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JIM BEALL

FIFTEENTH SENATE DISTRICT



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City of San José  
200 East Santa Clara Street  
San Jose, CA 95113

## **Re: Support for the City of San José's grant application for the Five Wounds Trail Project**

Honorable Mayor and San José City Council Members,

I am writing to respectfully urge the City of San José support the Five Wounds Trail 2020 application for funding from the California Transportation Commission (CTC) Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 5.

This project is uniquely positioned to leverage state funding from the California Transportation Commission with the attainment of a VTA local Measure B grant award this past June.

The Five Wounds Trail Project would design and construct a landscaped trail from Story Road along a former railroad corridor running through seven disadvantaged San José communities. Pursuing this grant funding will maximize our investments in the San Jose BART extension, VTA Bus Rapid Transit, and the City's extensive trail network.

If a sum is awarded, the City of San José will submit invoice requests for full costs after any eligible project expenditure. Additional grant funds can be pursued alongside supporting partner agencies after receiving an award. Timely reimbursements and other grants ensure project delivery is unhindered and helps the city work with partner agencies to concurrently advance varied project elements.

In 2010, residents worked alongside San José State University as part of CommUniverCity to produce a Concept Plan that helps guide the City's design and construction proposal.

Eventually, the trail's integrated connections to BART stations and the Santa Clara Street Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) will provide seamless connections between the regional trail and transit systems while supporting the goals and programs identified in local City and countywide planning documents:

- Vision Zero San José (2015)

- Santa Clara County Measure B (2016) Congestion Relief and Active Transportation
- Climate Smart San José: A People-Centered Plan for a Low-Carbon City (2018)

The Five Wounds Trail is a regionally significant project strongly supported by the community and would serve a series of historically under-resourced neighborhoods. As the author of Senate Bill 1 (2017), I envisioned that ATP funding would develop and support these types of investment projects that meet our community's immediate and future needs.

I respectfully urge your favorable consideration for the City to pursue an application for this important and timely project.

Thank you for your continued efforts and your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Beall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jim Beall  
Senator, District 15