



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** James R. Helmer

**SUBJECT: PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE  
PROJECT GRANTS – TDA3**

**DATE:** 04-28-08

Approved

Date

4/30/08

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** City-Wide

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Adoption of a resolution approving the request to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the allocation of Fiscal Year 2008-09 Transportation Development Act, Article 3 (TDA3) grant funding in the amount of \$618,497 for the improvement of pedestrian and bicycle transportation infrastructure and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute grant documents.

## **OUTCOME**

Grant funding for pedestrian and bicycle facilities will provide the community safer and more convenient routes for walking and biking, and supports the City goal to provide viable transportation choices.

## **BACKGROUND**

The State TDA3 grant provides annual funding for the improvement of pedestrian and bicycle transportation infrastructure. Funds are derived from state sales tax and distributed based on population. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) administers the grants for the nine-county Bay Area. MTC selects projects based on recommendations from member agencies. In Santa Clara County, the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) coordinates the local project selection process. For fiscal year 2008-09, the City expects to receive \$618,497 in TDA3 funds.

## **ANALYSIS**

The TDA3 grant program generally funds minor (low cost) pedestrian and bicycle projects. Funding for major projects is generally sought through the City's capital programs or the VTA's Valley Transportation Plan 2030. Attachment A contains a list of recommended projects for the 2008-09 TDA3 grant funding cycle. Attachment B provides a list of other pedestrian and bicycle projects recently funded or currently planned. Consistent with past practice, the City has used

TDA3 funds for low cost sidewalk gap closure projects or for Citywide programs related to curb ramps, bikeway signage and striping, and safety education.

The recommended list of sidewalk gap closure projects is derived from a database inventory of pedestrian and bicycle improvement needs maintained by the Department of Transportation (DOT). This database includes projects identified by members of the public, city staff, and Council Offices. The TDA3 program includes several limitations restricting projects that include land acquisition and utility relocation. Candidate projects were evaluated based on several factors including proximity to schools, transit stops, hospitals, senior centers, as well as jobs and housing centers. Other factors considered include grant eligibility requirements, safety data, pedestrian and bicyclist volumes, and input from the community and City Council Offices.

### **EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP**

No follow up actions with the Council are expected at this time.

### **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 report will be posted on the City's website as part of the Council Agenda public outreach process. In addition, the recommendations relating to the project priorities described in this report were coordinated with City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee at its publicly noticed April 14, 2008 meeting.

### **COORDINATION**

The recommendations relating to the project priorities described in this report were coordinated with the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Preparation of this report was coordinated with the City Attorney's Office, the Department of Planning, Building & Code Enforcement and the Department of Public Works.

**FISCAL/POLICY ALIGNMENT**

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

**COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS**

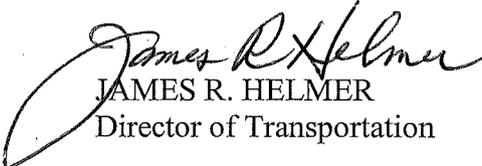
The recommendations in this report would initiate grant funding requests in the amount of \$618,497. The anticipation of grant funding from the TDA3 program is included in the “Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities” line item in the Traffic Capital Improvement Program.

**BUDGET REFERENCE**

Not applicable.

**CEQA**

Exempt, File No. PP08-057

  
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For questions please contact John Brazil, Bicycle/Pedestrian Program, at 975-3206.

Attachments

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**Proposed Projects for FY 2008-09**  
**Transportation Development Act, Article 3 (TDA3) Funding**

**Sidewalk Improvements**

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| 1. | <b>Tully Road</b> – Install sidewalk, curb, gutter, and AC pavement conform along the north side of Tully Road east of Monterey Highway. This project will close a sidewalk gap on the north side of Tully Road, along a school walking route for Franklin Elementary School. (CD 7)                                       | \$ 220,000 |
| 2. | <b>Bird Avenue</b> – Install sidewalk, curb, gutter, driveway and AC conform on the west side of Bird Avenue north of Vernon Avenue. This project will close a sidewalk gap along the west side of Bird Avenue between Vernon Avenue and Willow Street, along a school walking route for Galarza Elementary School. (CD 6) | \$ 120,000 |

**Ongoing Programs**

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| 3. | <b>Citywide Curb Ramps</b><br>Install ADA compliant curb ramps at corners and pedestrian crossings. These funds will supplement the City's existing curb ramp installation program.   | \$108,000 |
| 4. | <b>Bicycle &amp; Pedestrian Facility Signing &amp; Striping</b><br>Stripe crosswalks and install other pedestrian sign improvements; stripe bike lanes and install other bicycling sign improvements. (Citywide)  | \$120,497 |
| 5. | <b>Pedestrian &amp; Bicycle Safety Education</b><br>Through the School Safety Program, provide safe walking and bicycling education in the City's grade K-9 schools. Through the Bicyclist & Pedestrian Program, provide adult Safe Bicycling courses to the public. (Citywide) | \$ 50,000 |

<b>TOTAL</b>	<hr/> \$ 618,497
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## ATTACHMENT B

### Past TDA3 Sidewalk & Bike Lane Projects (TDA3 Projects from FY2002-03 through FY 2007-08)

Sidewalk Projects	Council District
Borina Avenue west of Saratoga Avenue – sidewalk gap closure	1
Bucknall Road: Maroel Dr to Villanova Rd – sidewalk gap closure	1
Carola Avenue at Clarita Avenue – sidewalk gap closure	1
Cypress Avenue at Linden Oaks Drive – sidewalk gap closure	1
Emory Street at Chapman Street – sidewalk gap closure	6
Grandview Drive at Capitol Avenue – sidewalk gap closure	4
Harvest Drive/Mt. Pleasant Road: Blue Mountain Dr to Rocky Mountain Dr – sidewalk gap closure	5
Hedding Street: 8 <sup>th</sup> Street to 10 <sup>th</sup> Street – sidewalk gap closure	3
Hedding Street: 9 <sup>th</sup> Street to 10 <sup>th</sup> Street – sidewalk gap closure	3
Huff Avenue at Baywood Avenue – sidewalk gap closure	6
Marburg Way at Ann Darling Elementary – sidewalk gap closure	3
Moorpark Avenue at 280/880 Overpass – sidewalk gap closure	6
Moreland Way: Flora Av to Rosalia Av – sidewalk gap closure	1
Mossdale Way and Jackson Avenue – sidewalk gap closure	4
Pedro Street at Lincoln Street – sidewalk gap closure	6
Penitencia Creek Road at Gridley Street – sidewalk gap closure	5
Penitencia Creek Road at Viceroy Way – crosswalk and sidewalk gap closure	4
Phelan Avenue at Yerba Buena High School – sidewalk gap closure	7
Senter Road at Burke Street – sidewalk gap closure	7
Sugarplum Drive at Cedar Grove Elementary – sidewalk gap closure	8
Woodard Road at Farnham Elementary School – sidewalk gap closure	9
Yerba Buena Road at Thompson Creek – sidewalk gap closure	8
<b>Bike Lane Projects</b>	
Aborn Road: Towers Lane to Capitol Expressway	7
Aborn Road: White Road to Ruby Avenue	8
Almaden Road: Almaden Expressway to McKean Road	10
Hostetter Road: Capitol Avenue to Morrill Avenue	4
Coleman Avenue: Taylor Street to Ryland Park Drive	3
Cunningham Avenue: Capitol Expressway to White Road	8
Disk Drive: Grand Boulevard to Nortech Parkway	4
Fourth Street: Jackson Street to Julian Street	3
Headquarters Drive: North First Street to Holger Way	4
Hellyer Avenue: Hwy 101 to Silicon Valley Boulevard	2
Holger Way: Headquarters Drive to Zanker Road	4
Nieman Boulevard: Blanding Boulevard to Yerba Buena Road	8
Nortech Parkway: end to end	4
Quimby Road: Ruby Avenue to Murillo Avenue	8
River Oaks Parkway: North First Street to Montague Expressway	4
Ruby Avenue: Tully Road to Aborn Road	8
San Fernando Street: Hwy 87 to 10 <sup>th</sup> Street	3
Silver Creek Valley Road: Yerba Buena Road to Coyote Road	2
Taylor Street: Walnut Street to First Street	3
Third Street: Jackson Street to Julian Street	3
Tully Road: Glen Hanleigh Drive to Ruby Avenue	8
Yerba Buena Road: Silver Creek Valley Road to San Felipe Road	2

**City Traffic CIP Bicycle & Pedestrian Projects**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Council District</b>
Branham Lane Improvements – <i>Under Design</i>	2, 10
Hamilton Avenue: Meridian Av to Hamilton Wy – <i>Under Construction</i>	6
Lucretia Avenue: Story Rd to Phelan Av – <i>Completed</i>	7
Quito Road: Saratoga Av to Bucknall Rd – <i>Completed</i>	1
Union Avenue at Los Gatos-Almaden Road – <i>Completed</i>	9
Oakland Road: Hwy 101 to Montague Expwy – <i>Completed</i>	4
Union Avenue at Ross Creek - <i>Completed</i>	9
King Road and Story Road Improvements - <i>SJRA funded; Completed</i>	5, 7
Fortune Drive Sidewalk Improvement - <i>Completed</i>	4
Trimble Road Sidewalk Improvement - <i>Completed</i>	4

**Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Projects**

*(San Jose projects included in VTP2030, as approved by City Council on December 2003)*

<b>Project</b>	<b>Council District</b>
Los Gatos Creek Trail (Lincoln to Auzerais) – <i>Completed</i>	3, 6
Los Gatos Creek Trail (Auzerais to Santa Clara St) – <i>Masterplan Nearly Complete</i>	3, 6
Guadalupe River Trail (Rt 880 to Alviso) – <i>Interim Open; Final Under Design</i>	3, 4
River Oaks Bridge at Guadalupe River – <i>Completed</i>	4
Coyote Creek Trail (Rt 237 to Story/Keyes) – <i>Under Design</i>	3, 4, 7
Blossom Hill Rd/ Monterey Hwy Ped Improvements – <i>Under Design</i>	2
San Tomas Expwy – Misc. Bike/Ped Improvements	1
Lawrence Expwy – Misc. Bike/Ped Improvements	1
Almaden Expwy Ped Overcrossing, North of Coleman – <i>Feasibility Study Complete</i>	10
Branham Lane Ped Overcrossing at Rt. 101	2

**Sidewalk Gap Closure Projects  
 Priority Projects for Safe Routes to Schools Grants**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Council District</b>
Bucknall Road: Mayfield to Lantana	1
Seven Trees Blvd: El Cajon to Senter	7
Minidoka Ave: North of Gay Ave	5