

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: James R. Helmer

**SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION PROJECT
PRIORITIES FOR REGIONAL
FUNDING**

DATE: 09-19-06

Approved

Deanna Sahra

Date

9/19/06

COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide

RECOMMENDATION

Approve an update to the City's Regional Transportation Project Priority List, expanding the list from 30 to 36 projects by including: 1) Downtown San José Freeway Access Management System, 2) Route 101/Trimble Road Interchange Upgrade, 3) Route 101/Zanker/Skyport/Fourth Interchange, 4) Route 101/Oakland Road Interchange Upgrade, 5) Route 101/Mabury Road Interchange, and 6) Route 101/Blossom Hill Road Interchange.

OUTCOME

The City's Regional Transportation Project Priority List provides policy guidelines for pursuing regional grant funds and supportive policy actions by other agencies, such as the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), and Caltrans. The list was originally adopted by the City Council in 2003. The recommended project additions serve to update the list to align with development plans adopted by the City Council in 2005 for Downtown, North San José and Edenvale.

BACKGROUND

On September 14, 2006, the Building Better Transportation (BBT) Committee accepted a staff report recommending an update to the City's Regional Transportation Project Priority List. This recommendation is now being forwarded to the City Council for approval. The following analysis is an excerpt from the BBT Committee report.

ANALYSIS

In 2003, the City Council adopted a set of priority projects for regional transportation funding as part of the VTA's 30-year transportation master plan, known as Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2030. The City's Regional Transportation Project Priority List reflects projects desired for near-term implementation, generally a 10-year timeframe. The list helps guide the City's funding investments and advocacy to help secure regional funding grants.

Since 2003, significant progress has been made with regards to securing regional funding for City priorities. For example, the City has obtained funding grants in excess of \$50 million from the Federal transportation bill approved in 2005. Also, many of the City's transit priorities have been approved for near-term implementation as part of the VTA's Transit Expenditure Plan approved in June 2006. Attachment A includes the City's list of 30 priority projects for regional funding and their current funding status.

At this time, staff is recommending an update to the City's Regional Transportation Project Priority List to reflect identified projects needed to support recently adopted development plans for Downtown, North San José and Edenvale. In June 2005, the City Council adopted new transportation and land use plans for these areas. Specifically, the following six projects are recommended as priorities for regional funding:

- **Downtown San José Freeway Access Management System** – Provides changeable message signs to direct Downtown area traffic during special events, commute periods, and incidents.
- **Route 101/ Trimble Road Interchange Upgrade** – Widen Trimble Road bridge and upgrade ramps to improve safety and access for North San José and Mineta San José International Airport.
- **Route 101/ Zanker/Skyport/Fourth Interchange** – Provide new freeway overcrossing and interchange ramp connections to improve traffic circulation for North San José and Mineta San José International Airport.
- **Route 101/ Oakland Road Interchange Upgrade** - Widen Oakland Road bridge and upgrade ramps to improve safety and access for North San José and Berryessa areas.
- **Route 101/ Mabury Road Interchange** – Provide new interchange to improve traffic access to planned Berryessa BART station area.
- **Route 101/ Blossom Hill Road Interchange Upgrade** - Widen Blossom Hill Road bridge and upgrade ramps to improve safety and access for Edenvale industrial area.

The above projects are important for supporting the City's economic development priorities, they are already included in VTP 2030, and importantly, they align well with new funding opportunities possibly available through the State Transportation Bond program.

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)**

The recommended action is considered an administrative update to the City's transportation priorities for regional funding. The update reflects past Council actions related to previously approved development plans and transportation improvement strategies for Downtown, North San José, and Edenvale. These development plans included significant public outreach and the completion of Environmental Impact Reports. Public outreach for the subject report includes website posting as part of the Council Agenda process.

COORDINATION

Preparation of this report has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office.

FISCAL/POLICY ALIGNMENT

The recommended action supports the City's economic development strategy for Downtown North San José and Edenvale.

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COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS

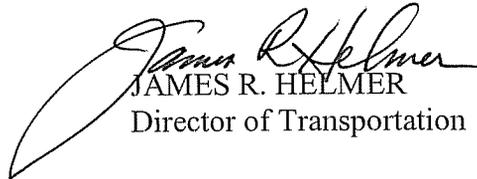
The recommended action supports efforts to secure regional transportation funding in an approximate amount of \$100 million.

BUDGET REFERENCE

Not applicable.

CEQA

Not a project.


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For questions please contact Hans Larsen, Deputy Director, at 535-3835.

Attachment

Valley Transportation Plan 2030 – Priority City Projects
(Based on City Council action from 2003; Projects are not listed in priority order)

	Project	Comments/Status
1	BART Extension to San José	In VTA Expenditure Plan for 2016 completion
2	Airport Automated People Mover	In VTA Expenditure Plan for 2018 completion
3	Capitol LRT Extension to Eastridge	In VTA Expenditure Plan for 2012 completion
4	Santa Clara/Alum Rock Transit Corridor	In VTA Expenditure Plan for 2021 completion
5	Monterey Highway Bus Rapid Transit	In VTA Expenditure Plan for 2015 completion
6	Stevens Creek/San Carlos Bus Rapid Transit	In VTA Expenditure Plan for 2015 completion
7	Guadalupe South LRT Corridor Station Retrofit	Programmed for construction in 2008
8	Transit Mall Station Retrofit	Under construction
9	Diridon Station Expansion Planning	City funding share of \$0.1M is budgeted
10	Route 101 Improvements (280 to Yerba Buena)	Partially funded by Federal grant; Environmental clearance complete
11	Route 880/Stevens Creek Interchange Upgrade	Funded by Federal grant
12	Freeway Aesthetic Enhancements	VTA implementing pilot litter project
13	Freeway Soundwalls	Unfunded
14	Montague Expwy Widening	Part of North San José plan
15	Almaden Expwy Improvements (near 85)	Funded by Federal grant
16	Lawrence Expwy Improvements	Unfunded
17	San Tomas Expwy Improvements	Unfunded
18	Charcot Ave Overcrossing (at 880)	Part of North San José plan
19	Autumn Street Extension (St John to Coleman)	City/SJRA funding is budgeted for environmental clearance
20	Coleman Ave Widening (880 to Autumn)	City/SJRA funding is budgeted for environmental clearance
21	Downtown Couplet Conversions	Partial funded by SNI program
22	Blossom Hill/Monterey Ped Improvements	Partially funded by Federal grant
23	Almaden Expwy Ped Overcrossing (near Coleman)	Environmental clearance complete
24	Branham Lane Ped Overcrossing (at 101)	City funding is budgeted for planning
25	San José Traffic/Incident Management Center	Funded by Federal grant
26	San José Traffic Signal System Upgrades	LRT signal system upgrade funded by grants
27	Guadalupe River Trail (Airport to Alviso)	Funded by Federal grant
28	Los Gatos Creek Trail (Downtown Connection)	Under construction to Auzerais
29	Coyote Creek Trail (Keyes to Montague)	Partially funded by Federal grant
30	Local Street Pavement Maintenance	Partially funded by various sources