



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR LICCARDO

FROM: Councilmember Jimenez

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE: May 27, 2021

Approved

Date May 27, 2021

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: **Open Space Transit Access Equity**

Amount of City Funding Required: **\$150,000**

This change is:

One-time Ongoing

Cost Estimate Number (if applicable):

Proposal Description, including the reason for the need and anticipated outcomes (Please describe how the proposal will affect services for San José residents, community groups, businesses, etc.):

There is a need to improve access to significant open space areas by transit or other methods of alternative transportation that reduce vehicle miles traveled and that also align with the City’s goals of increasing multi-modal travel and Vision Zero. The intention of this request is to focus on transit-dependent, low-income, and under-serves communities that may not have other ways to access open space in areas like Coyote Valley. The Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority and VTA are interested in a partnership with the City, to establish a pilot project starting with access to Coyote Valley. SCVOSA has started putting together draft recommendations as part of their initial outreach for transportation planning for the Coyote Valley Master Plan. We have an opportunity through this effort to align the City’s goals with the OSA’s visioning process.

This proposal will provide for an innovative, conceptual study of transit and other alternative transportation modes to the Coyote Valley area from traditionally underserved areas of San Jose. Staff would bring on consultant services to work with community-based organizations (CBOs) in underserved areas, the Open Space Authority, Caltrain, and VTA to develop the conceptual plan for new services.

The conceptual study would include the following high-level scope of work and would be carried out through consultant services and managed by DOT staff.

Task 1:

Community and Coyote Valley transit service and access needs, and existing conditions

Work with CBOs, the Open Space Authority, and other project partners to define Coyote Valley uses and access needs. Define existing access routes and identify gaps.

Task 2: Conceptual Access Plan

Work with project partners, CBOs, and the community to identify new access opportunities that focus on opening the Coyote Valley up to traditionally underserved areas of the City. Options such as expanded weekend bus and train service, last mile connection shuttles, and shared mobility options are possible outcomes of this work. The product of the work will be a conceptual plan that is innovative and uses an equity lens guiding direction on how new access and opportunities should be further developed.

Funding Source

Essential Services Reserve:

Other (Please specify program/project/fund): General Fund, 2016 Measure B Innovative Transit Service, Models Competitive Grant Program/Open Space Authority 20% Funding Grant Program

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