ideas into a new conceptual plan. The amended design includes decorative crosswalks, a lower profile traffic circle which would allow rollover access for parades, ADA parking integration, and amended landscapes. The circle would be designed with a roll over apron as well as a rover plateau which would allow flexibility for parades and events (in addition to giving a designated area for the yearly Christmas tree placement).

The new conceptual plan was presented to Council at the February 2, 2016 Regular City Council meeting. There were several public comments in favor and against the project. A motion was made to approve the conceptual plan, with a final rendering to come back before Council for final approval, and to proceed with CMAQ grant funding program for the Downtown Traffic Circle project. The motion carried in favor with a vote of 4-1.

With recent changes to our elected body, staff is bringing this item back to Council to present the most recent conceptual design and obtain input on whether to continue the project.

ANALYSIS:

It is important to keep in mind when considering the project that the project would be funded under the CMAQ (Air Quality) program and the project is eligible for funding due to the fact that the project could reduce the number of stop signs in the downtown area. Questions have been raised about why other more traditional projects at that location have not been applied for under the program; the reason is that Air Quality funds under CMAQ must be used in ways that reduce emissions which eliminates the possibility for more straight forward sidewalk/street rehab projects.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The estimated total cost for the project is \$626,100, the grant would fund 88.43% (\$554,285) and the City would be responsible for 11.47% (\$71,815). The City does not have specific roadway funds set aside for this project. Since the last consideration of this item Merced County passed Measure V funds, a transportation measure, that could be a source of funding for this project. Due to the timeframe where construction funds would become available, staff could begin to set aside road tax funds (where available) for the match portion of the project in order to satisfy the bulk of the construction match for the 2019 fiscal year. If the City does not proceed with the project, the City will not be reimbursed for costs incurred to date. The estimated amount to date is \$4000.00.

RECOMMENDATION:

Council to consider the conceptual design and provide staff direction on whether or not to move forward with the CMAQ grant funding program with the proposed conceptual traffic circle design.

EXHIBIT:

- A) Amended Conceptual Design
- B) Exhibit B Staff report on the roundabout
- C) Exhibit C Staff Report Traffic Committee



COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

October 6, 2015

PREPARED BY: Sean Scully, City Manager

SUBJECT: CMAQ - Consideration of Downtown Traffic Circle

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

As Council is well aware, the City of Gustine has spent significant time and resources searching for a variety of different grant sources to fund the downtown revitalization project as laid out in the 2010 Transportation Enhancement Plan. Recently staff has been notified by the CMAQ program that a downtown traffic circle project would be eligible for funding due to the fact that the project could reduce the number of stop signs in the downtown area. The City Engineers office looked at various options that would qualify for funding and have developed the traffic circle as a conceptual option for Council to consider. It is important to keep in mind that at this stage the City has not committed to any particular course of action, the decision on whether or not to move forward is predicated on Council direction and concurrence. When considering this option it is also important to keep in mind that the design is purely conceptual at this stage. The specifics of landscaped area, ADA parking, and exact site placement would be more fully realized in the engineering design phase.

The attached conceptual design proposes a small traffic circle in the intersection of Main St (5th St) and 4th Ave. The conceptual design includes new landscaping, full ADA ramps/improvements, asphalt overlay of the roadway within the project area, and median/traffic circle improvements. The estimated total cost for the project is \$626,100, the grant would fund 88.43% (\$554,285) and the City would be responsible for 11.47% (\$71,815). The circle would be designed with a roll over apron as well as a rover plateau which would allow flexibility for parades and events (in addition to giving a designated area for the yearly Christmas tree placement). The project would also include revamping of crosswalks and ADA ramps in the area which are currently out of compliance. The project would eliminate two stop signs in the east west direction of 4th. Staff has discussed the possibility of including removable bollards on the plateau of the traffic circle.

While the traffic circle portion of this project are not (admittedly) part of the original downtown design document, the remaining sections (sidewalk, cross walks, aesthetic improvements) provide a real opportunity for the community to make large scale upgrades to a core section of downtown. The consideration for the Council is whether or not to move forward with this grant and design/construction of the improvement. If Council decided to move forward preliminary engineering would provide be the stage

where specifics relating to parking, landscaping, lighting and other details could be worked out with the City Engineers design team.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Detailed in the 2nd paragraph of the background and discussion section.

RECOMMENDATION:

Council to consider the conceptual design and provide staff direction on whether or not to move forward with the CMAQ grant funding program with the proposed conceptual traffic circle design.

EXHIBIT:

- A) Conceptual Design



TRAFFIC COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM

October 21, 2015

PREPARED BY: Chief Doug Dunford

SUBJECT: CMAQ - Consideration of Downtown Traffic Circle

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

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RECOMMENDATION:

Traffic Committee to consider the conceptual design and provide staff direction on whether or not to move forward with the CMAQ grant funding program with the proposed conceptual traffic circle design and present it to the Council.

EXHIBITS:

- A) Conceptual Design
- B) Photos of actual small intersection roundabouts

