



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: John Ristow

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: November 23, 2020

Approved 

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12/4/20

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3 & 4

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH VTA FOR THE US101/DE LA CRUZ BOULEVARD - TRIMBLE ROAD INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to negotiate and execute an amendment to the funding agreement between the City of San José and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) for the US101/De La Cruz Blvd – Trimble Rd Interchange Improvement Project (Project) to extend the term of the agreement to July 31, 2021.

OUTCOME

The recommended action will provide additional time needed by VTA to complete the final design, right-of-way (ROW) engineering, and construction contract documents. This work, led by VTA, is consistent with the adopted goals of the North San Jose development policies and regional transportation improvement priorities and will advance the Project to a state of readiness that improves its competitiveness for regional funding opportunities, such as the Senate Bill 1 Program (SB1).

BACKGROUND

The Project is one of the City's priority transportation projects both in terms of upgrading the regional highway system and in supporting economic development opportunities for the City. The Project is included in the long-range vision of transportation improvements in Santa Clara County (VTA's Valley Transportation Plan 2040) and is also listed as a Phase I regional improvement in the North San José Area Development Policy that supports the North San José developments. VTA, in partnership with Caltrans and the City (Project Team), completed the

Project Approval and Environmental Document phase for the Project in March 2016, a prerequisite milestone for final design and ROW acquisition.

The Project will improve mobility and enhance safety for bicyclists and pedestrians travelling across the interchange, improve traffic operations of US101 in the vicinity of the interchange, and enhance safety for vehicles merging onto southbound US101 from the De La Cruz Blvd-Trimble Rd Interchange.

On December 19, 2017, Council approved a funding agreement with VTA to provide the City's initial share of \$3,000,000, combined with VTA's share of \$4,000,000 to begin the Final Design phase of the Project. The funding agreement with VTA expires December 31, 2020. Although significant progress has been made towards development of the Project, additional time is needed by VTA for completion of the final design phase.

ANALYSIS

Currently, the Project Team is near completion of the final design phase of the Project. The project team has developed and reviewed the 100% design plans and specifications and is working towards producing the final set of plans and specifications to advertise the Project for construction. The proposed amendment will extend the term of the agreement to July 31, 2021, to provide additional time for completion of the final design phase. All other terms of the funding agreement will remain in effect.

The final design phase includes completion of the final design, right-of-way engineering, construction contract documents and the final Engineer's Estimate for the Project. Completion of this phase is a significant milestone that will improve the Project's competitiveness for potential grant funding for construction.

The following improvements will be constructed by the interchange project:

- Construct a separated bike/pedestrian path overcrossing, connecting the Guadalupe River Trails System to De La Cruz Blvd and Central Ex.
- Reconstruct the existing three-quadrant cloverleaf interchange to a partial cloverleaf interchange.
- Replace the existing De La Cruz-Trimble Rd overcrossing structure to provide additional lanes and structural support for the bike/pedestrian facilities.
- Provide an additional through lane in each direction on De La Cruz Blvd, from Trimble Rd to Central Ex.
- Reconstruct the intersection of De La Cruz Blvd and Central Ex to add additional through and turn lanes and improve operational and multimodal connectivity.
- Construct a new intersection at the terminus of the US101 southbound off-ramp at De La Cruz Blvd.

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CONCLUSION

Extending the term of the funding agreement to July 31, 2021 will provide the additional time frame needed by VTA to continue project development of the final design phase.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

Updates on this project will be included in future regional transportation activities quarterly reports to the Transportation and Environmental Committee. Staff will return to Council to obtain the approval of the Project's Freeway Agreement, Freeway Maintenance Agreement, and a funding agreement with the VTA for the construction phase.

CLIMATE SMART SAN JOSE

The recommendation in this memo aligns with one or more Climate Smart San José energy, water, or mobility goals. The construction of the Class I Bike/Pedestrian path will facilitate the choice of mobility choices other than single-occupancy, gas powered vehicles.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

This memorandum will be posted on the City's Council agenda website for the December 15, 2020 City Council Meeting.

COORDINATION

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

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION/INPUT

No commission recommendation or input is associated with this action.

FISCAL/POLICY ALIGNMENT

The Project is consistent with the Envision 2040 General Plan, North San José Area Development Policy, and North San José Deficiency Plan.

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CEQA

Statutory Exemption, File No. PP17-001, Feasibility and Planning Studies with no commitment to future actions.

/s/

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For questions, please contact Zahir Gulzadah, Division Manager, at (408) 975-3257.

Attachment: Project Area Map

Project Area Map

