



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** John Ristow

**SUBJECT:** BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN  
PROJECT GRANTS – TDA3

**DATE:** April 22, 2019

Approved

Date

5-1-19

## RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution:

- (a) Authorizing the City Manager or designee to submit a request to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for the allocation of Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Transportation Development Act, Article 3 (TDA3) State grant funding in the amount of \$1,183,758 for bicycle and pedestrian projects;
- (b) Making the certifications and assurances required under the TDA3 grant; and
- (c) Authorizing the City Manager or designee to accept TDA3 grant funding awarded from MTC, and to negotiate and execute any grant documents to effectuate the grant.

## OUTCOME

TDA3 grant funding for pedestrian and bicycle facilities will provide the community safer and more convenient routes for walking and biking in a way that is consistent with the City's *Bike Plan 2020*, *Vision Zero San José*, and *Envision San José 2040 General Plan*.

## BACKGROUND

The State 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 MTC, then to the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, and finally to the City. For 2019-2020, the City's guaranteed TDA3 funds total \$1,183,758. 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, sidewalk construction, and bicycle safety and education programs. For Fiscal Year 2019-2020, the following four projects are recommended for funding:

**2019-2020 TDA3 Recommended Projects**

	<b>Recommended Projects</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1.	Citywide Bikeway Implementation <i>Design, conduct outreach, prepare environmental analysis, and install bikeways throughout the City.</i>	\$883,758
2.	Pedestrian Safety Improvements <i>Construct sidewalk gap closures and safety improvements citywide</i>	\$100,000
3.	Pedestrian Master Plan <i>Develop Citywide Pedestrian Master Plan</i>	\$100,000
4.	Citywide Bicycle Safety/Education <i>Support Vision Zero safety program pedestrian and bike efforts.</i>	\$100,000
	Total	\$1,183,758

The first project will fund approximately 25 miles of the City’s *Bike Plan 2020* goal of completing a 400 mile on-street bikeway network. Specific projects will be identified, prioritized and constructed based on *Bike Plan 2020*, 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 320 miles of on-street bikeways to date. The second project will install short sections of sidewalks and close existing gaps in the sidewalk network. Locations will be prioritized based on factors including project cost, adjacent land uses that support walking, and safety analysis. The third project will serve as local matching funds required to compete for larger grant applications to develop a citywide Pedestrian Master Plan. Creation of the City’s first comprehensive Pedestrian Master Plan will provide an integrated strategy to advance pedestrian-related goals in a variety of city policies, plans and programs such as Envision San José 2040 General Plan and Urban Village plans. The fourth project will support Vision Zero bike safety/education programs, like Walk n’ Roll.

As part of the grant process, MTC 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.

**EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP**

During FY 2019-2020, staff will identify and design specific projects for implementation using TDA3 grant funds. As part of its annual Bike Plan status report to the City’s Transportation &

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Environment Committee each spring, staff will provide an update on the projects funded by this TDA3 grant.

### **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

This report will be posted on the City's website for the May 14, 2019 Council Agenda. Appropriate additional outreach will occur as projects are developed and implemented.

### **COORDINATION**

Preparation of this report was coordinated with the City Attorney's Office and City Manager's Budget Office.

### **COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION/INPUT**

On April 8, 2019 the City's Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee voted in support of the fiscal year 2019-2020 TDA3 funding recommendations described above. Additionally, on April 8, 2019, the Transportation & Environment Committee accepted the Annual Bikeways & Trail report, which included the FY2019-2020 TDA3 funding recommendations described above.

### **COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS**

The recommendations in this report initiate a request for grant funding from the TDA3 program in the amount of \$1,183,758.

### **CEQA**

Categorically Exempt, CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities, File No. PP18-029.

/s/

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