



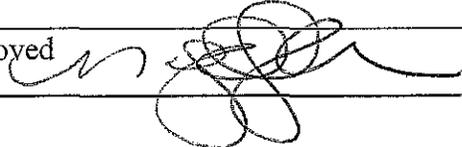
Memorandum

TO: MAYOR LICCARDO

FROM: Councilmember Carrasco

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE: May 25, 2016

Approved  Date 5-25-2016

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: **DISTRICT 5 UNDERPASS ART & LIGHTING PROJECT**

Amount of City Funding Required: \$205,574

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

There are 3 different highway overpasses in District 5 that are currently used extensively by pedestrians and cars; Capitol Expressway, Jackson Avenue and King Rd. A shared problem among all three is the lack of proper lighting and the high incidents of crime reported to the SJPd. Capitol Expressway, Jackson Avenue and King Rd have experienced 30, 37, and 59 reported incidents in the last year, respectively. The problem is further exacerbated due to the close proximity to schools and community centers. The Capitol, Jackson, and King Rd overpasses are within less than a mile radius a total of 9 schools, 2 parks, Regional Medical Center, Mayfair Community Center, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Emma Prusch Park, PAL Stadium, Rancho del Pueblo Golf Course, and Somos Mayfair. Given the economic situation of many residents in the surrounding community, it is not uncommon for the mother and children to walk between school, home, and other community resources while the father takes the sole car to work.

Community Art Projects have historically made a compelling case that cultural projects are not simply a luxury but play a fundamental role in reviving community pride and creative expression. For these reasons I am asking to fund these 3 underpasses as an extension of the Neighborhood

Gateway Gallery, part of the City-wide initiative *San Jose Creates and Connects*. The King Rd mural project has already been identified as a priority by the Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA) for this initiative, and OCA has identified some funding for this City-wide project and is also seeking grant funds to leverage City funds for the project. The appeals of the new murals would be greatly diminished without improving the current lighting by replacing the soffit lighting with LED fixtures as well as restoring power to non-operational soffit lights.

Funding Source

- Essential Services Reserve (\$2 million)
- Other (Program/Project/Fund): Transit Occupancy Tax (\$195,574) & General Fund (\$10,000)

Department or Organization: Office of Economic Development & Office of Cultural Affairs Department of Transportation

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