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Alessandro development plans go to council

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The Moreno Valley City Council on Tuesday, April 23, will consider plans for Alessandro Boulevard development.

The proposed project would incorporate transportation with housing, shopping and entertainment, according to a staff report. The Alessandro Boulevard redevelopment plan would blend multi-unit housing, offices and retail uses along almost 6 miles between Old 215 Frontage Road to Nason Street. An area northeast of Perris Boulevard and Iris Avenue also are to be included.

Officials hope the plan will stimulate economic development and make it easier for residents to walk, bike and travel to work and stores.

City officials began discussing Alessandro Boulevard improvements with residents in 2010. The City Planning Commission last month

unanimously approved zoning and general plan amendments needed for the project.

In other business, a second hearing will be held about \$2.6 million in projects and programs officials selected to receive federal Community Development Block Grants. Programs on the list recommended for funding between \$4,753 and \$33,062 include nearly two-dozen nonprofit organizations that provide food, transportation and homeless services.

City officials also recommended that \$800,000 go toward a Sunnymead Boulevard flood control project and \$300,000 for rehabilitation of Moreno Valley's impoverished Edgemont area.

More than \$173,000 has been targeted to the Economic Resource Center, which could host job fairs. Another \$273,754 would go to a business incubator program that is to be established.

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