



# Memorandum

**TO:** MAYOR LICCARDO

**FROM:** Councilmember Donald Rocha

**SUBJECT:** BUDGET DOCUMENT

**DATE:** May 20, 2015

Approved Don Rocha

Date 5-20-15

## RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

### Proposal

Program/Project Title: Branham Lane Road Diet/Safety Improvements

Amount of City Funding Required: \$250,000

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

This change is:

One-time       Ongoing

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

Over the past several years, I have heard serious concerns from residents about pedestrian safety on Branham Lane between Almaden Expressway and Highway 87. Concerns focus on the prevalence of jaywalking across Branham due to the absence of pedestrian amenities, as well as the speed of traffic on what is now a six lane road. A number of factors contribute to pedestrian traffic in this area, including older, densely populated apartment complexes and a light rail station located at Branham and Highway 87. Sadly, this stretch of Branham has seen pedestrian fatalities.

The 2040 General Plan provides us with a tool to potentially begin addressing these problems: it authorizes Branham Lane to be narrowed from six lanes to four lanes between Almaden Expressway and Vista Park Drive. I believe it would be worthwhile for the City to begin pursuing this road diet, along with other potential improvements to enhance safety.

The total cost of funding a Branham road diet between Almaden Expressway and Vista Park Drive would be \$937,256. In conjunction with a development approval on Branham earlier this year, a developer has committed to provide \$50,000 towards a safety project on Branham. With this document, I am requesting an additional \$250,000, as part of a multi-year funding strategy. As funding for this project is assembled, I

would continue conversations with the surrounding community and the Department of Transportation about possible implementation strategies.

**Funding Source**

Essential Services Reserve (\$2.5 million)

Other (Program/Project/Fund):

Department or Organization: Department of Transportation

Department or Organization Contact (list contact information for the individual that certified cost estimates contained within your recommendation):

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