



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** John Ristow

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** May 16, 2022

Approved

Date

05/25/22

**COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2**

**SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR THE U.S. 101/BLOSSOM HILL ROAD INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to negotiate and execute an amendment to the Cooperative Agreement between the City of San José (City) and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) to expand the scope of services to include the construction of the Odette Morrow Spur Trail extension as part of the US 101/Blossom Hill Road Interchange Improvement Project (Project) and for the City to contribute the amount of \$55,000.

## **OUTCOME**

Approval of the amendment for the cooperative agreement will provide funding for the additional construction on the Odette Morrow Trail extension. If approved, the trail extension will provide a connection between the Coyote Road entrance to the Odette Morrow Trail and Shady Oaks Open Space as part of the Project.

## **BACKGROUND**

In June 2000, the City Council adopted the Edenvale Area Development Policy to facilitate industrial development in the Edenvale area in south San José. In 2007 and 2014, the Policy was updated to expand the geographic area, address traffic congestion, and improve connectivity for bicyclists and pedestrians between transit facilities on the west side of US 101 and park and trail systems on the east side of US 101. As one of the projects listed in the policy, the Project modifies and improves the safety, operations, and multi-modal characteristics of the existing interchange. The Project will provide the following improvements:

- Widen the existing interchange to provide for one additional lane along Blossom Hill Road in each direction
- Widen the southbound and northbound off-ramps to accommodate additional turning lanes and modify the traffic signals at each intersection
- Construct a Class I bicycle/pedestrian path along the north side of Blossom Hill Road through the interchange between Monterey Road and Coyote Road

The Project broke ground in September 2020 and is proceeding per schedule with expected completion of construction by late 2022 or early 2023.

To improve the trail connection with the new bicycle/pedestrian path along Blossom Hill Road, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services and Department of Transportation have been collaborating to include a paved asphalt concrete trail connection to the Odette Morrow Trail and Shady Oaks Park from Coyote Road. The existing trail connection is gravel. This work will require VTA to execute a change order with its contractor and an amendment to the City/VTA agreement for the City to provide funding for the additional work.

### **ANALYSIS**

The City and VTA's current cooperative agreement outline the terms, conditions and the respective obligations regarding the Project. As part of the agreement, VTA has primary responsibility for delivery of the Project, including serving as project manager for the construction phase.

The original cooperative agreement with VTA was at no cost to the City. Incorporating the paved asphalt concrete trail connection at Odette Morrow Spur Trail will require the City to fund this additional work.

### **CONCLUSION**

The amendment to the cooperative agreement will authorize the City to fund the completion of the Odette Morrow Spur Trail extension, extending the reach and benefit of this Project.

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

Update on this Project will be included in future regional transportation activities quarterly reports to the Transportation and Environmental Committee.

### **CLIMATE SMART SAN JOSE**

The recommendation in this memorandum aligns with one or more Climate Smart San José energy, water, or mobility goals. The extension of the Odette-Morrow Train connection will facilitate walking, bicycling, and other non-motorized transportation choices.

### **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

This memorandum will be posted on the City’s Council agenda website for the June 7, 2022 City Council meeting.

### **COORDINATION**

This memorandum and agreement have been coordinated with the Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement; Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services; the City Manager’s Budget Office; and the City Attorney’s Office.

### **COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION/INPUT**

No commission recommendation or input is associated with this action

### **FISCAL/POLICY ALIGNMENT**

The project is consistent with multiple City policy documents including the Envision 2040 General Plan and the Edenvale Area Development Policy.

### **COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS**

The amended cooperative agreement with VTA provides for the City’s contribution not to exceed \$55,000 for the expanded scope of services to include the construction of the Odette Morrow Spur Trail extension as part of the Project. The 2021-2022 Adopted Budget allocated \$55,000 in anticipation of this amended agreement; accordingly, no further budget action is necessary.

**BUDGET REFERENCE**

The following table identifies the fund and appropriation proposed to fund the recommendation in this memorandum:

Fund #	Appn #	Appn Name	Total Appn	Amt. for Contract	2021-2022 Adopted Budget Page	Last Budget Action (Date, Ord. No.)
375	424G	TRAIL: Odette Morrow Spur	\$55,000	\$55,000	668	06/22/2021 30621

**CEQA**

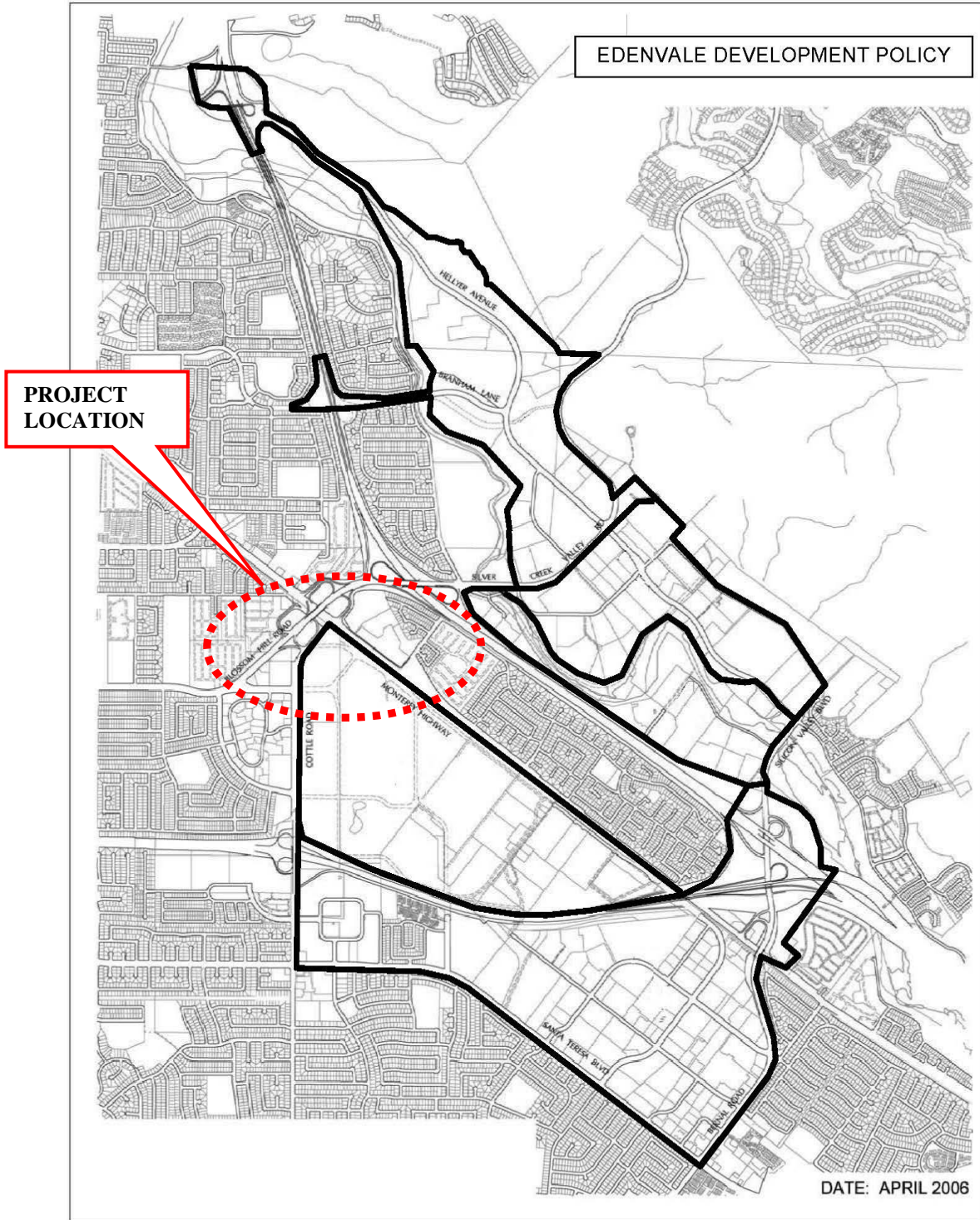
Categorically Exempt, File No. ER19-077, CEQA Guideline Section 15301 Existing Facilities.

/s/  
JOHN RISTOW  
Director of Transportation

For questions please contact Zahir Gulzadah, DOT Division Manager of Regional and Local Project Delivery Section at (408) 975-3257.

Attachments

- A – Edenvale Development Policy map
- B – US 101/Blossom Hill Road Proposed Improvements map
- C – Proposed Odette Morrow Spur Trail map



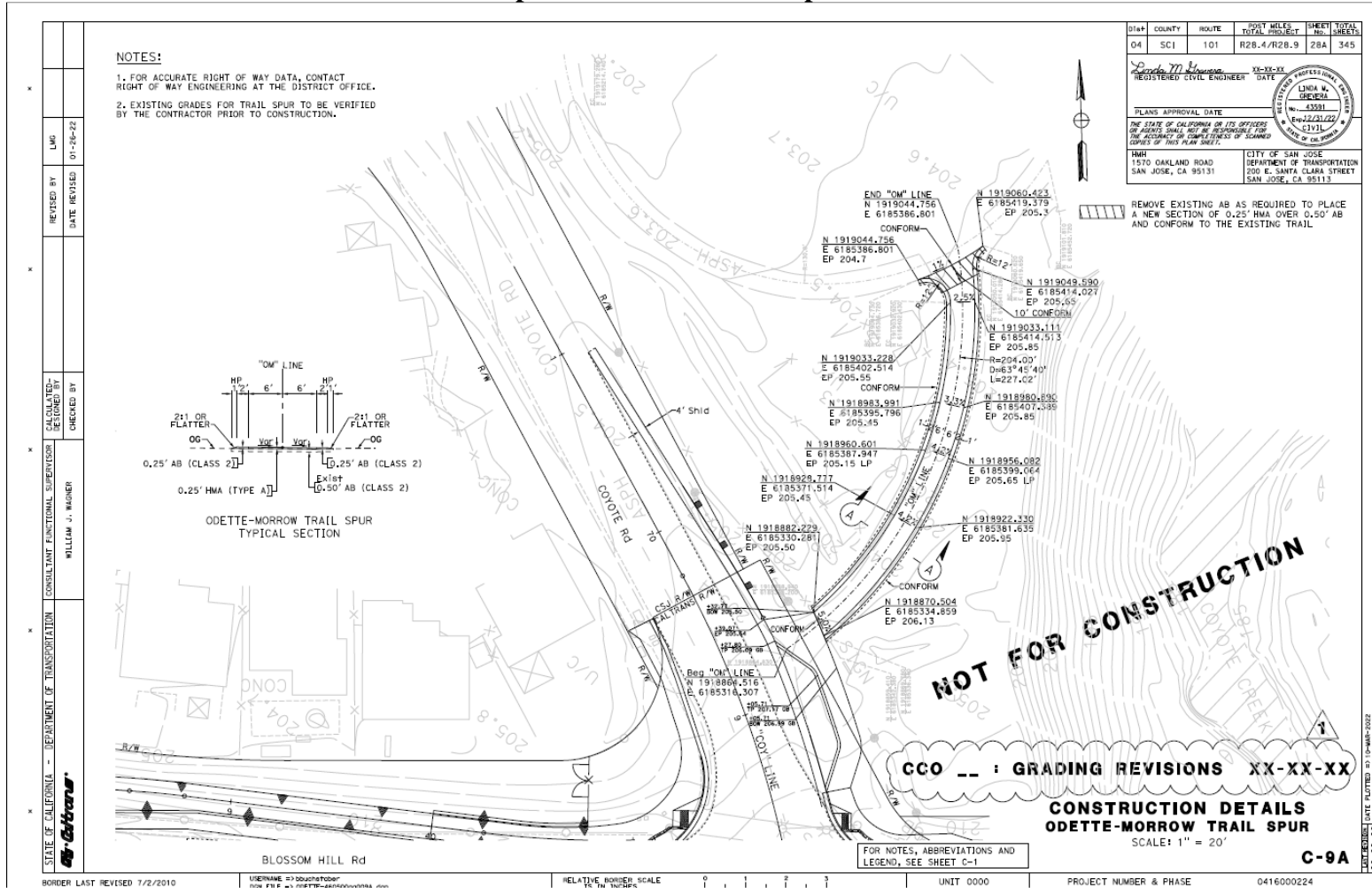


## PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

*U.S. 101 / BLOSSOM HILL ROAD*  
The City of San Jose



### Proposed Odette Morrow Spur Trail



**NOTES:**  
 1. FOR ACCURATE RIGHT OF WAY DATA, CONTACT RIGHT OF WAY ENGINEERING AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE.  
 2. EXISTING GRADES FOR TRAIL SPUR TO BE VERIFIED BY THE CONTRACTOR PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.

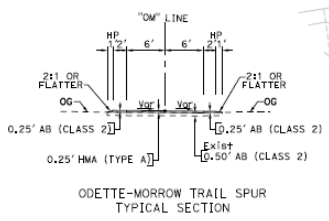
DIST#	COUNTY	ROUTE	POST MILES TOTAL PROJECT	SHEET NO.	TOTAL SHEETS
04	SCI	101	R28.4/R28.9	28A	345

*Debra M. Alvarez*  
 REGISTERED CIVIL ENGINEER  
 No. 43331  
 EXPIRES 12/31/11  
 STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PLANS APPROVAL DATE: 02/22/11  
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HMR 1570 OAKLAND ROAD SAN JOSE, CA 95131	CITY OF SAN JOSE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 300 E. SANTA CLARA STREET SAN JOSE, CA 95113
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REMOVE EXISTING AB AS REQUIRED TO PLACE A NEW SECTION OF 0.25' HMA OVER 0.50' AB AND CONFORM TO THE EXISTING TRAIL



CCO -- : GRADING REVISIONS XX-XX-XX

**CONSTRUCTION DETAILS  
 ODETTE-MORROW TRAIL SPUR**  
 SCALE: 1" = 20'

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