



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: John Ristow

SUBJECT:
SEE BELOW

DATE: May 15, 2023

Approved

Date

5/22/23

SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT, ARTICLE 3 STATE
GRANT FOR BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution:

- (a) Authorizing the City Manager or designee to submit a request to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the allocation of Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Transportation Development Act, Article 3 State grant funding in the amount of \$787,462 for bicycle and pedestrian projects;
- (b) Making the certifications and assurances required under the Transportation Development Act, Article 3 grant; and
- (c) Authorizing the City Manager or designee to accept Transportation Development Act, Article 3 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 3 (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 2023-2024, the City’s guaranteed TDA3 funds total \$787,462. 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 Fiscal Year 2023-2024, the following three projects are recommended for funding:

2023-2024 TDA3 Recommended Projects

	Recommended Projects	Amount
1.	Citywide Bikeway Implementation <i>Install bikeways throughout the city as part of Better Bike Plan 2025 implementation.</i>	\$637,462
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 Jose Vision Zero Program.</i>	\$100,000
	Total	\$787,462

The first 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 557-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 Council Offices, and opportunities in the Department of Transportation’s annual pavement maintenance program. The Department of Transportation has completed 460 miles of on-street bikeways to date. The second 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 third project will support bike safety/education programs that align with the City’s Vision Zero goals. The TDA3 program allows all city applicants combined a

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maximum of 5% of the total county funds of \$3,022,449 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.

Climate Smart San José Analysis

The recommendations in this memo align with the *Climate Smart San José* Strategy 2: Reduce Vehicle Miles Travelled by encouraging walking and biking.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

During FY 2023-2024, 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.

COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS

The proposed recommendations initiate a request for grant funding from the TDA3 program in the amount of \$787,462. The awarded revenue and corresponding project expense adjustments will be included as part of the FY 2024-2028 Adopted Capital Improvement Program.

COORDINATION

Preparation of this report was coordinated with the City Attorney's Office; the Department of Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement; and the City Manager's Budget Office.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

This memorandum will be posted on the City's Council Agenda website for the June 6, 2023 City Council meeting.

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COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION AND INPUT

On April 24, 2023, the City's Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee reviewed the FY 2023-2024 TDA3 funding recommendations described above as required by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

CEQA

Categorically Exempt, File No. ER23-009, CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities.

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.

/s/
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