

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: James Helmer
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SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: September 15, 2008

Approved

Date

9/16/08

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 7
SNI AREA: Seven Trees

**SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS IN THE
GENERAL FUND FOR THE SEVEN TREES BOULEVARD SIDEWALK
PROJECT**

RECOMMENDATION

Adoption of the following Appropriation Ordinance amendments in the General Fund:

- a) Establish an appropriation to the Department of Transportation for the Seven Trees Boulevard Sidewalk Project in the amount of \$970,000.
- b) Decrease the Neighborhood Capital Improvements Fund Reserve by \$970,000.

OUTCOME

Approval of this recommendation will provide funding to design and construct the Seven Trees Sidewalk Project, enable enhanced pedestrian walkability on Seven Trees Boulevard and support the City's goal to provide viable transportation choices.

BACKGROUND

Residents of the Seven Trees neighborhood have worked diligently to improve their neighborhood by implementing the 2001 *Seven Trees Neighborhood Plan*. This plan, which was developed in collaboration with faculty and students from the Urban and Regional Planning Department of San José State University, community members, neighborhood allies, and City staff, examined the existing conditions in the community and presented recommendations for specific areas of intervention within the neighborhood. The vision of the *Seven Trees Neighborhood Plan* is to improve the health, safety and quality of life in the Seven Trees area.

In the fall of 2006, Councilmember Madison Nguyen, helped form the Building Strong Neighborhoods Seven Trees Pilot Project, one of three Building Strong Neighborhood Pilot Project areas. The Councilmember took this action in order to update the *Seven Trees*

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Neighborhood Plan and align City of San José resources with the Seven Trees neighborhood goals and objectives.

On September 29, 2007, a Pilot Project survey of neighborhood residents and an updated plan was presented to the community. The highest priority project was identified as a sidewalk along Seven Trees Boulevard. In fact, 89% of the survey respondents stated that the City should construct a sidewalk on Seven Trees Boulevard.

ANALYSIS

The project estimate to implement the Seven Trees Boulevard Sidewalk Project is \$970,000. The proposed project will construct sidewalk on the east side of Seven Trees Boulevard between El Cajon Drive and Senter Road. The improvements will include installation of approximately 1,600 linear feet of sidewalks, ADA compliant curb ramps, streetlights, street trees and drainage facilities.

The Department of Transportation as the project owner will collaborate with the Department of Public Works to implement the Seven Trees Boulevard Sidewalk Project.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

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

POLICY ALTERNATIVES

Not applicable.

PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST

- Criterion 1:** Requires Council action on the use of public funds equal to \$1 million or greater. **(Required: Website Posting)**
- Criterion 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)**
- Criterion 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 does not meet any of the above criteria. However, this memorandum will be posted on the City's website for the October 7, 2008 Council agenda.

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COORDINATION

Preparation of this memorandum and related documents were coordinated with the City Manager's Office, the Redevelopment Agency, Department of Public Works, Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement and the City Attorney's 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

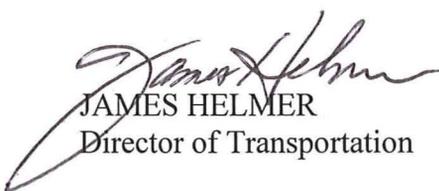
The recommendations in this memorandum would appropriate \$970,000 from the Neighborhood Capital Improvements Fund Reserve and establish the Seven Trees Boulevard Sidewalk Project in the General Fund.

BUDGET REFERENCE

Not applicable.

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