



# Memorandum

**TO:** MAYOR LICCARDO

**FROM:** Councilmember Johnny Khamis

**SUBJECT:** BUDGET DOCUMENT

**DATE:** May 22, 2019

Approved

Date

5/22/19

## RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

### Proposal

Program/Project Title: **Branham Lane Expansion to Improve Safety**

Amount of City Funding Required: **\$2 million for design, \$14,388,126 for construction.**

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

This change is:

One-time       Ongoing

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

**On December 4th, 2018, the City agreed to a land swap with Santa Clara County to allow the City to widen Branham Lane and improve Snell Avenue, two of the most problematic streets in the City. The agreement gave Santa Clara County a 12-acre patch along the south side of Hellyer Avenue at Silicon Valley Boulevard in exchange for a 60' wide right-of-way comprising nearly nine acres along Branham Lane.**

**DOT plans to use the right-of-way to widen Branham Lane and improve Snell Avenue. Currently, the roadway abruptly narrows down to one lane and forces cars to merge within a short distance. From 2008 to 2017, there have been 142 crashes, including three fatalities.**

**The additional land will allow for the road safety improvements, by adding sidewalks and protected walking and bicycling pathways. Other modification includes a new traffic signal at Kingspark Dr, a traffic signal modification at the Safeway driveway, new and upgraded streetlights, a new median island with landscaping, a new sidewalk on the south side,**

**stormwater bioretentions, and enhanced bike lanes, consistent with Complete Streets design standards.**

**Funding Source**

Essential Services Reserve (\$4 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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