



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: John Ristow

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

DATE: May 8, 2020

Approved

Date

5/8/2020

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 2020-2021 Transportation Development Act, Article 3 (TDA3) State grant funding in the amount of \$1,058,096 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 2020-2021, the City's guaranteed TDA3 funds total \$1,058,096. 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 2020-2021, the following three projects are recommended for funding:

FY 2020-2021 TDA3 Recommended Projects

	Recommended Projects	Amount
1.	Citywide Bikeway Implementation <i>Design, conduct outreach, prepare environmental analysis, and install bikeways throughout the City.</i>	\$758,096
2.	Pedestrian Safety Improvements <i>Construct safety improvements citywide</i>	\$200,000
3.	Citywide Bicycle Safety/Education <i>Support Vision Zero safety program pedestrian and bike efforts.</i>	\$100,000
	Total	\$1,058,096

The first project will fund approximately 15 miles of new or enhanced bikeways, per the City's existing bike plan and the new city bike plan, which is scheduled for City Council review and approval in August 2020. Specific projects will be identified, prioritized and constructed based on these two plans, requests from community members, suggestions from Council offices, and opportunities in DOT's annual Pavement Maintenance program. The second project will install pedestrian safety improvements. Locations will be prioritized based on factors including project cost, adjacent land uses that support walking, and safety analysis. The third project will support Vision Zero bike safety/education programs, like Walk n' Roll.

CONCLUSION

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. Staff recommends approval for funding the FY 2020-2021 TDA3 recommended projects.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP

During FY 2020-2021, 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 & Environment Committee each spring, staff will provide an update on the projects funded by this TDA3 grant.

CLIMATE SMART SAN JOSE

The recommendation in this memo aligns with one or more Climate Smart San José energy, water, or mobility goals.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

This report will be posted on the City’s website for the May 19, 2020 Council Agenda. Appropriate additional outreach will occur as projects are developed and implemented.

COORDINATION

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

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION/INPUT

On April 20, 2020 the City’s Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee voted in support of the fiscal year 2020-21 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 \$1,058,096.

CEQA

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

/s/

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