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STATE AWARDS CITY OF HANFORD \$650,000 TO PLAN FOR FUTURE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

City is one of 56 agencies to receive Caltrans' Sustainable Communities Competitive Grant in Fiscal year 2023/2024

HANFORD, CA – Hanford City Council Members approved a resolution on Tuesday night authorizing the City Manager to execute documents and enter into a contract with Caltrans to develop a plan that identifies recommendations for connecting Hanford with the future California High-Speed Rail (HSR) Station and Cross Valley Corridor (CVC). The HSR station will be located northeast of the State Route 198/43 interchange.

On August 31, Caltrans announced the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Awards, which included \$41.6 million in funding for 90 sustainable, climate-resilient transportation projects throughout the state. The City of Hanford received a \$650,000 Sustainable Communities Competitive Grant for the Kings-Tulare High-Speed Rail (HSR) Station Transit-Oriented Development and Connectivity Plan and Cross Valley Corridor (CVC) Rail Service Planning Project.

Funding for the project will accomplish the following:

- Guide land use planning along Lacey Boulevard and the HSR Station
- Stimulate connectivity between downtown Hanford, the Highway 43/Lacey Boulevard interchange, and eventually, the HSR Station
- Support an efficient and effective multimodal transportation system
- Enhance connections to transit and mobility choice
- Support transit-oriented development
- Promote economic development and revitalization
- Connect Hanford with other communities along the CVC

“Pursuing this grant opportunity was an easy decision,” said Hanford Deputy City Manager Jason Waters. “The funding we received from Caltrans will allow the City to create long-term plans that are consistent with our General Plan and provide long-lasting benefits to Hanford residents along one of our major corridors to the east.”

The City will act as the project lead and will work in coordination with several partners, including the California High-Speed Rail Authority and the San Joaquin Joint Powers

Authority. The project is expected to start in January 2024 and be completed by June 2026.

The City will provide project updates on its [website](#) and social media pages, including [Facebook](#), [X](#), and [Instagram](#).

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