

RESOLUTION NO. 2022- 321

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDED ADVANCEMENT OF A CITY OF VINELAND ROADWAY CORRIDOR LOCAL SAFETY PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HSIP) FUNDS FOR S. EAST AVENUE BETWEEN WALNUT ROAD AND ELMER STREET.

WHEREAS, New Jersey has been designated by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) as a Focus State for Pedestrians and Bicycles due to its disproportionately high and increasing number of serious injury and fatal crashes among bicyclists and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, bicycles and pedestrians are involved in 2.9 percent of crashes, but 21.6 percent of fatal and serious injury crashes in Cumberland County; and

WHEREAS, the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization (SJTPO) has conducted bicycle and pedestrian crash data analyses associated with a Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Action Plan to provide local access to federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds, through the State's Local Safety Program; and

WHEREAS, these analyses have identified:

(1) The East Avenue corridor, between Elmer Street and Walnut Road as the second highest ranked corridor in Vineland by public votes for Bicycle and Pedestrian crashes; and

WHEREAS, the federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), is a data-driven program tasked with advancing substantive safety improvements to maximize safety rather than simply meet minimum standards; and

WHEREAS, the above noted project corridor has been advanced via Resolution No. 2019-112 to permit the SJTPO to conduct detailed analyses, data collection, public outreach, and stakeholder collaboration in partnership with the City to access federal with HSIP funding; and

WHEREAS, the above noted project corridors were analyzed by Pedestrian Road Safety Audit (PRSA) teams in January 2020 to identify road safety concerns and opportunities for improvements, paying particular attention to pedestrians and bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, the City Vineland was a participant in this audit, and has reviewed the recommendations of the audit team; and

WHEREAS, SJTPO's technical effort had identified and recommended safety improvements along these corridors with the purpose of maximizing safety at these high crash locations without the contribution of any matching funds from the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Vineland on November 23, 2021 adopted Resolution No. 2021-554 approving the Advancement of a Roadway Corridor Local Safety Program Application for Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Funds for S. East Avenue between Walnut Road and Elmer Street; and

WHEREAS, said resolution supported safety improvements recommended along the East Avenue corridor, between Elmer Street and Walnut Road, including installation of a mid-block crosswalk with a curb extension, high visibility crosswalks, installation of a pedestrian activated rectangular rapid flashing beacon at select locations, construction of ADA compliant pedestrian facilities, installation of median island at the entrance of East Avenue starting at MP 0.76, installation of sidewalk along both sides of East Avenue wherever missing, reconfiguration of existing curbline and sidewalk to provide a bus pull-out bay in front of the Cunningham Academy School, replacement of impacted utilities, and miscellaneous items therein, signage and striping; and

**WHEREAS, since that time, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) has indicated that they want more improvements at East Avenue and Walnut Road due to the high crash numbers; and**

**WHEREAS, more safety improvements have been recommended along the East Avenue corridor, proposed safety improvements between Elmer Street and Walnut Road, including installation of transverse thermoplastic rumble strips and a red flashing signal at the intersection of East Avenue/Walnut Road, installation of a mid-block crosswalk with a**

**curb extension, high visibility crosswalks, installation of a pedestrian-activated rectangular rapid flashing beacon at select locations, construction of ADA compliant pedestrian facilities, installation of median island at the entrance of East Avenue starting at MP 0.76, installation of sidewalk along both sides of East Avenue wherever missing, reconfiguration of existing curblines and sidewalk to provide a bus pull-out bay in front of the Cunningham Academy School, replacement of impacted utilities and miscellaneous items therein, signage and striping; and**

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Vineland do hereby support the SJTPO recommended safety improvements along the East Avenue corridor, which will allow the City to seek federal HSIP funds to advance safety projects along this corridor to maximize safety and pedestrian accessibility.

Adopted:

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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City Clerk



MEMORANDUM

July 25, 2022

TO: Bob Dickenson, Business Administrator

FROM: David J. Maillet, PE, City Engineer

RE: S. East Avenue Traffic Safety  
File No. 20-012



Last fall, City Council passed resolution 2021-554 for the advancement of an application for Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds for S. East Avenue.

Since that time, NJDOT has indicated that they wanted to more improvements at East & Walnut due to the high crash numbers there. Particularly, NJDOT would like to see the installation of flashers at this intersection (similar to Brewster & Maple). I feel that this is a reasonable and justified request.

Therefore, I respectfully request a resolution be placed on City Council agenda to update Resolution 2021-554. I have enclosed that original resolution as well as recommended language for this new resolution.

