TO:       City Council

FROM:    Brendan Ottoboni, Public Works Director - Engineering (879-6901)

RE:       Infill Infrastructure Grant Program – Bruce Road Reconstruction Project

REPORT IN BRIEF:
In a continued effort to fund approved capital projects, staff is seeking authorization to apply for grant funds from the Infill Infrastructure Grant (IIG) Program and, if awarded, designate the City Manager to enter into agreement with the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for the Bruce Road Reconstruction Project.

Recommendation: The Public Works Director - Engineering recommends adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICO APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY INFILL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE BRUCE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A STANDARD AGREEMENT, IF AWARDED FUNDING, ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND ANY RELATED DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM FOR AN AWARD UP TO $30,000,000 TO CONSTRUCT THE BRUCE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

FISCAL IMPACT:
Staff has retained a consultant to prepare the IIG Program’s application for a cost of $20,000, to be funded from the Bruce Road Reconstruction Project (Capital Project # 16038). If awarded, the grant could generate up to the program’s single project maximum award of $30 million to reconstruct Bruce Road.

BACKGROUND:
The California Department of Housing and Community Development has been allocated $500 million from Assembly Bill (AB) 101 for the Infill Infrastructure Grant Program to cover gap funding needs for infrastructure improvements necessary to facilitate the development of and access to affordable housing development projects. Several qualifying housing projects are in various stages of review and approval along the Bruce Road corridor, including those located within Meriam Park and along Notre Dame Boulevard. In order to be eligible to apply for the grant funding, the City Council must authorize staff to submit an application through the adoption of a resolution prior to submission to the State.

DISCUSSION:
The Bruce Road Reconstruction Project consists of the reconstruction and widening of an approximately 2-mile segment of Bruce Road from State Route 32 to Skyway utilizing roller-compacted concrete pavement. The proposed “complete streets” improvements, consistent with the Chico 2030 General Plan and associated Environmental Impact Report, include widening Bruce Road from an existing 2-lane arterial roadway to a 4-lane arterial roadway, including replacement of the existing two-lane, functionally obsolete Bruce Road bridge over Little Chico Creek with a new four-lane bridge structure. The new approximately 98-feet long by 96.5-feet wide bridge will accommodate four lanes of traffic, a center median, as well as pedestrian/bicycle facilities consisting of a Class 1 bike path on the west side of Bruce Road and a sidewalk on the east side.
Roadway improvements include construction of a 14-foot landscaped center median, 5-foot buffered bike lanes, dedicated left turn lanes at various intersections, landscaped parkways, concrete curb, gutter, and curb ramps, a 5-foot concrete sidewalk along the east side of Bruce Road and a 12-foot wide concrete multi-use path on the west side of Bruce Road, as well as multi-use path and roadway lighting. The project also includes storm drainage improvements and two traffic signals.

After reviewing the specific guidelines and objectives of the Infill Infrastructure Grant Program and pre-application coordination the HCD's IIG program management, staff determined that this project met the program's numerous objectives and was eligible for funding consideration. Applications are accepted through a stream-lined "over-the-counter" process.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:
Environmental review, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), is currently underway. Based on the initial information and the project's various technical studies, the City anticipates the preparation and adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration. Staff anticipates that the public review of this documentation will be available in April 2020.

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Public Works Director-Engineering

Approved by: 
Mark Orme, City Manager  
City Manager

DISTRIBUTION:
City Clerk (3)

ATTACHMENTS:
Resolution
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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICO

APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY INFILL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE BRUCE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A STANDARD AGREEMENT, IF AWARDED FUNDING, ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND ANY RELATED DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM FOR AN AWARD UP TO $30,000,000 TO CONSTRUCT THE BRUCE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (the “Department”) has issued a Notice of Funding Availability (“NOFA”) for the Infill Infrastructure Grant Program (“IIG”) established under Assembly Bill 101 (Chapter 159, Statutes of 2019) and Part 12.5 (commencing with section 53559) of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code, which authorizes the Department to approve funding allocations utilizing monies made available by the State Legislature, subject to the terms and conditions of the statute and the IIG Guidelines implemented October 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chico (City), a political subdivision of the State of California, wishes to apply for and receive an allocation of funds through the IIG Program for the Bruce Road Reconstruction Project (Project) in an amount not to exceed the Program’s maximum award of $30,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the Project has been identified for many years in the City’s adopted Capital Improvement Program, including the 2019/2020 Budget Year, which included local funding to complete the engineering design; and

WHEREAS, the IIG has no matching funds requirement; and

WHEREAS, the Bruce Road Reconstruction Project is a multi-modal, “complete streets” infrastructure improvement project that is consistent with the Chico 2030 General Plan and associated General Plan Environmental Impact Report, as well as the approved Meriam Park and Stonegate development projects located along the corridor.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Council of the City of Chico:
1) Authorizes City staff to file an application for the Infill Infrastructure Grant Program for the Bruce Road Reconstruction Project, and if awarded, accept an allocation of funds in an amount not to exceed the IIG maximum award of $30,000,000, pursuant to the above-described Notice of Funding Availability.

2) Authorizes and directs the City Manager to enter into, execute, and deliver a State of California Standard Agreement, any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to carry into effect the full intent and purpose of the above resolution, and any amendments to such Standard Agreement, in order to evidence the IIG Grant, the City’s obligations related thereto, and the Department’s security therefore; including, but not limited to, an affordable housing covenant, a performance deed of trust, a disbursement agreement, and certain other documents required by the Department as security for, evidence of or pertaining to the IIG Grant, and all amendments thereto (collectively, the "IIG Grant Documents").

3) That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Chico at its meeting held on January 21, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Deborah R. Presson
City Clerk

Andrew Jared, City Attorney*

*Pursuant to The Charter of the City of Chico, Section 906(E)