



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: John Ristow

SUBJECT: CALTRANS SUSTAINABLE
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
GRANTS

DATE: August 1, 2022

Approved

Date

8/3/2022

RECOMMENDATIONS

Adopt a “Resolution of Local Support” to receive grant funds from the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant (STPG) that indicates the City of San José (City) will:

- (a) Follow all grant program requirements.
- (b) Authorize the City Manager or designee to negotiate and execute grant agreements and all documents necessary to effectuate the grant agreements with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission that are administered by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in an amount not to exceed \$674,451 for reimbursement for the following two projects:
 - (1) San José Decision Support System, in an amount not to exceed \$265,000, and
 - (2) North San José Multimodal Transportation Improvement Plan, in an amount not to exceed \$409,451.

OUTCOME

Acceptance of the funds will provide \$674,451 in grant funding to support the above two referenced projects. Caltrans requires the adoption of a Resolution of Local Support as part of the grant award process. The grant funding will support planning and outreach efforts to advance City safety and mobility goals.

BACKGROUND

The Department of Transportation (DOT) actively pursues grant funds for projects that support the goals of the Transportation City Service Area. On October 27, 2021, DOT submitted two

applications for funding consideration under the Caltrans STPG program. DOT has been notified that both projects have been preliminary recommended for funding, pending adoption of the proposed Resolution of Local Support.

ANALYSIS

The STPG program was created to support Caltrans' mission: Provide a safe, sustainable, integrated, and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. The STPG program is funded through Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

Upon City Council approval and final determination by Caltrans, the City will be eligible to receive STPG funding for the following two projects that would support planning and outreach efforts to advance our safety and mobility goals. Specifically, these projects support San José's 2040 General Plan, Climate Smart Plan, Vision Zero Action Plan, Better Bike Plan 2025, and the developing Access and Mobility Plan.

San José Decision Support System

San José's Decision Support System (DSS) will provide the City with an integrated set of tools to manage and store projects and data, assess and monitor key performance indicators (KPIs), and visualize the outputs for these KPIs using graphs and mapping. DSS was initiated through the Move San José planning process which is a digital engagement platform for the Planning, Policy, and Sustainability division within DOT. When fully built out, DSS will enable the City to define, evaluate, and prioritize projects based on the envisaged impact on KPIs. The grant being awarded will complement the existing tool with three main deliverables: 1) DSS Potential Impact Assessment Model, to assess how potential completion of project(s) might affect relevant KPIs and thus contribute to the identified goal; 2) DSS Effective Impact Assessment Model, to quantify the real impact of projects by comparing the effective KPI changes before and after each project's implementation; and 3) DSS Public Interface, to increase transparency and accountability.

North San José Multimodal Transportation Improvement Plan

The North San José Multimodal Transportation Improvement Plan (NSJ MTIP) will be a community-based plan for quick-build, near and long-term transportation improvements to be implemented in North San José. This plan will identify a list of transportation programs and policies that promote and incentivize sustainable travel for people who live, work, and enjoy North San José. The NSJ MTIP will capitalize on the recent retirement of a North San José area planning document, "The North San José Area Development Policy". The former plan's focus on automobile improvements no longer aligns with City, regional, and state transportation goals. Per Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Plan Bay Area 2050, North San José is a Priority Development Area supporting the "focused growth" strategy to encourage infill development,

job growth, and affordable housing near transit corridors. North San José is expected to see the City's most significant housing growth, with 97,000 new jobs and 32,000 new housing units. The plan will positively impact mode shift and reduce vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions.

CONCLUSION

Acceptance of the Caltrans grant will allow the City to receive up to \$674,451 in one-time grant funding from the Caltrans STPG program to advance the City's safety and mobility goals.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

After the acceptance and award of the grant funding by Caltrans, staff will bring forward recommendations for City Council consideration to recognize and appropriate the grant funding.

CLIMATE SMART SAN JOSE

The recommendations in this memorandum aligns with one or more Climate Smart San José energy, water, or mobility goals by facilitating mobility choices other than single-occupancy, gas-powered vehicles, and reducing vehicle miles traveled.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

This memorandum will be posted on the City's website for the August 16, 2022 City Council meeting. Staff will coordinate a public outreach meeting to the affected neighborhoods and businesses during the design process.

COORDINATION

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

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION/INPUT

This item does not require input from a board or commission.

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COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS

The combined cost for both projects in the amount of \$761,834 will be funded via \$674,451 in grant funds and acquired 11.47 percent local match in the amount of \$87,383 that will be funded from available funds in DOT's Traffic Capital Improvement Program. After final acceptance and award of the grant funding by Caltrans, staff will bring forward expenditure and revenue recommendations for City Council consideration to recognize and appropriate the grant funding as part of a future budget process.

CEQA

Not a Project, File No. PP17-002, Consultant services for design, study, inspection, or other professional services with no commitment to future action.

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