



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** James R. Helmer

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

**DATE:** 04-27-09

Approved

Date

5/6/09

Council District: City-Wide

## RECOMMENDATION

Adoption of a resolution approving the request to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for the allocation of Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Transportation Development Act, Article 3 (TDA3) State grant funding in the amount of \$982,087 and authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to negotiate and execute any grant documents to effectuate the grant.

## OUTCOME

Grant funding for pedestrian and bicycle facilities and education 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. MTC administers the grants for the nine-county Bay Area and 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 FY 2009-2010, the City expects to receive \$982,087 in TDA3 funds. No local matching fund is required. The FY2009-2010 expected award is larger than anticipated due to a one-time VTA distribution of excess TDA3 reserves. Subsequent annual awards after FY 2009-2010 are expected to return to historical amounts in the \$600,000 range.

## ANALYSIS

The TDA3 grant program generally funds minor (low cost) pedestrian and bicycle projects and safety education. Funding for major projects is generally sought through the City's capital programs or the VTA's Valley Transportation Plan 2035. The City has historically used TDA3 funds for low cost sidewalk gap closure projects and for Citywide programs related to curb

ramps, bikeway signage and striping, and safety education. Over the nine most recent annual grant cycles, about two-thirds of TDA3 funding in San Jose has been applied to installing sidewalks to close gaps in the pedestrian network. During this nine year period, 32 sidewalk projects have been built. Most identified sidewalk gaps that are small enough to be funded by TDA3 have now been constructed. No assessments of recently annexed County Pockets have occurred.

Attachment A contains a list of recommended projects for the 2009-2010 TDA3 grant funding cycle that will be submitted to MTC for funding. Staff is recommending that the majority of the funding for next year be allocated to the improvement of the City's bikeway network, along ten (10) key corridors that provide connectivity with job centers, creek trails, and existing freeway pedestrian overcrossings (POC). The recommended list of projects also continues the past practice to fund Safety Education and Curb Ramp Installations.

The ten (10) recommended bikeway projects total approximately 24 miles. They are described in Table 1 below and represent elements of what is being classified as the City's "primary" bikeway network, as discussed in a recent report to the Transportation and Environment Committee on April 6, 2009. Attachment B shows the scope and status of the primary bikeway network. The proposed primary system is intended to provide a network of citywide bikeways that are highly visible, safe and convenient for bike riders of all skill levels. The primary system would include trails as the core of the network with a connecting system of on-street bikeways with enhanced design treatments such as colored markings or pavement, buffered bike lanes, physically separated bike lanes, and multi-use sidewalks.

*Table 1 – Recommended 2009-10 TDA3 Bikeway Projects*

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Council District</b>	<b>Description</b>
Allen Avenue	10	North-South connection to East-West bikeway
Calero-Palmia-Cottle	2	East-West connector to Edenvale job center and Cottle LRT station
Curtner-Hwy 87 Bikeway	6, 7	Closes gap in Hwy 87 Bikeway
Monroe-Downing-Stokes-Leigh	6, 9	Connects Valley Fair/Santana Row to Hwy 280 and Hwy 17 Pedestrian Over Crossings (POC)
Park-San Fernando-San Antonio	3, 5, 6	East-West crosstown connector to Downtown, Diridon Station and San Jose State University
River Oaks Parkway	4	Connects Guadalupe River Trail and Coyote Creek Trail to North San Jose jobs, housing, and transit
Silver Creek Valley Road	2	Links Edenvale job center & Coyote Creek Trail
White Oaks-Charmeran	9	Links Los Gatos Creek Trail and Leigh Avenue
Williams	1	East-West connection to Hwy 17 POC
Yerba Buena	8	Connects Thompson Creek Trail & Nieman bike lanes

The total proposed primary network includes 131 miles of bikeways of which 33 trail miles (25%) are currently complete. The secondary bikeway system would include standard or "basic" on-street bikeway designations such as bike lanes and bike routes.

The recommended projects will provide enhanced on-street bikeways connecting to existing facilities and desirable destinations for bicyclists such as trails, bridges, San Jose State University and job centers. They were developed based on constituent requests, input from San Jose's Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee, feedback from three (3) public workshops held in December 2008 and January 2009, and staff analysis. Development of these primary bikeways will support the City's goals of expanding the total planned citywide bikeway network from 300 miles to 450 miles; increasing the percentage of trips by from 1% to 5%; reducing the bike collision rate by 50%; and elevating its national Bicycle Friendly Community status from bronze level to gold level. These projects will also advance Goal 10 of the City's Green Vision, which calls for completion of a 100 mile trail network and a planned 450 mile citywide bikeway network.

#### **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 13, 2009 meeting.

**COORDINATION**

Preparation of this report was coordinated with the City Attorney's Office and the Department of Planning, Building & Code Enforcement.

**FISCAL/POLICY ALIGNMENT**

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

**COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS**

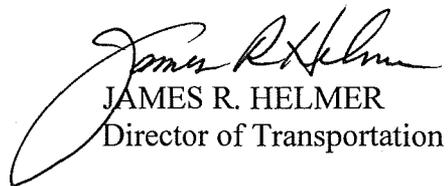
The recommendations in this report would initiate grant funding requests in the amount of \$982,087. The anticipation of grant funding from the TDA3 program is included in the "Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities" line item in the Traffic Capital Improvement Program.

**BUDGET REFERENCE**

Not applicable.

**CEQA**

Exempt, File No. PP08-186 & PP09-100

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

Attachments

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**Proposed Projects for FY 2009-10**  
**Transportation Development Act, Article 3 (TDA3) Funding**

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| <b>1. Citywide Curb Ramps (Citywide)</b>   | <b>\$100,000</b> |
| Install ADA compliant curb ramps at corners and pedestrian crossings. These funds will supplement the City's existing curb ramp installation program.  |                  |
| <b>2. Pedestrian &amp; Bicycle Safety Education (Citywide)</b>   | <b>\$50,000</b>  |
| Provide public safe bicycling classes for children and adults.   |                  |
| <b>3. Bicycle Facility Implementation (Citywide)</b>   | <b>\$832,087</b> |
| Install Class I, II, and III bicycle facilities (including signage, striping, and bicycle-friendly signal detection) in multiple projects including the following corridors:   |                  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Allen Ave (Calero to Santa Teresa)</li><li>• Calero-Palmia-Cottle</li><li>• Curtner-Hwy 87 Bikeway</li><li>• Monroe-Downing-Stokes-Leigh</li><li>• Park-San Fernando-San Antonio</li><li>• River Oaks Parkway (Guadalupe River Trail to Coyote Creek Trail)</li><li>• Silver Creek Valley Rd (Coyote Creek Trail to Hellyer)</li><li>• White Oaks-Charmeran (Los Gatos Creek Trail to Leigh)</li><li>• Williams (De Anza to Monroe)</li><li>• Yerba Buena (Nieman to Thompson Creek)</li></ul> |                  |

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 982,087</b>
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