



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR MAHAN

FROM: Councilmember Domingo Candelas

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE: 05/25/23

Approved

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RECOMMENDATION

Modify the City Manager's 2023-2024 Proposed Budget to incorporate the following budget proposal, including any required funding allocation adjustments.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: Yerba Buena Pedestrian Bridge

Amount of City Funding Required: \$100,000

This change is:

One-time Ongoing

Cost Estimate Number (if applicable): #41

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.):

Pedestrian access and safety have been a longstanding priority. Investment in community infrastructure that supports safe active transportation and mobility is essential to that goal.

The Yerba Buena pedestrian bridge crosses Yerba Buena Creek and is an essential part of the Estates neighborhood. It was built by a local property owner, has been in use since the 1930's, and was adopted by the City for maintenance and inspections. Residents have benefited from this amenity as an additional means for safe and convenient access from the Estates and surrounding neighborhoods to local amenities such as Montgomery Hill Park, the Evergreen Community College campus, and a local shopping center.

Unfortunately, over time, this bridge has faced heavy storms and a local epicenter earthquake compromising

its structural integrity, posing a safety hazard to pedestrians. The City has previously concluded the structure is no longer safe resulting in its closure. City staff has also recommended it is no longer in a state where it can be repaired.

In May 2023, a cost estimate request was submitted to better understand the costs of repairing or rebuilding this pedestrian bridge. The City reiterated the bridge requires demolition and reconstruction. The structural components and abutments of the bridge have been compromised due to channelization of the creek bed which eroded the foundation of the bridge which was not built to modern safety standards. Additionally, the bridge has buckled from the local earthquake. No repair options exist. As of May 2023, the cost for demolition, design, construction, including management soft costs and permitting requirements is estimated at \$3,500,000.

To promote public safety and pedestrian mobility, this fund seeks to create a reserve for replacement of the pedestrian bridge. The fund is the first step in the pursuit of a bridge replacement that restores pedestrian access between the Estates neighborhood and the larger surrounding community including Evergreen Valley College. Replacing the existing pedestrian bridge will provide safer active transportation access and help strengthen the sense of community creating a more welcoming and inclusive environment for residents.

Additionally, staff is directed to return with other funding sources within the city, as well as state and federal grants that may exist for the replacement of the bridge.

Funding Source

Essential Services Reserve:

Other (Please specify program/project/fund): District 8 Construction and Conveyance Fund

Department or Organization Contact

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