SUBJECT: Approval of Budget Modification No. 38 to Recognize Grant Funding and Appropriate Funds for Project Readiness Initiatives

DISCUSSION

The City of Sunnyvale has been awarded funding from the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) for activities related to preparing materials to facilitate transportation project grant funding. Staff is recommending that the City Council approve Budget Modification No. 38 to appropriate up to $25,000 in funds from the VTA Project Readiness Initiative Program. Expenditures dating from March 4, 2010 will be eligible for re-imbursement.

BACKGROUND

The VTA has adopted a pilot program to reimburse local agencies for expenditures related to preparing materials to facilitate transportation project grant funding from certain Federal, State and Regional sources. The purpose of the program is to maximize opportunities for grant funding from outside of the Santa Clara County agencies. Agencies are eligible for up to $25,000, and there may be an opportunity to secure additional funding once the initial $25,000 has been spent. Agencies must identify which sources of funding they will be pursuing utilizing the project readiness funds. To date, staff has prepared and submitted grants for Federal, State, and regional programs that will be eligible for reimbursement, and has identified additional Federal and regional opportunities in the near future.

EXISTING POLICY

Fiscal Sub-Element 7.1B.4d; Pursue and use intergovernmental assistance for projects in the Ten-Year Capital Improvement Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no net fiscal impact to the General Fund for appropriating these grant funds. Budget Modification No. 38 has been prepared to appropriate up to $25,000 of the subject grant funding to new project, Project Readiness Initiatives Program, as follows:
Budget Modification No. 38
FY 2009/2010

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**ALTERNATIVES**

1. Approve Budget Modification No. 38 to appropriate up to $25,000 of the subject grant funding to new project, Project Readiness Initiatives Program.

2. Do not take action at this time and forfeit grant funding for transportation grant activities.
RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends Alternatives No. 1: Approve Budget Modification No. 38 to appropriate up to $25,000 of the subject grant funding to new project, Project Readiness Initiatives Program.

Approval of these actions will allow funding to be realized and appropriated for transportation funding activities.

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