



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Raul Perez
Councilmember Maya Esparza

SUBJECT: Almaden & Vine Safety
Improvement Project

DATE: February 1, 2019

Approved by:

Date: 2/1/2019

RECOMMENDATION

Accept staff recommendation to proceed with awarding the contract for the 7786-Almaden-Vine Safety Improvement Project (between Grant Street and W. Alma Avenue).

BACKGROUND

We are thrilled that this project is proceeding after over a decade of community outcry for traffic safety improvements. This area has historically experienced tragic traffic incidents including the fatality of three-year-old Elijah Alvitre in 2013 at Vine and Oak Street. Therefore, it is then exciting to see a project scope that will include installation of new high-visibility crosswalks, detached bulb-outs, ADA compliant curb ramps with truncated domes, repairs of existing sidewalks and replacements of streetlight luminaires along the project corridor. However, we and the community were disappointed that raised intersections were not included at this time and encourage staff to explore future funding opportunities as we will too.

We thank you the Department of Transportation staff for their collaboration as well as the community members from the Guadalupe-Washington, Tamien and Goodyear-Mastic neighborhoods. Ultimately, we strive to not only create a safer pedestrian environment for our community but bring us closer to our VisionZero goals.