



**Subject: VTA AGREEMENT AMENDMENT
FOR JULIAN/ST. JAMES COUPLET
PROJECT**

**Council Agenda: 03-27-12
Item: 2.8**

| City Council Action Request | | | |
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| Department: Transportation | CEQA: File Nos. PP02-05-115 & PP08-126 | Coordination: City Attorney's Office | CMO Approval: 3/6/12 |
| | | | Dept. Approval: /s/ Hans F. Larsen |
| RECOMMENDED ACTION: | | | |
| <p>Approve an amendment to extend the term of the Funding Agreement with the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) for financial contributions associated with construction of the proposed Julian/St. James Couplet Conversion project to December 31, 2012.</p> | | | |
| BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION: | | | |
| <p>On June 9, 2009, the City Council approved a funding agreement with the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) for project construction in the amount of \$5,076,000 from their Local Streets and County Roads program. The funding enabled the City to convert the Julian/St. James one-way couplet streets to two-way streets to improve community livability and to implement a priority project included in the Thirteenth Street Strong Neighborhoods Initiative (SNI) plan. The Couplet Conversion project is now completed and is currently in the final close-out phase. The funding agreement expired on December 31, 2011.</p> <p>In order to complete all phases of the project and seek reimbursement from VTA for all construction related activities associated with this project, the Department of Transportation recommends extending the existing funding agreement from December 31, 2011 to December 31, 2012. There are no changes in the scope or amount of the agreement.</p> | | | |
| COST AND FUNDING SOURCE: | | | |
| <p><u>FISCAL/POLICY ALIGNMENT</u> The recommended action aligns with the Transportation and Aviation Services CSA Outcome related to providing viable transportation choices.</p> <p><u>COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS</u> The approval of the amendment to the Funding Agreement would allow the City to seek reimbursement from VTA for the activities required to deliver the street conversion from one-way to two-way traffic. Without this amendment, all construction activities associated with this project will be done at the City's expense.</p> | | | |
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