


CITY COUNCIL ACTION REQUEST

Department(s): Transportation	CEQA: Exempt, File No. PP17-086	Coordination: CAO, PBCE, Risk Management	Dept. Approval: /s/ John Ristow
Council District(s): 3			CMO Approval:  12-7-18

SUBJECT: AGREEMENT WITH CALTRANS FOR THE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF FOUR CHANGEABLE MESSAGE SIGNS ALONG STATE ROUTE 87

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a Project Specific Maintenance Agreement with the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the operations and maintenance of four (4) Changeable Message Signs (CMS) to be installed by the City along State Route 87 (SR 87) within Downtown San José.

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (DOT) currently utilizes eight (8) strategically-placed electronic message signs to provide real-time traffic and parking conditions information during Downtown and SAP Center special events. The electronic message signs assist DOT staff with managing traffic congestion during peak commute times, downtown events, and traffic incidents; and they provide travel guidance to motorists at the freeway off-ramps to direct them to the SAP Center and surrounding attractions within downtown San José, as well as guidance to available parking garages. The signs will be controlled remotely from the City's Traffic Management Center and City Hall.

The signs were originally installed in the mid-1990's and are now in need of upgrades due to an inability to obtain replacement parts. Four (4) of the signs are located on Caltrans right-of-way along SR87 and are scheduled to be upgraded and installed in mid-2019. Upgrades include new support poles to meet current Caltrans requirements. The sign locations on Caltrans right-of-way include: northbound SR 87 at Santa Clara Street, northbound SR 87 at St. James Street, southbound SR 87 at Julian Street, and SR-87 at the northbound I-280 overpass over Woz Way. The remaining four (4) signs are located within City right-of-way and are not the subject of this memorandum and no agreement with Caltrans is required. The signs within City right-of-way have already been upgraded.

The Agreement describes that the City is fully responsible for the operations and maintenance of the CMS.

COST AND FUNDING SOURCE:

This Agreement will result in minimal fiscal impacts of less than \$1,000 per year to be funded by existing General Funds designated for traffic signal maintenance and utility costs.

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