



The City of San Diego

Staff Report

DATE ISSUED: February 12, 2026

TO: City Council

FROM: Engineering and Capital Projects Department

SUBJECT: Request for authority to accept, appropriate, and expend additional Highway Safety Improvement Program Grant Funds for the B-19056 Torrey Pines Road (Prospect Place to Coast Walk) Guardrail Project

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Council District(s): 1

OVERVIEW:

This action will authorize the Mayor or his designee to enter into a grant agreement to accept, appropriate and expend grant funding for B-19056 Torrey Pines Road (Prospect Place to Coast Walk) Guardrail project to support the construction phase. This action increases the construction phase grant amount by \$281,300.00.

PROPOSED ACTIONS:

1. The Mayor or his representative is authorized to take all necessary actions to secure HSIP Cycle 10 grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$281,300.00 CIP A-IE.00002, Guard Rails (B-19056, Torrey Pines Rd, Prospect-Coast Walk GR, to support the construction phase; and
2. The Chief Financial Officer is authorized to accept, appropriate and expend an amount not to exceed \$281,300.00 if the grant funding is secured; and
3. The Chief Financial Officer is authorized to establish a special interest-bearing account for the grant, if required; and
4. The Chief Financial Officer is authorized to increase the Capital Improvements Program Budget in CIP A-IE.00002, Guard Rails (B-19056, Torrey Pines Rd, Prospect-Coast Walk GR), and to appropriate

and expend an amount not to exceed \$281,300.00, within fund 600001, Grant Fund - State, for the purpose of construction.

DISCUSSION OF ITEM:

The Torrey Pines Road (Prospect Place to Coast Walk) Guardrail project provides for a permanent solution for the protection of motorists along the north side of Torrey Pines Road.

There is a history of fatal and severe crashes as a result of vehicles veering off the very steep (0.58:1) embankment on the north side of Torrey Pines Road between Prospect Place & Coast Walk in the community of La Jolla. Torrey Pines Road carries over 60,000 vehicles per day at speeds over 42 mph without any recovery area that would prevent fatal or severe injuries from occurring. It is frequently covered in a marine layer of dense fog since it is so close to the ocean, making visibility of the curve particularly challenging. A safety rail will prevent out-of-control vehicles from falling over the embankment into surrounding homes, hitting fixed objects, and striking pedestrians walking along the sidewalk, greatly reducing the risk of fatal and severe crashes at this location. Interim improvements, including chain-link fences, signing and striping modifications, narrowing the travel way, and a temporary K-rail concrete barrier, have been installed.

The proposed improvements include removal of the temporary K-rail concrete barrier, installation of a new bridge rail, end blocks, crash cushions, sidewalk, curb and gutter, utility relocations, roadway paving, and traffic striping and signage. Construction is scheduled to begin in Summer 2026.

City of San Diego Strategic Plan:

This project supports the Strategic Plan's Priority Area: Advance Mobility & Infrastructure; and the following strategies: "Implement measures for systemic safety, accounting for human error and injury tolerance" and "add new improvements to City streets that assist individuals of all ages and abilities to move around easier."

Fiscal Considerations:

This action will authorize an increase in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget in CIP A-IE.00002, Guard Rails (B-19056, Torrey Pines Rd, Prospect-Coast Walk GR), and is to accept, appropriate and expend an amount not to exceed \$281,300.00 within fund 600001, Grant Fund - State. In 2022, City staff received approval to apply for and accept a Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant in the amount of \$718,700.00 for design and construction phases (R-313875). This action increases the grant award by \$281,300.00 for a total grant award of \$1,000,000.

The total estimated project cost is \$3,011,282.97. \$2,729,982.97 has been allocated to this project to date, of which only \$718,700.00 has been the HSIP grant.

This action increases the total HSIP grant award by \$281,300.00 to a total of \$1,000,000.00. Thus, the remaining HSIP grant balance that still needs to be allocated is \$281,300.00 for the construction phase.

This grant requires a 46.76% local match in an amount of \$688,922.00 for the construction portion of the grant award and a 56.62% local match in an amount of \$113,753.00 for the construction engineering portion of the grant. These funds will be available within the project.

Phase	R-313875	Original Grant Award	Updated Grant Award	Delta (Updated/Original Award)	Upcoming Council action
PE	\$128,400.00	\$128,400.00	\$128,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CON	\$590,300.00	\$590,300.00	\$871,600.00	\$281,300.00	\$281,300.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$718,700.00</b>	<b>\$718,700.00</b>	<b>\$1,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$281,300.00</b>	<b>\$281,300.00</b>

Charter Section 225 Disclosure of Business Interests:

N/A

Environmental Impact:

This activity is not a project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5) as it is an administrative activity of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. The Torrey Pines Road (Prospect Place to Coast Walk) Guardrail project was previously determined to be categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities), 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), and 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures). A Notice of Right to Appeal the Environmental Determination was posted for this project on February 3, 2025, and no appeals were received by the close of the appeal period on February 18, 2025. The acceptance, appropriation and expenditure of grant funds will not, on its own accord, result in a direct or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, nor will it change the scope of this project so there is no potential for new environmental impacts which would need further evaluation under CEQA. Thus, this activity is not subject to CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3).

Climate Action Plan Implementation:

The proposed action supports Strategy 3 of the Climate Action Plan on Mobility & Land Use by installing safety related improvements.

Equal Opportunity Contracting Information (if applicable):

This agreement is subject to the City's Equal Employment Opportunity Outreach Program (San Diego Ordinance No. 18173, Municipal Code Sections 22.2701 through 22.2708) and Non-Discrimination in Contracting Ordinance (San Diego Municipal Code Sections 22.3501 through 22.3517).

Previous Council and/or Committee Actions:

In 2022, City staff received approval to apply for and accept a Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant in the amount of \$718,700.00 for design and construction phases (R-313875).

Planning Commission Action:

N/A

Key Stakeholders and Community Outreach Efforts:

The key stakeholders are identified as the public, the City of San Diego, the La Jolla Community Planning Board of Council District 1, and the La Jolla Traffic and Transportation Board.

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Director, Engineering & Capital Projects

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Chief Community Services Officer & City Engineer

Item # 1006  
02/01/2022

(R-2022-245)

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 313875

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE FEB 03 2022

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HSIP) FOR THE TORREY PINES ROAD (PROSPECT STREET TO COAST WALK) PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST) was signed into law on December 4, 2015. Under FAST, the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), codified as section 148 of Title 23, United States Code (23 U.S.C. § 148), is a core federal-aid program to States for the purpose of achieving a significant reduction in fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Assistance (DLA) manages California's local agency share of HSIP funds. California's Local HSIP focuses on infrastructure projects with nationally recognized crash reduction factors (CRFs). Local HSIP projects must be identified on the basis of crash experience, crash potential, crash rate, or other data-supported means; and

WHEREAS, the Torrey Pines Road (Prospect Street to Coast Walk) Guardrail project provides for a permanent solution for the protection of motorists and pedestrians along the north side of Torrey Pines Rd. (Project); and

WHEREAS, Torrey Pines Road carries over 60,000 vehicles per day and is frequently covered in a marine layer of dense fog, making visibility of the curve particularly challenging. A safety rail will prevent out-of-control vehicles from falling over the embankment into surrounding homes, hitting fixed objects, and striking pedestrians walking along the sidewalk, greatly reducing the risk of fatal and severe crashes at this location; and

WHEREAS, interim improvements including chain-link fences, signing and striping modifications narrowing the travel way, and a temporary K-rail concrete barrier have been installed; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, as follows:

1. That the Mayor, or his designee, is authorized to take all necessary actions to secure HSIP Cycle 10 grant funding for an amount not to exceed \$718,700 in grant funding for CIP AIE00002, Guard Rails (B-19056, Torrey Pines Rd, Prospect-Coast Walk GR), to support the design and construction phases.

2. That the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to accept, appropriate, and expend HSIP Cycle 10 grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$718,700 contingent upon receipt of a fully executed grant agreement.

3. That the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to establish a special interest-bearing account for the grant, if required.

4. That the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to increase the Capital Improvement Program Budget in CIP AIE00002, Guard Rails (B-19056, Torrey Pines Rd, Prospect-Coast Walk GR), and to appropriate and expend an amount not to exceed \$718,700 within Fund 600001, Grant Fund State.

APPROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney

By /s/ Ryan P. Gerrity  
Ryan P. Gerrity  
Deputy City Attorney

RPG:cw  
01/18/22  
Or.Dept: Transportation & Storm Water  
CC No.: N/A  
Doc. No.: 2860632

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of FEB. 01 2022.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND  
City Clerk

By Connie Patterson  
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 2/3/22  
(date)

Todd Gloria  
TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

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TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on FEB 01 2022, by the following vote:

Councilmembers	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Recused
Joe LaCava	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jennifer Campbell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen Whitburn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monica Montgomery Steppe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marni von Wilpert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chris Cate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Raul A. Campillo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vivian Moreno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sean Elo-Rivera	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date of final passage FEB 03 2022.

**(Please note: When a resolution is approved by the Mayor, the date of final passage is the date the approved resolution was returned to the Office of the City Clerk.)**

AUTHENTICATED BY:

TODD GLORIA  
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

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ELIZABETH S. MALAND  
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By Connie Patterson, Deputy

Office of the City Clerk, San Diego, California

Resolution Number R- 313875

DOCKET SUPPORTING INFORMATION  
CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CONTRACTING PROGRAM EVALUATION**

DATE:  
April 13, 2026

SUBJECT: Request for Authority to Accept, Appropriate, and Expend Additional Highway Safety Improvement Program Grant Funds for the B-19056 Torrey Pines Road (Prospect Place to Coast Walk) Guardrail Project

**GENERAL CONTRACT INFORMATION**

Recommended Contractor: TBD

**Amount of this Action:** \$ 281,300.00 (Amendment 1)  
Previous Amount(s): \$ 718,700.00 (Original)  
Cumulative Amount: \$1,000,000.00 (NTE)

Funding Source: Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)

Goals: TBD

**SUBCONTRACTOR PARTICIPATION**

There is no subcontractor participation associated with this action; however, subsequent actions must adhere to funding agency requirements.

**EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMPLIANCE**

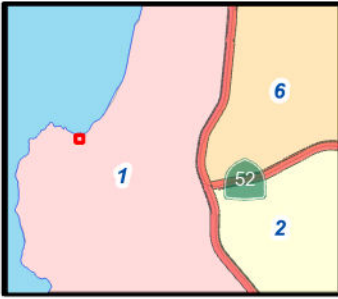
Contracts or agreements associated with this action are subject to the City's Equal Employment Opportunity Outreach Program (San Diego Ordinance No. 18173, Municipal Code Sections 22.2701 through 22.2708) and Non-Discrimination in Contracting Ordinance (San Diego Municipal Code Sections 22.3501 through 22.3517).

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

DA

**Torrey Pines Road (Prospect Place to Coast Walk) Guardrail**

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**Legend**

 Torrey Pines Road (Prospect Place to Coast Walk) Guardrail



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The City of San Diego  
**Item Approvals**

**Item Subject:** Request for authority to accept, appropriate, and expend additional Highway Safety Improvement Program Grant Funds for the B-19056 Torrey Pines Road (Prospect Place to Coast Walk) Guardrail Project

<b>Contributing Department</b>	<b>Approval Date</b>
DOCKET OFFICE	03/18/2026
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CONTRACTING	03/24/2026
GRANTS ADMINISTRATION	03/24/2026
ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS	03/24/2026
FINANCE	03/27/2026

<b>Approving Authority</b>	<b>Approver</b>	<b>Approval Date</b>
ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS FINAL DEPARTMENT APPROVER	CETIN, ELIF	03/10/2026
EXECUTIVE TEAM	AMEN, RANIA	04/05/2026