

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$139,860 TO THE BAY AREA PRIORITY CONSERVATION AREA GRANT PROGRAM TO PREPARE 65 PERCENT DESIGN DOCUMENTS FOR THE COYOTE CREEK TRAIL SINGLETON ROAD FISH BARRIER, STREAM RESTORATION, AND PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Coyote Creek Trail is a regional trail system within the City of San José’s developing 100-mile interconnected trail network serving both recreational and commuter users; and

WHEREAS, the trail system transitions from the east bank to the west bank of Coyote Creek via the Singleton Road Crossing, an in-channel crossing constructed upon two culverts located between Capitol Expressway and Yerba Buena Road; and

WHEREAS, over time, the base of the creek channel has lowered and the culverts now act as a spillway, at risk of seasonal closure during high water events, and contributing to reduced migration of federally-recognized sensitive fish species due to seasonal low water elevation and the darkness of the culverts; and

WHEREAS, the City of San José (“City”) as the property owner and operator of the existing trail facility is responsible for removing the fish migration impediment and has developed a project to upgrade the Singleton Road Crossing to remove the in-channel fish barrier, restore a portion of Coyote Creek, and construct a three-span pedestrian bridge structure above the 100-year flood elevation to sustain recreational access to the regional trail system (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, in January 2015, the City Council directed staff to partner with the Santa Clara Valley Water District to secure funding for the Project under the 2015 Safe, Clean Water Partnership Program; and

WHEREAS, in September 2015, City staff completed a Preliminary Engineering Study for the Coyote Creek Restoration Project; and

WHEREAS, in June 2016, the City Council directed staff to pursue design funds for the Project from the Open Space Authority, and in spring 2019 staff began the completion of construction documents to the 35 percent design stage; and

WHEREAS, in coordination with the State Coastal Conservancy, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and the Association of Bay Area Governments, the Plan Bay Area 2040 Bay Area Priority Conservation Area Grant Program (“Grant Program”) is designed to support projects that show connection to a designated Priority Conservation Area (“PCA”) and align with program goals, including provision of bicycle and pedestrian access to parks, trails, open space, and recreation areas, and protection of habitats, ecosystems, watersheds, and resource areas; and

WHEREAS, the Project aligns with the Grant Program, as the 7.5-mile southern section of the Coyote Creek Trail directly connects to the Bay Area Ridge Trail and the 2.5-mile northern section connects to the San Francisco Bay Trail, both of which are designated PCAs; and

WHEREAS, in March 2019, City staff submitted a Letter of Interest under the Grant Program, and in April 2019 Grant Program staff formally invited the City to apply for funding to prepare construction documents to the 65 percent design stage for the Project; and

WHEREAS, advancing construction documents to the 65 percent design stage for the Project is anticipated to cost \$420,000, of which approximately \$140,000 is being applied for under the PCA grant application; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Program requires applicants to provide a 2:1 minimum match for PCA funds, which the City has identified in part and, if awarded, will return to the City Council for authority to appropriate the remaining local matching funds, for an estimated total of \$280,000; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Program also requires projects to comply with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, which the City has addressed by completing an Initial Study, and by adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Coyote Creek – Singleton Road Fish Barrier, Stream Restoration and Pedestrian Bridge Project (File No. PP18-040) by separate resolution in conjunction with this action on June 25, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Program also requires projects with federal funds to comply with applicable federal environmental requirements, however the City is not intending to pursue a federal award with this application; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to authorize the City Manager or designee to submit an application to seek resources via the Grant Program to support preparation of construction documents to the 65 percent design stage for the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE THAT:

The City Manager or designee is hereby authorized to submit a grant application in an amount not to exceed \$139,860 to the Bay Area Priority Conservation Area Grant

RD:JAC:KML
6/13/2019

Program to prepare 65 percent design documents for the Coyote Creek Trail Singleton Road Fish Barrier, Stream Restoration, and Pedestrian Bridge Project.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

SAM LICCARDO
Mayor

ATTEST:

TONI J. TABER, CMC
City Clerk