



# Memorandum

**TO:** MAYOR LICCARDO

**FROM:** Councilmember Esparza

**SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT**

**DATE:** 5/27/2021

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Approved *Maya Esparza*

Date 5/27/2021

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the following recommendation be enacted.

### **Proposal**

Program/Project Title: Parking Compliance

Amount of City Funding Required: \$20,650

This change is:

One-time       Ongoing

Cost Estimate Number (if applicable): 70

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.):

This request is for the continuation of funding for DOT to use toward enhanced parking compliance efforts, allowing for additional focus on abandoned vehicles near residential addresses, as well as areas such as Seventh Street where our industrial zone has been impacted by abandoned cars. Beyond mere inconvenience, the congestion caused by these vehicles has resulted in vehicle accidents, especially in our industrial areas, in confrontations between residents over parking, unsafe parking on sidewalks, parkstrips, and red zones, and placement of trash cans in roadways. This will continue providing relief to residents who often have difficulty parking in front of their own homes, as well as businesses that face challenges due to abandoned vehicles.

After a successful pilot program in partnership with SJPD in 2019 resulted in 229 vehicle citations, 111 vehicle impounded, and the recovery of one stolen vehicle, funding for the program was renewed for FY-20-21. Between September 2020 and April 2021, nine enhanced parking operations took place, resulting in 113 vehicles towed in impacted communities throughout our city. Additional operations will be performed in May and June, resulting in 12-14 total operations in FY 2020-2021. This leaves funding for 4-6 additional operations at the beginning of FY 21-22. This proposal will

supplement this funding to allow for an additional 12-14 operations to be conducted in FY 21-22. Although the total funding required for 14 operations is \$20,650, parking citation revenue is estimated at \$3,780, resulting in a net general fund impact of approximately \$16,870.

The Vehicle Abatement program relies on active participation from communities to report abandoned or inoperable vehicles, and for many neighborhoods, particularly those with gang activity or other conditions that make retaliation a concern, this can result in these vehicles being under reported, and in turn, underserved. As we learned from data collected by staff over the course of FY 20-21 from the hybrid approach to vehicle investigations, the number and geographic distribution of vehicles located through proactive investigations often did not align with community complaints.

**Funding Source**

Essential Services Reserve: \$20,650

Other (Please specify program/project/fund):

**Department or Organization Contact**

Please list the contact information for the individual that certified cost estimates contained within your recommendation:

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