



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Torres
Councilmember Jimenez
Councilmember Ortiz
Councilmember Doan

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: April 25, 2023

Approved

Date 4/25/23

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SUBJECT: REGIONAL ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM GRANT FROM THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR THE STORY-KEYES COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION

1. Accept Staff Recommendations
2. Direct Staff to report back to the council on community engagement efforts relates to the Story Keyes-Complete Streets Project.
 - a. Require direct outreach with neighborhood associations, small business advocacy organizations, and community-based organizations based along the boundaries of the project area.

Background

We are excited to receive funding from regional sources to conduct analysis and other work around the Story-Keyes Complete Streets Project. There is a genuine need to create equity in how we plan and design our streets throughout San Jose to ensure that our major corridors are safe, accessible, and inclusive of pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers. In addition, we find it of utmost importance that the interests of existing institutions, businesses, and communities are taken into account throughout the design and second construction process. There are past examples of transportation projects with insufficient community engagement leading to lack of information and adverse impacts on the surrounding community and small businesses. We as a city need to be at the forefront of centering our land use/streetscape work around robust community engagement. The corridor being discussed for this project contains homes, businesses, and parks, these factors need to be taken into account and considered as this project moves forward.

It is imperative that the community be involved with this process, whether it be small business advocacy organizations or community-based organizations. There is no shortage of partners and residents that need to be communicated to early and often as we look to make this corridor safe and accessible for cycling and other uses. By taking this step we are gaining trust from the community, but we are also building community by bringing everyone to the table to collaboratively plan our streets.

The signers of this memorandum have not had, and will not have, any private conversation with any other member of the City Council, or that member's staff, concerning any action discussed in the memorandum, and that each signer's staff members have not had, and have been instructed not to have, any such conversation with any other member of the City Council or that member's staff.