



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Jon Cicirelli  
Jim Shannon

**SUBJECT: SEE BELOW**

**DATE:** December 18, 2020

Approved

Date

12/17/20

**COUNCIL DISTRICT: 6**

**SUBJECT: TRAIL: THREE CREEKS (LONUS STREET TO COE AVENUE)  
PAVEMENT AND LANDSCAPING**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

(a) Adopt the following Appropriation Ordinance amendments in the Subdivision Park Trust Fund:

- (1) Decrease Future PDO / PIO Projects Reserve by \$1,100,000; and,
- (2) Establish the Trail: Three Creeks: Lonus Street to Coe Avenue appropriation to the Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department in the amount of \$1,100,000.

## **OUTCOME**

Approval of the recommendation will support completion of the construction document package, permitting, bidding, contracting via a Director of Public Works award, and management of a construction contract to pave and landscape the trail along the Three Creeks Trail from Coe Avenue to Lonus Street.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Three Creeks Trail is one of 40 trail systems that contribute to the City’s urban Trail Network. Presently, the trail system commences at Lonus Street in Willow Glen, with nearby access to the Los Gatos Creek Trail System’s Midtown Reach. The completion of this trail segment was contingent upon the installation of the pedestrian bridge project (Three Creeks Interim Improvements and Pedestrian Bridge). The bridge project had been delayed due to an ongoing legal suit that was only recently resolved in the summer of 2020. Thus, this project for \$1.1M was not included in the 2020-2021 Adopted Capital Budget.

The Three Creeks Trail was Master Planned and approved by Council in November 2014. The plan guides design and construction of a paved and landscaped trail system from Minnesota Avenue to Lonus Street.

A construction contract was awarded in March 7, 2017 to GradeTech Inc. to pave and landscape the trail from Minnesota Avenue to Lonus Street as defined by the Master Plan. At the time of construction award, the City had anticipated a successful installation and completion of the pedestrian bridge span over Los Gatos Creek. Development of the bridge project was delayed due to a lawsuit. The contractor's scope was reduced by eliminating work from Coe Avenue to Lonus Street to address concerns that installation of a bridge would significantly impact the site and would likely damage or destroy trail and landscape improvements.

Construction of a pedestrian bridge over Los Gatos Creek was completed in November 2020.

Access to the bridge is available between Lonus Street and Coe Avenue via the informal earth trail that has been in an interim state since the land was acquired in December 2011.

## **ANALYSIS**

The recommended appropriation will provide the resources needed for the Public Works Department to complete the construction document package, obtain permits, and bid and award a construction contract via a Director of Public Works award. Award of a construction contract will occur after an appropriation is established via this Council action. The constructed project will include 850 linear feet of Class I Bikeway trail, composed of 12-foot wide asphalt concrete paving with two 2-foot wide gravel shoulders, trees and shrubs, decorative pavement, an interpretive seating area, signage, striping, and other miscellaneous improvements.

Trail improvements will be visually consistent with the improvements already in place between Coe Avenue and Minnesota Avenue. The trail will have a slightly meandering alignment to support both recreation and active transportation goals. Trees will be planted to offer long-term shade and sustain good visibility through the corridor. An interpretive seating area will be themed around the arrival of the European Honey Bee in San José in 1853, explaining the pollination process and its impact to agricultural production in California. The design features build upon the existing collection of interpretive sites along the trail system.

The recommended appropriation of \$1.1 million aligns with the Engineer's Estimate prepared by Public Works by considering recent bid costs for projects of similar scope and type. The appropriation ordinance amendment provides funding to complete trail and landscaping improvements between Lonus Street and Coe Avenue and supports connection to the Los Gatos Creek Trail system via a short 130-foot long on-street connection along low volume Lonus Street.

The appropriated \$1.1 million in project funding supports design, permitting, bidding, project management, inspection, and construction. If approved, construction would be anticipated to start early in 2021 and be complete by December 2021. Prior to start of construction, access to the bridge will be via the existing interim trail.

### **Project Labor Agreement Applicability**

A project labor agreement (PLA) is not applicable to this memo.

### **Local and Small Business Outreach**

Local and small business outreach is not applicable to this memo.

### **EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP**

Progress updates on the project would be provided with frequent posts on Twitter@SanJoseTrails and Instagram@SanJoseTrails. General information and progress reports are posted on the Department of Public Works Capital Project Management System (CPMS).

### **CLIMATE SMART SAN JOSÉ**

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

### **PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST**

This memorandum will be posted on the City's website for the January 12, 2021, City Council Agenda.

### **COORDINATION**

This memorandum has been coordinated with the Planning, Building and Code Enforcement, and the City Attorney's Office.

### **COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION**

The Three Creek Trail Master Plan was reviewed by the City's Parks and Recreation Commission in October 2014.

**FISCAL/POLICY ALIGNMENT**

This project is consistent with the Council-approved Budget Strategy to continue with capital investments that spur construction spending in our local economy. Development of the Three Creeks Trail is a system within the City’s Trail Network. Development of a 100-mile Trail Network is a Benchmark noted by ActivateSJ, the Department’s 20-year strategic plan. The City’s General Plan (Envision 2040) recognizes the trail system as part of the 100-mile interconnected Trail Network.

**COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATION**

The facility is anticipated to come online in December 2021. The operating and maintenance costs were allocated in the 2016-2017 Adopted Operating Budget (first-year cost in 2016-2017 was anticipated to be \$11,000, with an ongoing cost of \$83,000). No additional funding for this project would be needed since the operating and maintenance funding for this project is included in the base operating budget for Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department.

**BUDGET REFERENCE**

The table below identifies the fund and appropriation actions recommended to fund the contract as part of this memo:

Fund #	Appn #	Appn Name	Current Total Appn	Recommended Budget Action	2020-2021 Adopted Capital Budget Page	Last Budget Action (Date, Ord. No.)
375	NEW	Three Creeks Trail: Lonus Street to Coe Avenue	N/A	\$1,100,000	N/A	N/A
375	8845	Future PDO / PIO Projects Reserve	\$10,772,049	(\$1,100,000)	V - 444	10/20/2020 Ord. No. 30494

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**CEQA**

Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Three Creeks Trail Master Plan – Western Alignment,  
File No. PP14-012.

/s/  
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Neighborhood Services



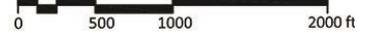
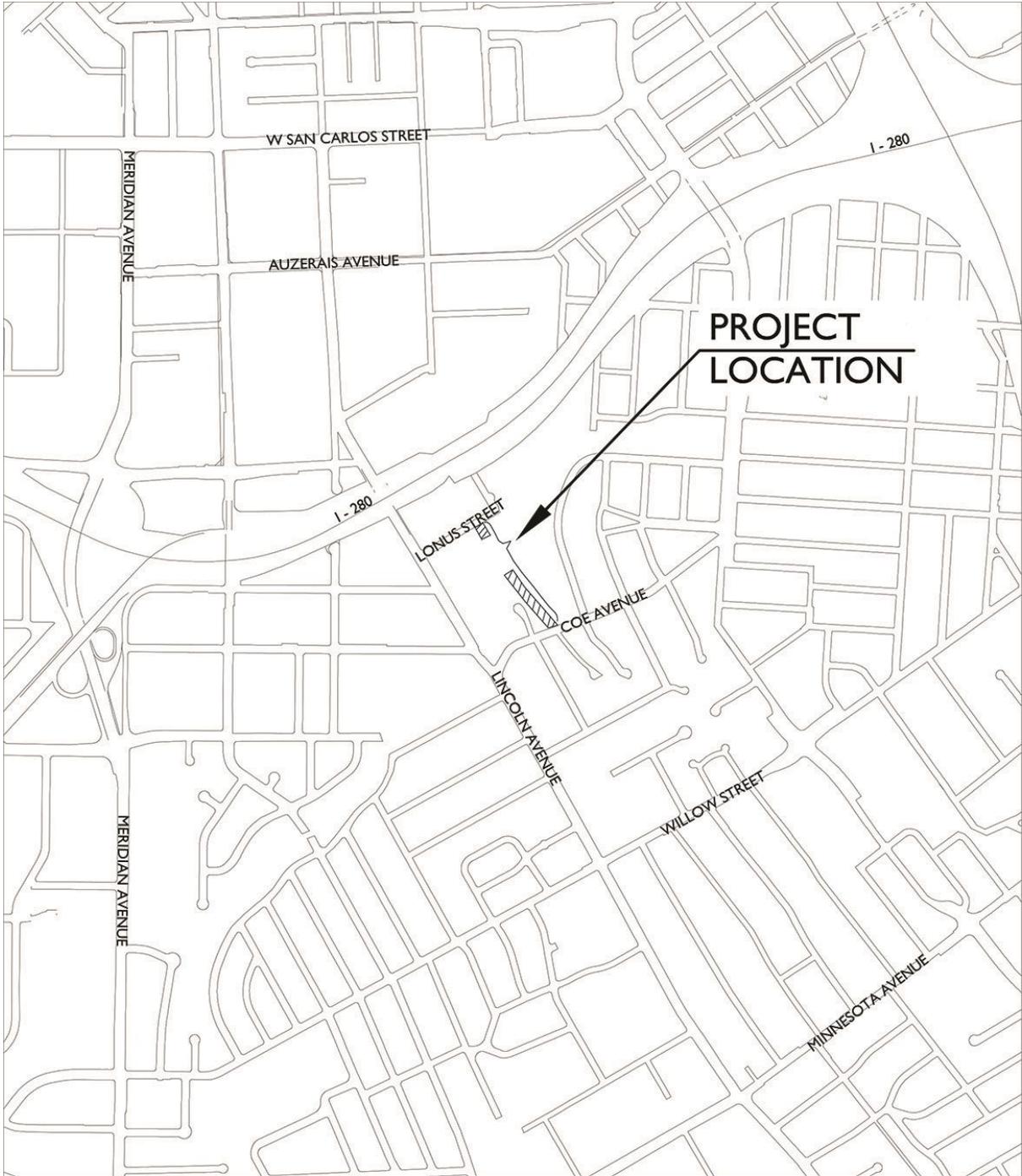
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For questions, please contact Nicolle Burnham, Deputy Director, at  
[nicolle.burnham@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:nicolle.burnham@sanjoseca.gov).

- Attachments:
- A. Site Map (Lonus Street to Coe Avenue)
  - B. Location Map



**Attachment B: Location Map**



**THREE CREEKS TRAIL  
LOCATION MAP**

