



COUNCIL AGENDA: 4/9/24  
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ITEM: 2.13

## Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**FROM:** John Ristow

**DATE:** March 18, 2024

Approved

Date

3/27/24

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 3, 4, 6

**SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING  
GRANT**

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Adopt a “Resolution of Local Support” to receive grant funds from the California Department of Transportation Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant that indicates the City will:

- (a) Follow all grant program requirements; and
- (b) Authorize the City Manager or her designee to negotiate and execute grant agreements and all documents necessary to effectuate the grant agreements administered by the California Department of Transportation, in an amount not to exceed \$345,269 for reimbursement for the Guadalupe River Trail Connections and Crossings Flooding Adaptation Plan.

### **SUMMARY AND OUTCOME**

Acceptance of the funds provides \$345,269 in state grant funding to support outreach and planning efforts to develop Guadalupe River Trail Connections and Crossings Flooding Adaptation Plan. Adoption of the above resolution is required by California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) as part of the grant award process. This grant opportunity provides funding to analyze and plan for on-street bikeways to ensure safe and convenient alternatives to trails during and after storms and flooding. This supports key City priorities related to improving transportation mode shift and reducing vehicle miles traveled and related greenhouse gas emissions.

## **BACKGROUND**

A high-quality, interconnected network of on-street bikeways and off-street trails advances the City goals for safety, equity, and transportation mode shift. On-street bikeways and off-street trails are critical components of the City's transportation network. Implementation of the City's bikeways network is a collaborative effort; the Department of Transportation leads on-street bikeway development while the Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services Department leads off-street trail development. These efforts are guided by several City planning documents, including the 2016 *Trails Program Strategic Plan* and the 2020 City Council-adopted *Better Bike Plan 2025*. Together, Department of Transportation and the Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services Department implement these plans to provide access to a world-class active transportation network.

The Department of Transportation actively pursues grant funds for projects that support the goals of the Transportation City Service Area. On March 9, 2023, the Department of Transportation submitted the Guadalupe River Trail Connections and Crossings Flooding Adaptation Plan for funding consideration under Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program. The Department of Transportation has been notified that the project has been preliminary recommended for funding, pending adoption of the proposed "Resolution of Local Support."

## **ANALYSIS**

The Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program was created to support Caltrans mission: Provide a safe, sustainable, integrated, and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. The Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program is funded through Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

Upon City Council approval and final determination by Caltrans, the City will be eligible to receive Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant funding to support outreach and planning efforts to develop the Guadalupe River Trail Connections and Crossings Flooding Adaptation Plan.

### **Guadalupe River Trail Flooding Adaption Plan**

The Department of Transportation will lead this project and select a consultant to provide technical support to develop an outreach plan, 30% designs, and supporting transportation analyses for low-stress on-street bikeways to serve as alternatives to, plus connections to and from, the Guadalupe River Trail. Based on the 2021 Trail Count Survey completed by the Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services Department, the Guadalupe River Trail is used by nearly 500 people per day, and regularly experiences seasonal flooding, rendering the trail unusable and forcing travelers to drive, stay home, or bike and walk on inadequate on-street facilities instead. The funding will be used to develop proposed improvements that will allow pedestrians and bicyclists to find safe alternatives to and from key destinations along the Guadalupe River Trail.

### ***Climate Smart San José Analysis***

The recommendation in this memorandum aligns with one or more Climate Smart San José energy, water, or mobility goals. The project will improve bicycling options, which reduces vehicle miles traveled and associated greenhouse gas emissions.

### **EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP**

This memorandum will not require further follow-up.

### **COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS**

Project cost of \$390,002, will be funded via \$345,269 in grant funds and \$44,733 in local match. These funds have been programmed in the Fiscal Year 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program. A summary and schedule of expenditures are shown in the table below.

#### **Expenditures by Fiscal Year**

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>FY 2024-2025</b>	<b>FY 2025-2026</b>	<b>Total</b>
Staffing	\$ 15,000	\$ 25,002	\$ 40,002
Consultant	\$ 100,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 350,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 115,000</b>	<b>\$ 275,002</b>	<b>\$ 390,002</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>\$101,810</b>	<b>\$243,459</b>	<b>\$345,269</b>
<b>Local Match</b>	<b>\$13,190</b>	<b>\$31,543</b>	<b>\$44,733</b>

### **COORDINATION**

This memorandum has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office, City Manager's Budget Office, and the Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement Department.

### **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

This memorandum will be posted on the City's Council Agenda website for the April 9, 2024 City Council meeting. Staff will coordinate public outreach meetings to the affected neighborhoods and businesses during the design process.

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### **COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION AND INPUT**

This item does not require input from a board or commission.

### **CEQA**

Statutorily Exempt, File No. PP17-001, CEQA Guidelines Section 15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies.

### **PUBLIC SUBSIDY REPORTING**

This item does not include a public subsidy as defined in section 53083 or 53083.1 of the California Government Code or the City's Open Government Resolution.

/s/

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