

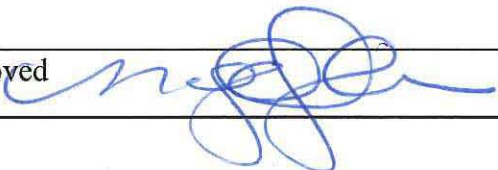
Memorandum

TO: MAYOR LICCARDO

FROM: Councilmember Carrasco

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE: May 20, 2015

Approved  Date 5.20.15

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: **IMPROVE NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY ON FOSS AVENUE**

Amount of City Funding Required: \$93,120 plus \$290 ongoing

Fund Type (i.e. General Fund, C&C funds, etc.): Construction Excise Tax Fund

This change is:

X One-time X Ongoing

Proposal Description, including anticipated outcomes (describe how change would affect services for San José residents, businesses, community groups, etc.):

This proposal would improve the overall neighborhood safety and help deter homeless encampments along Foss Ave.

For the past couple of years the Foss Avenue area has been taken over by an aggressive homeless encampment. This has made the neighborhood very unwelcoming, raising various safety concerns such as; damage of property, burglary, dumping of toxic and hazardous waste, prostitution and drug and alcohol abuse. This street is very poorly lit and it has become easy for homeless individuals to sneak onto the surrounding residents' property and vandalize it. The lack of lighting also makes it dangerous for the neighborhood residents to go out of their homes at night, risking running into a dangerous situations.

In addition, the installation of these double-headed street lights, which would arch over the Foss Ave and the vacant CalTrans property, would also improve the visibility of appropriate code enforcers to cite those individuals trespassing, vandalizing or breaking any other laws. I strongly recommend that the City of San José use \$93,120 from the Construction Excise Tax Fund to place three double-headed street lights along Foss Avenue with an addition \$290 ongoing cost.

Funding Source

Essential Services Reserve (\$2 million)

Other (Program/Project/Fund): Construction Excise Tax Fund

Department or Organization: Department of Transportation

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