



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Rose Herrera
Councilmember Madison Nguyen
Councilmember Xavier Campos

**SUBJECT: ROUTE 101 IMPROVEMENTS
I - 280 TO YERBA BUENA ROAD**

DATE: August 26, 2011

Approved

Rose Herrera
Xavier Campos
Madison Nguyen

Date:

8/26/11

RECOMMENDATION:

In addition to approving the City of San José's funding agreement with the VTA for \$4,200,000 for Route 101 from I-280 to Yerba Buena Road project and amendments to the Appropriation Ordinance, we recommend the City Council direct Staff to:

1. Work collaboratively with VTA and Caltrans to identify a combination of additional funding and/or construction cost saving opportunities that allows for the construction of Phase II at the earliest time possible and in coordination with the completion of the improvements to the Tully Road interchange, as planned.
2. Return to Council with review of any proposed changes to the scope and/or funding plan for the construction of Phase II.

BACKGROUND

Relieving traffic congestion is a top priority for improving the quality of life for residents of East San José and for all commuters traveling through this corridor. In order for residents to fully recognize the benefits of the Tully Road interchange improvements, construction of the Capitol and Yerba Buena interchange areas would need to follow directly thereafter. City Staff has done an admirable job working with our partner agencies to complete Phase I and to secure \$24 million in Prop 1B funds for the construction of Phase II.

Staff's recommendations ensure the timely completion of the design for Capitol and Yerba Buena interchanges. In recognition of the funding shortfall that still exists to construct these improvements, staff should provide an update to the Council with any proposed changes to the scope of the project and/or the identification of any other funding sources to advance the project.

CONCLUSION

Approval of staff's recommendations will provide for the completion of the design of improvements to the US 101/Yerba Buena Road interchange at an overall cost savings for the City. Phase II is a priority traffic mitigation project for San José and we support Staff's efforts to complete this project as soon as possible.