

H. Traffic Circulation Improvement Plan Update for Allocation of Traffic Impact Mitigation Fees

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution modifying the Traffic Circulation Improvement Plan.



Camarillo City Council

AGENDA REPORT

Date: October 9, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

From: Greg Ramirez, City Manager

Submitted by: Dave Klotzle, Public Works Director

Subject: Traffic Circulation Improvement Plan Update for Allocation of Traffic Impact Mitigation Fees

BACKGROUND

The City's Traffic Mitigation Fee (TMF) program was established in 1989 by City Council Ordinance No. 696 and added to the Camarillo Municipal Code as Chapter 11.68 – Traffic Impact Mitigation Fees. The TMF program includes a traffic model-based nexus study and fee calculation to determine the level of contribution to be collected from future land development projects for use towards the cost of certain proposed transportation system improvements. The impact fees are based on the volume of vehicle trips generated by the type of development and those trips' use of the proposed improvements.

The TMF program has been updated over the years as the City has developed, with the most recent update occurring in 2021 after completion of a TMF nexus study and fee calculation (Resolution No. 2021-39). The 2021 update replaced the previous three-district fee structure with a single city-wide fee structure and updated the Traffic Circulation Improvement Plan (TCIP), which includes various proposed improvements and their estimated expenditures used to establish the TMF rates. It should be noted that in 2022, City Council approved Resolution No. 2022-24, which provides that commercial development projects that received their planning entitlement approval prior to July 10, 2021, are not subject to the increased TMF rate established in 2021 but will pay the lower commercial TMF rate that was in effect on July 9, 2021.

DISCUSSION

Staff intends to initiate a new TMF nexus study in fiscal year (FY) 2024/25 which will evaluate potential adjustments to the TMF rates based on the TCIP and most recent Capital Improvement Program (CIP). While a thorough evaluation and updated nexus plan will be performed in the coming fiscal year, staff proposes an update to the TCIP at this time to ensure a proper distribution of the \$42,370,000 expenditures currently included in the TCIP. This will help to ensure that funds currently collected by the TMF

are distributed as necessary to complete projects. The proposed changes are summarized below:

- The Metrolink Undercrossing project (CIP ST-14-05) was reduced from \$4,630,000 to \$164,000. This recognizes the substantial amount of grant funding obtained for the project. The \$164,000 is a portion of the City's matching funds required by the grant and the remaining \$4,466,000 is redistributed to other projects within the TCIP.
- Las Posas & Temple Traffic Signal (CIP TS-5094) was increased from \$740,000 to \$1,165,000 to account for increases in project costs.
- Pleasant Valley Road Bike Lanes (CIP ST-5006) was increased from \$1,300,000 to \$5,538,000 to account for increases in project costs.
- Las Posas: Ventura to Pleasant Valley Project (CIP ST-5066) was decreased from \$10,400,000 to \$4,293,000 redistributing \$6,107,000 to other projects within the TCIP.
- Central Interchange (Future CIP) was decreased from \$5 million to \$2 million, redistributing \$3,000,000 to other projects within the TCIP.
- Ventura Boulevard Bridge Replacement (CIP SD-5052) was added to the TCIP, with \$8,910,000 allocated to the project.

A summary of the proposed changes is provided in Attachment 1. It should be noted that none of the proposed TCIP changes impact the TMF rates that are currently charged to development projects. The upcoming nexus study will determine if TMF rates should be changed. Resolution Nos. 2021-39 and 2022-24 (which have the latest approved TMF rates) will remain effective until such time as the nexus study is completed and any revisions to the TMF rates are approved by City Council.

FISCAL IMPACT

None. This item does not require an expenditure of funds and does not impact estimated TMF revenues.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution modifying the Traffic Circulation Improvement Plan.

ATTACHMENTS

1. TCIP Changes
2. Resolution

REFERENCE MATERIALS – AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT CITY HALL

None

Exhibit A
Traffic Circulation Improvement Plan

Project Location	Project Description	Traffic Fees (\$1,000's)	Traffic Fees (\$1,000's) Revised	Other Funds (\$1,000's)
1. Central Interchange	Construct new interchange	\$5,000	<u>\$2,000</u>	\$45,000
2. Las Posas/Ponderosa	Widen Las Posas to provide NB dual left turns	\$2,300	\$2,300	-
3. Las Posas: Ventura to Pleasant Valley	Widen Las Posas to 6 lanes	\$10,400	<u>\$4,293</u>	-
4. 101 North Bound Auxiliary Freeway Lanes	Construct north bound auxiliary lanes from Lewis Road to Springville Drive	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$700
5. Las Posas Park and Ride	Expansion of parking lot to utilize vacant land	\$500	\$500	\$130
6. Las Posas & Temple Traffic Signal	Construct new traffic signal with left turn phasing	\$740	<u>\$1,165</u>	\$100
7. Pleasant Valley Road S/B 101 Off-ramp	Widen S/B 101 Freeway off-ramp to Pleasant Valley Road	\$2,700	\$2,700	\$1,325
8. Pleasant Valley Road S/B 101 On-ramp	Widen S/B 101 Freeway on-ramp from N/B Pleasant Valley Road	\$2,900	\$2,900	\$500
9. Pleasant Valley Road Bike Lanes	Add bike lanes on Pleasant Valley Road between Las Posas Road and 5th Street	\$1,300	<u>\$5,538</u>	\$4,300
10. Springville Bike Path (Las Posas to Springville)	Extend bike path from Las Posas to Springville	\$2,150	\$2,150	\$75
11. Central Avenue Bike Lane	Construct Bike lane from US101 to City limits	\$3,150	\$3,150	-
12. Metrolink Undercrossing	Construct pedestrian tunnel at Metrolink Station between parking lots and train platforms	\$4,630	<u>\$164</u>	\$7,600
13. Citywide	Provide pavement overlay, slurry and/or minor widening to extend life of city streets	\$1,600	\$1,600	tbd
14. <u>Ventura Boulevard Bridge Replacement</u>	<u>Replace deteriorating bridge at Ventura Blvd & Las Posas Rd.</u>		<u>\$8,910</u>	
		\$42,370	\$42,370	\$59,730

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMARILLO, CALIFORNIA, MODIFYING THE CITY'S TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The City Council of the City of Camarillo resolves as follows:

SECTION 1: The City Council of the City of Camarillo finds and declares as follows:

A. The City has adopted Chapter 11.68 (Traffic Impact Mitigation Fees) of the Camarillo Municipal Code establishing a traffic mitigation fee program.

B. Chapter 11.68, among other things, sets forth the types of new development that is subject to the City's Traffic Mitigation Fees, authorizes the establishment of geographic areas or "Districts" where impacts are generally similar, and provides the basis and methodology for calculating the applicable Traffic Mitigation Fee.

C. Since the adoption of Chapter 11.68, the City has adopted several resolutions that have approved and adjusted the City's Traffic Circulation Improvement Plan, Traffic Mitigation Fee Districts, and Traffic Mitigation Fees.

D. These resolutions include Resolution Nos. 89-164, 97-125, 98-148, 2005-73, 2012-23, 2021-39, and 2022-24. The findings contained in these resolutions are incorporated by this reference.

E. Section 11.60.030.G. of the Camarillo Municipal Code notes that the Traffic Circulation Improvement Plan shall be adopted by resolution of the City Council and shall be revised as necessary.

F. Section 11.68.080.A. of the Camarillo Municipal Code permits the City Council to make a determination for use of the Traffic Mitigation Fee.

G. Section 66001(g) of the California Government Code notes that development fees such as the Traffic Mitigation Fee may include costs attributable to the increased demand for public facilities reasonably related to a development project in order to (1) refurbish existing facilities to maintain the existing level of service or (2) achieve an adopted level of service that is consistent with the general plan.

H. The City has received an updated Traffic Circulation Improvement Plan (TCIP), which incorporates changes to funding distribution of projects identified within the TCIP but makes no proposed changes to the Traffic Mitigation Fees themselves. Changes include the reduction of Traffic Mitigation Fees for the Metrolink Undercrossing project in the amount of \$4,466,000; the reduction of \$3,000,000 for the Central Interchange; and the reduction of \$6,107,000 for the Las Posas: Ventura to Pleasant Valley Project. The \$13,573,000 will be redistributed to other projects, including \$425,000 to the Las Posas and Temple Traffic Signal Project; \$4,238,000 to the Pleasant Valley Road Bike Lanes Project; and \$8,910,000 to a newly added project, the Ventura Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project.

I. As there are no proposed changes to the Traffic Mitigation Fees no Nexus Routine is required.

J. For the reasons set forth in the accompanying staff report, which is incorporated by this reference, the City Council has determined that the public interest, convenience, and necessity require modification to the Traffic Circulation Improvement Plan.

SECTION 2: Traffic Circulation Improvement Plan. The City Council hereby adopts the modified Traffic Circulation Improvement Plan as set forth in the attached Exhibit A.

SECTION 3: The City Clerk is directed to certify the adoption of this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on October 9, 2024.

Mayor

Attested to on _____.

City Clerk

I, Kristy Buxkemper, City Clerk of the City of Camarillo, certify Resolution No. 2024-____ was adopted by the City Council of the City of Camarillo at a regular meeting held October 9, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers:
NOES: Councilmembers:
ABSENT: Councilmembers:

City Clerk

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Public Comments

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Sunday, October 6, 2024 07:28 PM

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Meeting Date	Wednesday, October 9, 2024
Agency	City Council
Item Type	Agenda Item
Item Number or Subject	H. Traffic Circulation Improvement Plan Update for Allocation of Traffic Impact Mitigation Fees
Position	Oppose
Comments	<p>I'm concerned at the number of "traffic improvement projects" that the city is collecting funds towards that amount to road widening for purposes of improving traffic. None of the lane addition projects will reduce VMT, and amount to prescribing 'loosening your belt' to solve obesity. If we are collecting all these funds to improve traffic, we should implement solutions that reduce VMT, not ones that kick the can down the road as well as increase amount of long term maintenance the city will have to fund in the future (of which the Ventura Boulevard Bridge Replacement project, CIP SD-5052, is an excellent example of these big expansions being costly maintenance items decades later)</p>

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