



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: James R. Helmer

SUBJECT: GRANT FOR JAPANTOWN
AREA PEDESTRIAN
IMPROVEMENTS

DATE: 01-07-08

Approved

Deane Silva

Date

1/10/08

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3

SNI AREA: Thirteenth Street

RECOMMENDATION

Approval of the following actions to obtain grant funds from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for the Jackson Street: LRT to Japantown Pedestrian Corridor Project from First Street to Fourth Street, in the amount of \$1,300,000:

- A. Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute and submit a grant application to the MTC for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) grant, in the amount of \$865,000, with a local match of \$112,070; and, to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the grant.
- B. Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute and submit a grant application to the MTC for the 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) grant, in the amount of \$435,000, with no local match requirement; and, to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the grant.

OUTCOME

Grant funding will provide enhanced pedestrian walkability and connectivity between light rail transit and Japantown, from First Street to Fourth Street, and supports the City goal to provide viable transportation choices.

BACKGROUND

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the nine counties of the San Francisco Bay region, provides discretionary federal and state transportation funds such as the Congestion Mitigation and Air

Quality Improvement (CMAQ) and Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) for qualifying programs through the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA). One such program is the Community Design and Transportation (CDT) Capital Program.

The CDT Capital Program supports transportation projects that provide connections with transit facilities, employ innovative and high-quality design, improve the pedestrian environment, enhance economic vitality, make better use of the land, infrastructure, and resources, and improve community connectivity, livability, sustainability, and sense-of-place.

Based on these conditions, the City submitted the Jackson Street: LRT to Japantown Pedestrian Corridor Project from First Street to Fourth Street (Project). A map of the project location is attached. A primary goal of the project is to enhance pedestrian connectivity between Light Rail Transit and the Japantown area. This project is also an element of the 13th Street SNI Plan, Priority 5 – “Implement Pedestrian Corridor Enhancements”.

The Project encompasses pedestrian-oriented improvements to enhance pedestrian accessibility to public transit such as VTA’s light rail and bus systems. The scope of the Project along Jackson Street includes the construction of intersection bulb-outs, enhanced crosswalks, ADA compliant wheelchair ramps, in-fill street trees, banners, drainage facilities, a traffic signal modification, and striping. Another component of the Project includes installation of banners, and pedestrian scaled lighting along the west side of First Street, between Ayer LRT Station and Jackson Street. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$1,412,070.

ANALYSIS

The City received notice from VTA that the Jackson Street: LRT to Japantown Pedestrian Corridor Project from First Street to Fourth Street is qualified to receive \$1,300,000 of CDT funding. Therefore, VTA will submit this recommendation for grant funds administered by the MTC.

If applied for by the City and awarded by MTC, the total grant amount of \$1.3 million would come to the City in two different funding sources:

1. The Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) will provide \$865,000; and
2. The 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) will provide \$435,000.

The CMAQ grant requires a \$112,070 local share of funds; no local match is required for the RTIP grant.

At this time, to formally accept grant applications from the City, MTC needs the City Council to adopt the recommended resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute and submit the grant applications and execute all grant documents necessary to effectuate the grants. Upon receiving

the City Council's resolutions and the City's grant application, MTC can obligate the funds through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

This project will provide enhanced pedestrian walkability and connectivity between light rail transit and Japantown, from First Street to Fourth Street, and supports the City goal to provide viable transportation choices.

No additional follow-up actions with the Council are expected at this time. However, staff will report back to Council when the project will be awarded in late summer of 2009.

POLICY ALTERNATIVES

Not applicable.

PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST

- Criteria 1:** Requires Council action on the use of public funds equal to \$1 million or greater. **(Required: Website Posting)**
- Criteria 2:** Adoption of a new or revised policy that may have implications for public health, safety, quality of life, or financial/economic vitality of the City. **(Required: E-mail and Website Posting)**
- Criteria 3:** Consideration of proposed changes to service delivery, programs, staffing that may have impacts to community services and have been identified by staff, Council or a Community group that requires special outreach. **(Required: E-mail, Website Posting, Community Meetings, Notice in appropriate newspapers)**

This memorandum will be posted on the City's website for the Council agenda.

COORDINATION

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

FISCAL/POLICY ALIGNMENT

The recommended action aligns with the Transportation and Aviation Services CSA Outcome related to providing viable transportation choices.

COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS

The recommendations in this memo would initiate the process required for the MTC to release the grant funds to the City of San José in the amount of \$1,300,000. A City local match required for the grant in the amount of \$112,070 is available from the annual Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities line item in the Traffic Capital Improvement Program.

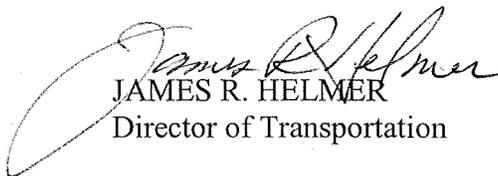
Formal budget actions to appropriate funds for the project and receive the grant revenues will be addressed during the upcoming annual budget process.

BUDGET REFERENCE

| Fund # | Appn # | Appn. Name | Total Appn. | Amt. for Contract | 2007-2008 Adopted Capital Budget Page | Last Budget Action (Date,Ord.No.) |
|--------|--------|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 465 | 4292 | Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities | \$1,167,000 | \$112,070 | V-1105 | 10/16/07 28143 |

CEQA

Statement of Exemption, File No. PP07-054.


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For questions please contact Amy Olay, Transportation Project Development Manager, at 975-3283.

Attachment



VICINITY MAP
Jackson St.: LRT to Japantown Pedestrian Corridor Project
From First St. to Fourth St.

CITY OF SAN JOSE
 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 NOVEMBER 2007

