


CITY COUNCIL ACTION REQUEST

Department(s): Transportation	CEQA: Categorically Exempt, File No. ER22-193, CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities.	Coordination: CAO, PBCE, and CMO - Budget Office	Dept. Approval: /s/ John Ristow
Council District(s): 3			CMO Approval: 

SUBJECT: FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR DOWNTOWN TRANSIT MALL STATION PLATFORM RAILING EXTENSIONS

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to negotiate and execute the Cost-Sharing Agreement between the City of San José (City) and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) to fund the installation of pedestrian railings at six light rail stations along the Downtown Transit Mall, in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

VTA owns and operates light rail facilities along the Downtown Transit Mall. In early 2020, the Senior Citizens Commission and the non-profit Walk San José raised concerns to the City and VTA about the risk of pedestrians falling off the ramps and into the street when accessing the light rail train platforms in the Downtown Transit Mall. Currently there are pedestrian railings at the tops of the ramps, but not along the entire ramp. The City and VTA are coordinating to extend the railings on the ramps at six light rail stations along First and Second streets that include both northbound and southbound stations at St. James Street, Santa Clara Street, and San Antonio Street. VTA will be responsible for the design and construction of the project. The City will contribute 50 percent of the construction cost.

Climate Smart San José:

The recommendation in this memo aligns with one or more Climate Smart San José energy, water, or mobility goals.

Commission Recommendation/Input:

This item does not have any input from any board or commission.

COST AND FUNDING SOURCE:

The City will contribute 50 percent of the construction cost, in an amount up to \$350,000. This amount is based on an estimate prepared by VTA of the total construction cost being up to \$700,000. The actual construction cost will be determined after VTA completes the project. VTA will invoice the City based on actual construction costs.

Fund #	Appn #	Appn Name	Total Appn	Amount for Contract	2022-2023 Proposed Capital Budget Page*	Last Budget Action (Date, Ord. No.)
429	416E	Quiet Zone	\$8,855,000	\$350,000	736	06/21/22, 30790

*FY2023-2027 Capital Improvement Program was adopted by City Council on June 21, 2022.

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