



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: John Ristow

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: January 22, 2024

Approved

Date

1/30/24

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3

**SUBJECT: 2023 CLIMATE GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE SAN FERNANDO
MOBILITY HUBS PROJECT**

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) Accept and receive 2023 Climate Grant Program funds awarded for the San Fernando Mobility Hubs project.
- (b) Adopt a Resolution of Local Support that indicates the City will:
 - (1) Follow all grant program requirements and delivery timelines; and
 - (2) Authorize the City Manager or her designee to negotiate and execute all documents necessary to effectuate the Climate Grant Program funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,139,000 for the San Fernando Mobility Hubs project.

SUMMARY AND OUTCOME

In September 2023, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission recommended the City receive \$1,139,000 in grant funds through its Mobility Hubs and Parking Management program for the San Fernando Mobility Hubs project.

In order for the City to receive this grant funding, the City must submit a resolution of local support indicating the City will follow regional guidelines established by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and provide the required local match.

This grant funding will help achieve the City's goals of improving transportation mode shift and reducing vehicle miles traveled and related greenhouse gases.

BACKGROUND

The Department of Transportation actively pursues grant funds for projects that support the City and departmental goals. On November 15, 2022, City Council adopted the Downtown Transportation Plan that included recommendations to implement mobility hubs along San Fernando Street. On March 31, 2023, the department submitted the San Fernando Mobility Hubs project for consideration under the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Mobility Hubs and Parking Management program. On June 9, 2023, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission announced the City had been recommended to receive a grant award in the amount of \$1,139,000 for the San Fernando Mobility Hubs project.

ANALYSIS

The Mobility Hubs and Parking Management program is one of the Climate Initiative Strategies from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Plan Bay Area 2040 and it is included in the upcoming Plan Bay Area 2050. The primary goal of the program is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through a reduction in vehicle miles traveled by making it easier for trips to be made by transit, biking, walking, scooter, wheelchair, or other mobility devices. The program also supports other regional and Plan Bay Area goals of increasing transit access and connectivity, focusing growth, increasing transit-oriented development, and providing viable travel options to all Bay Area communities.

San Fernando Mobility Hubs Project

The San Fernando Mobility Hubs project will complete the design, environmental clearance, and construction of two small-scale mobility hubs on San Fernando Street in Downtown San José. Each hub includes a long-term secure bike cage, short-term secure bike docks, an e-scooter share corral/docks, and universal electric chargers for all types of personal and shared micro-mobility, including e-bikes, e-scooters, and cargo e-bikes. Additionally, each hub will be equipped with a bike repair station, pedestrian-scale streetlights, street furniture, community-driven design elements, planter boxes, a real-time transit arrival/departure display, a wayfinding totem, a directional signpost, a user mobile application, and a City dashboard and management system.

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 walking, transit, and bicycling options. This, in turn, reduces vehicle miles traveled and associated greenhouse gas emissions.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

Upon execution of grant agreements, staff anticipates bringing forward recommendations for City Council consideration to recognize and appropriate the grant funding and local match as part of the Fiscal Year 2025-2029 proposed Traffic Capital Improvement Program.

COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS

The total project cost to implement the San Fernando Mobility Hubs project is \$1,286,570. Grant funds will cover up to 88.53% of the project cost, up to a maximum reimbursement of \$1,139,000. City will provide a local match of 11.47% which amounts to \$147,570. The local match of \$147,570 is included in the grants reserve in the Fiscal Year 2024-2028 Adopted Traffic Capital Improvement Program.

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 February 13, 2024 City Council meeting.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION AND INPUT

No commission recommendation or input is associated with this action.

CEQA

Categorically Exempt, File No. ER23-009, CEQA Guideline Section 15301(c) Existing Facilities.

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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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