



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: John Ristow

SUBJECT: Actions Related to Grant
Funding for Bicycle and
Pedestrian Projects

DATE: May 11, 2026

Approved

Date:

5/18/26

COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution:

- (a) Authorizing the City Manager or her designee to submit a request to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the allocation of Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Transportation and Development Act, Article III state grant funding in the amount of \$1,870,510 for bicycle and pedestrian projects;
- (b) Making the certifications and assurances required under the Transportation and Development Act, Article III grant; and
- (c) Authorizing the City Manager or her designee to accept Transportation and Development Act, Article III grant funding awarded from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and to negotiate and execute any grant documents to effectuate the grant.

SUMMARY AND OUTCOME

Transportation and Development Act, Article III (TDA3) grant funding for pedestrian and bicycle projects and programs will provide the community safer and more convenient walking and biking options in a way that is consistent with the City's Better Bike Plan 2025, Vision Zero San José, Envision San José 2040 General Plan, and Climate Smart San José.

BACKGROUND

The State of California TDA3 grant provides cities with a guaranteed share of annual funding for the design and construction of pedestrian and bicycle transportation infrastructure. Funds are derived from state sales tax and allocated to cities based on population. Funds are transferred from the state to metropolitan planning organizations, then to county congestion management agencies, and finally to cities. In this process, the City’s funds pass from the state to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, then to the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, and finally to the City. For Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027, the City’s guaranteed TDA3 funds total \$1,870,510. No local matching funds are required.

ANALYSIS

The TDA3 grant program generally funds minor (low cost) pedestrian and bicycle projects such as bike lanes and routes, pedestrian safety improvements such as crosswalks, bicycle parking facilities such as lockers and racks, and bicycle safety and education programs.

For FY 2026-2027, the following three projects in Table 1 are recommended for funding.

	Table 1. Recommended Projects	Amount
1.	Citywide Complete Streets Implementation <i>Install bikeways throughout the city as part of Better Bike Plan 2025 implementation. Install pedestrian upgrades throughout the city as part of Walk Safe San José and Vision Zero Action Plan implementation.</i>	\$1,620,510
2.	Citywide Bicycle Parking Program Implementation <i>Install bicycle parking facilities citywide, including bicycle racks and lockers</i>	\$50,000
3.	Citywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety and Education <i>Support pedestrian and bicycle safety education efforts that align with the San José Vision Zero program.</i>	\$200,000*
	Total	\$1,870,510

*The Citywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety and Education project is recommending up to \$200,000 of funding, per countywide availability. If less than \$200,000 is available to be used on Safety and Education, based on maximum allowed countywide distribution explained on page 4, the difference between the available amount and \$200,000 will be applied towards the Citywide Complete Streets Implementation project.

Climate Smart San José Analysis

The recommendations in this memorandum align with the Climate Smart San José Strategy 2.3: Create Clean Personalized Mobility Choices and Strategy 2.4: Developing

integrated, accessible public and active transport reduces the dependency on the car to move within the city.

Table 2 includes expenditures and revenue estimates over the upcoming three years.

Table 2 - Expenditures and Revenue by Fiscal Year

Grant Project	FY 2026-2027	FY 2027-2028	FY 2028-2029	Total
Citywide Complete Streets Implementation	\$120,510	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$1,620,510
Citywide Bicycle Parking Program Implementation		\$25,000	\$25,000	\$50,000
Citywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety and Education	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$70,000	\$200,000
TOTAL	\$185,510	\$840,000	\$840,000	\$1,870,510
Revenue	\$185,510	\$840,000	\$840,000	\$1,870,510

The Citywide Complete Streets Implementation project will fund several miles of new and enhanced bikeways in the City's *Better Bike Plan 2025*, advancing the City's goal of completing a 550-mile on-street bikeway network. Specific projects will be identified, prioritized, and constructed based on *Better Bike Plan 2025* priorities, requests from community members, suggestions from City Council offices, and opportunities through the Department of Transportation's annual pavement maintenance program. The Department of Transportation has completed 491 miles of on-street bikeways to date. Additionally, this will fund pedestrian-focused projects, including sidewalk improvements and gap closures, crosswalk improvements, and adjustments to median islands to facilitate bike and pedestrian crossings.

The Citywide Bicycle Parking Program Implementation project will install bicycle parking facilities, including racks and lockers. Facility types and locations will be prioritized based on factors including project costs, adjacent land uses, and community requests.

The Citywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety and Education project will support bicycle safety and education programs that align with the City's Vision Zero goals. The TDA3 program allows all City applicants in Santa Clara County combined a maximum of 5% of the total county funds of \$4,509,224 to be used for safety/education programs.

As part of the grant process, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission requires the City Council to adopt a resolution making certain findings, as indicated in the related resolution. Staff is unaware of any issues that would prevent the City Council from adopting a resolution with these findings.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

During FY 2026-2027, staff will identify and design specific projects for implementation using TDA3 grant funds. As part of its annual Bike Plan status report to the Transportation and Environment Committee each spring, staff will provide an update on the projects funded by this TDA3 grant.

FISCAL IMPACTS

The proposed recommendations initiate a request for grant funding from the TDA3 program in the amount of \$1,870,510. The awarded revenue and corresponding project expense adjustments will be recommended to be included as part of the FY 2027-2031 Adopted Capital Improvement Program, subject to the appropriation of funds.

COORDINATION

This memorandum was 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 Council Agenda website for the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting.

BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION AND INPUT

On April 27, 2026, the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee reviewed the FY 2025-2026 TDA3 funding recommendations described above as required by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

CEQA

Categorically Exempt, File No. ER24-313, CEQA Guidelines 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.

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