



Memorandum

TO: CITY COUNCIL

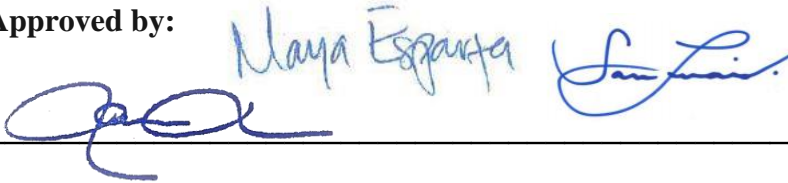
FROM: Councilmember Raul Perez
Mayor Sam Liccardo
Councilmember Maya Esparza

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: August 28, 2020

Approved by:

Date: 8-28-20



**SUBJECT: 2020 REGIONAL ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM
GRANT FOR FIVE WOUNDS TRAIL: STORY ROAD TO JULIAN
STREET**

RECOMMENDATION

Accept staff recommendations along with the following:

1. Submit the Active Transportation Program (ATP) application and include reference to the \$4.14 million VTA Measure B funds that have been identified as available for the Five Wounds Trail project pending future application and VTA Board approval.
2. In order to minimize impacts to limited available funds that may serve other park and trail priorities in Districts 3 and 7, request that staff work with Senator Jim Beall's office to secure additional state and regional funding to serve as match.
3. Return to Council in early 2021 to provide an update on any new sources of funding that have been identified and whether those sources would impact deadlines for negotiating and executing a grant agreement. Staff should work with the California Transportation Commission and other agencies to extend deadlines when possible, and report to Council should funding be at risk without confirmed local or external funding sources.

BACKGROUND

First and foremost, we want to thank Senator Beall and his team for their tenacious advocacy for the Five Wounds Trail, and for their encouragement to apply for the Active Transportation Program. We share the common goal of pursuing the unique opportunity to provide trail connection to the planned 28th Street/Little Portugal BART Station, access to open space, and multi-modal transportation options to our underserved communities. While we recognize this is a complex project with some uncertainty, we believe the trail is well worth pursuing given the many benefits it will offer our communities.

In 2018, with the support of many community advocates and organizations, the City of San José submitted a \$34 million ATP Cycle 4 grant request. Unfortunately, the City's 2018 ATP application fell five points short of receiving an award as the city did not receive all points possible in the recommended 20% local contribution match portion of the application. To strengthen our ATP application for this cycle, we should include reference to the \$4.14 million VTA Measure B funds that have been identified for the Five Wounds Trail project and could be available in about two years.

In early 2021, we will have the opportunity to amend our application if we have identified additional funding sources that can be included in our submittal to help increase our overall match for the grant. Senator Beall, Chair of the California Senate Transportation Committee, has indicated his interest and willingness to collaborate on additional funding opportunities to support this project, including those available through the California Strategic Growth Council, Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Valley Transportation Authority. Given limited local resources to support parks and trails in Districts 3 and 7 -- and competing priorities -- finding additional resources to support this project is important to ensure a competitive application, and to ultimately deliver the project. This could include a minimal amount of city-wide park fund dollars -- if no other funding sources have been identified or committed by other agencies.

We understand the importance of this trail for our communities and the positive impact it can have on increasing accessibility to open spaces, recreational opportunities, and connections to future transit for our residents. We will continue to work with our Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services staff, Senator Beall's office, and other agencies to explore potential sources of funding that could help leverage our application and increase our chances of being awarded this grant.