

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2021-186

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Priestly Jackson

Date of Introduction: March 23, 2021

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: March 25, 2021

Type of Action: De-appropriation and re-appropriation of funds; CIP amendment

Bill Summary: The bill de-appropriates \$3,260,596.25 in borrowing proceeds from the Soutel Road Diet Project and re-appropriates the funds to three other projects in the same council district. It also amends the 2021-25 Capital Improvement Program to remove the Soutel Road Diet project from the program, to reallocate the current year funding to the 3 other named projects in FY20-21, and to reallocate funding programmed for future fiscal years from the Soutel Road Diet to 12 additional projects in the council district.

Background Information: The Soutel Road Diet project with a total projected cost of \$13,265,096 over several years was placed in the CIP in 2017. The project would reduce the road from 4 lanes to 3 and add bicycle lanes, pedestrian refuge islands, and other safety features to reduce the large number of pedestrian and bicycle crashes on the road. Recently there has been vocal opposition to the project from some area residents who prefer that funding be reallocated to other projects. This bill would reallocate the current year funding from the Soutel Road Diet to the following: Soutel Drive & New Kings Road Intersection Improvements (\$3,000,000); Kings Road and Dixie Street Drainage System Restoration (\$250,000); and Cain Lane and Able Street Drainage System Restoration (\$10,596.25). Future years of the road diet funding will be reallocated to the following projects: "Cain Lane & Able St. (DSR) – Capital Improvement"; "Zora St. (DSR) – Capital Improvement"; "Frye Ave. W. (DSR) - Capital Improvement"; "Ellis Rd. (DSR) - Capital Improvement"; "Old Kings Rd. (DSR) - Capital Improvement"; "West Side Blvd (DSR) - Capital Improvement"; "Davell Rd. (DSR) - Capital Improvement"; "Jack Horner Ln / Miss Muffet Ln. (DSR) - Capital Improvement"; "Harlow Blvd / Mother Hubbard Dr. S. (DSR) - Capital Improvement"; "Sibbald Road Sidewalk Extension", "CD 10 Sidewalk Repairs"; "Channel Lining Drainage Improvements - I-10 to north of Ramona Blvd."; and "District 8 (DSR) Capital Improvements."

Policy Impact Area: Capital improvements project budgeting

Fiscal Impact: The bill de-appropriates \$3,260,596.25 in borrowing proceeds from the Soutel Road Diet Project and re-appropriates the funds to other projects in the same council district.

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