



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR LICCARDO

FROM: Councilmember Esparza

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE: 5/25/2022

Approved *Maya Esparza*

Date 5/25/2022

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: Physical Vehicle Deterrents for Coyote Creek

Amount of City Funding Required: \$200,000 (from \$900,000 already allocated to Beautify SJ)

This change is:

One-time Ongoing

Cost Estimate Number (if applicable): 45

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.):

Last November, the City celebrated the opening of the 1.65 mile segment of the Coyote Creek Trail from Selma-Olinder Park to Phelan Avenue. This opening has been a great success to date, activating a long-neglected area along Coyote Creek, and moving us one large step closer to our goal of having a vibrant, citywide trail network along our creeks and waterways. A pilot foot/bike patrol program launched in partnership with Valley Water has helped provide significant resources toward ensuring safety for trail users. However, challenges remain, and as the areas adjacent to the Creek become more activated, the dangers to pedestrians and bicyclists from vehicles entering illegally into the riparian corridor become more pronounced.

We have seen preliminary success with the use of physical vehicle deterrents to keep vehicles out of our riparian corridor near the Tully Ballfields, and this proposal seeks to ensure funding for similar physical barriers and deterrents in strategic locations and at common illegal access points along the Coyote Creek riparian corridor in District 7. As this work is tied into the Beautify SJ consolidated model, we recommend the use of ARP funds for this project. This work will augment our Trail Safety Pilot program to help ensure that pedestrians and bicyclists are able to safely travel through

the corridor. Further, it will promote the environmental health and reduce illegal dumping and blight in and along Coyote Creek, supporting the City's environmental goals toward maintaining clean and healthy waterways.

Funding Source

Essential Services Reserve:

Other (Please specify program/project/fund): American Rescue Plan Fund (402)-Non-Personal, from the \$900,000 already allocated to Beautify SJ in the Proposed Budget.

Department or Organization Contact

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

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