

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR THEIR DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SAN JOSE DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION TO INSTALL THE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNITY IDENTIFICATION ELEMENTS UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ENCROACHMENT PERMIT(S) AND PERFORM THE CITY'S ONGOING MAINTENANCE AND INSURANCE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNITY IDENTIFICATION ELEMENTS AND URBAN ENHANCEMENTS AS PROVIDED IN THE TRANSPORTATION ART MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, the City of San José City Manager's Office of Economic Development and Cultural Affairs ("City"), in coordination with the San Jose Downtown Association (SJDA), is proposing a corridor-scale Transportation and Community Identification elements project along State Route 87, generally following the Guadalupe River Trail between Sharks Way and Santa Clara Street; and

WHEREAS, the project will address longstanding graffiti and visual blight on highly visible transportation infrastructure while reinforcing neighborhood identity and visitor orientation; and

WHEREAS, this action enables the installation of corridor-scale wayfinding and beautification improvements, including Little Italy and Downtown San José identifiers and painted enhancements along bridges, embankments, and trail piers; and

WHEREAS, this project is part of the City's Stitching Districts Initiative, which focuses on improving connectivity, wayfinding, and visual quality across downtown districts; and

WHEREAS, the subject sites are located entirely within and under the jurisdiction of the City of San José, portions of the Stitching Districts Initiative are located within Caltrans right-of-way and therefore require Caltrans encroachment permits and a Transportation Art Maintenance Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the project scope includes:

1. Creation of text-based wayfinding reading “Little Italy” on the bridge sidewall, along with painted enhancements on each of the embankments below the Sharks Way/SR-87 undercrossing (PM 6.0); and
2. Creation of a text-based wayfinding reading “Welcome to Downtown San José” welcoming guests to Downtown San José on the bridge sidewall, Santa Clara Street/SR-87 undercrossing (PM 5.85), along with additional painted enhancements of the three bridge piers along the Guadalupe River Trail (PM 5.74);

WHEREAS, opportunities to receive local input and/or support for the proposals will be provided by the City, securing and documenting public acceptance of the projects and ensuring that those most affected by the projects have ways to express support or opposition to any final proposals; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of permit approval, the City will formally authorize the improvements and accept responsibility for ongoing maintenance, which would be assigned to SJDA through a separate agreement; and

WHEREAS, once permits to proceed are granted by Caltrans, installation of the Transportation and Community Identification elements will begin; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager's Office of Economic Development and Cultural Affairs will ensure the murals are installed in the 2026 calendar year and maintained on an ongoing basis; and

WHEREAS, SJDA will serve as the lead organization for installation and ongoing maintenance, funded through its Property Based Improvement District, with the City acting as the ultimate maintenance backstop as required by Caltrans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE THAT:

The City Manager or their designee is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute an agreement with the San Jose Downtown Association to install the Transportation and Community Identification elements upon receipt of the required California Department of Transportation encroachment permit(s) and perform the City's ongoing maintenance and insurance responsibilities of the Transportation and Community Identification elements and urban enhancements as provided in the Transportation Art Maintenance Agreement with the California Department of Transportation.

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ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

MATT MAHAN
Mayor

ATTEST:

TONI J. TABER, MMC
City Clerk