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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

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DATE: December 12, 2017

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the potential funding for small scale traffic improvements and the Vela Athletic Complex project.

BACKGROUND

There are two items to bring forward for discussion and seek direction from City Council regarding small scale traffic improvements and the Vela Athletic Complex project.

Small Traffic Improvement Projects:

At the August 26, 2017, City Council Retreat, the City Council gave direction to Staff to develop a short-term plan that would make immediate traffic flow improvements within the City. As a result, Traffic Engineering staff has identified six intersection improvements that would address citizen complaints, alleviate congestion, and improve safety. The criteria used in identifying these intersection are: 1) if implemented, would the improvements make an immediate, positive impact on traffic congestion 2) can it be quickly and easily engineered/designed, 3) would the project construction begin and be complete or mostly complete within the FY 2017/18 budget. The costs for the six projects identified are:

Project	Short-Term Improvement	Estimated Cost
Extend 288/Colorado	Extend the eastbound left turn lane	\$200,000
Country Club/Hickory Creek Rd.	Add a westbound right hand turn lane	\$150,000
US 77/Dallas Dr./Teasley Ln.	Add turn lanes, channelized islands	\$725,000
Bell Ave./McKinney	Add a northbound right turn lane	\$120,000
Carroll Blvd./Sherman Rd.	Add a northbound left turn lane and improve the turning radius on the southeast corner	\$425,000
University Dr./Old North Road	Add left turn lanes (north-south)	\$500,000
	Totals	\$2,120,000

Vela Sports Complex Project:

The Vela Athletic Complex is a 26-acre campus located at the northeast corner of North Lakes Park on Riney Rd just off Highway 77. It is designed to include four lighted athletic fields, a playground area, three pavilions, restroom facilities and a concession stand. The fields are sized to host adult soccer, rugby, football, and lacrosse. The engineers probable cost estimate for the project is \$5,505,912.50; however, the project has a shortfall of \$2,330,000. The project is scheduled to go out for bid this month with the bid opening in January 2018.

FISCAL INFORMATION

In working with the Finance Department we have been able to identify approximately \$3,000,000 in available funds from better than projected revenues and expenditures in the FY 2016/17 General Fund budget. Also \$1,755,000 in project funds within the Parks CIP have been identified and can be re-prioritized to cover the cost for the remainder of the Vela Sports Complex Project. The following is a breakdown of how these funds could be re-prioritized.

From: Funding Source	Amount	To: Project
FY 2016/17 Budget Balance	\$2,120,000	Small Traffic Improvements
2014 GO Bond Program:		
Property acquisition	\$1,005,000	Vela Sports Complex
Southwest Park Master Plan & Design	\$ 750,000	Vela Sports Complex
FY 2016/17 Budget Balance	\$ 575,000	Vela Sport Complex
Total	\$2,330,000	

Based on the revenue and expenditure estimates and if the above funds are reallocated as requested the City's fund balance in the General Fund would still increase by \$305,000. Preliminary FY 2016/17 year-end actuals reflect a fund balance in the General Fund of approximately 27%. The additional drawdown would decrease the percentage to approximately 24% which is still within the adopted fund balance policy (20-25%) for the General Fund.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff is seeking direction from the City Council to proceed with the reallocation of funds for the Small Traffic Improvements and the Vela Sports Complex. If Council agrees with this proposal, then the Finance Department would prepare a budget amendment for the City Council's consideration at the January 9, 2018 City Council meeting.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (Council, Boards, Commissions)

The Vela Athletic Complex briefing was made to the City Council at the September 12, 2017 and December 5, 2017 meetings. The Small Traffic Improvements Projects were presented to the Mobility Committee at their October 10, 2017 meeting.

BID INFORMATION

Not applicable for this item.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELATIONSHIP

The City of Denton's Strategic Plan is an action-oriented road map that will help the City achieve its vision. The foundation for the plan is the five long-term Key Focus Areas (KFA): Organizational Excellence; Public Infrastructure; Economic Development; Safe, Livable, and Family-Friendly Community; and Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship. While individual items may support multiple KFAs, this specific City Council agenda item contributes most directly to the following KFA and goal:

Related Key Focus Area: Public Infrastructure

Related Goal: 2.5 Develop Capital Improvement Program (CIP) based on community needs

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. PowerPoint Presentation

Respectfully submitted:
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