



Council Meeting: September 13, 2011

SUBJECT: Authorization for the City Manager to Execute Cooperative Agreements and Accept Financial Contributions for Funding of a Stevens Creek Trail Joint Cities Alignment and Feasibility Study and Approval of Budget Modification No. 6

BACKGROUND

Sunnyvale staff has indicated to a Joint Four Cities Stevens Creek Trail Working Group that Sunnyvale will take the lead in managing and preparing a feasibility study for a unified Stevens Creek Trail corridor concept. Completion of the study is dependent upon securing outside revenue. To date, Sunnyvale staff has secured the Working Team support for seeking grant funding opportunities, received the endorsement of the Group on a proposed work scope for a feasibility study, identified funds for a Sunnyvale share of a feasibility study, and suggested mechanisms for funding contributions from the partner cities and agencies.

EXISTING POLICY

Open Space and Recreation Sub-Element 2.2.C.4, Support a regional trail system by coordinating with adjacent jurisdictions to facilitate trail connections wherever possible.

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

DISCUSSION

At this time, Mountain View, Los Altos, and Cupertino have agreed to provide funding contributions for the study in the amounts of \$5,000, \$12,500, and \$10,000, respectively. Additionally, the Friends of the Stevens Creek Trail community group has offered to make a \$5,000 financial donation to Sunnyvale to facilitate study completion. These contributions total \$32,500. An additional \$7,795 will come from the existing Project Readiness Initiative project 828840, as \$25,000 was awarded from the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) last fiscal year and appropriated to this project to facilitate transportation project grant funding. This will add a total of \$40,295 to the existing budget for the Stevens Creek Feasibility Study (currently budgeted at \$67,205), which will bring the total level of funding to

\$107,500. This level of funding will allow preparation of a study to move forward.

The purpose of the Stevens Creek Trail Joint Cities Alignment and Feasibility Study will be to identify and evaluate from a technical perspective the universe of potential trail alignments to complete a connected and unified Stevens Creek Trail from Mountain View to Cupertino. The intended outcome of the study is to identify a small sub-set of alternatives including a preferred alternative to carry into a subsequent environmental analysis and conceptual design phase. The approximate time frame for completing a study is early 2013. Public input will be a component of the study, utilizing the Stevens Creek Trail Joint Cities Working Team, a cooperative group of representatives from the four cities, the Water District, and the County Parks Department, as a point of contact and input. Public meetings will be held at key points during the study including initial alternatives identification, presentation of technical reports, and draft reporting stages.

FISCAL IMPACT

Budget Modification No. 6 has been prepared to appropriate: (1) funding contributions from the partner cities of Mountain View, Los Altos, and Cupertino totaling \$27,500, (2) a financial donation of \$5,000 from the Stevens Creek Trail community group, and (3) \$7,795 from the Santa Clara VTA in Project 828840-Project Readiness Initiative, for a total increase of \$40,295 to the current budget in Project 829200 - Stevens Creek Trail Feasibility Study. It should be noted that this financial donation from the Friends of the Stevens Creek Trail community group is a one-time contribution to be used only for the Stevens Creek Trail Feasibility study.

BUDGET MODIFICATION NO. 6 FISCAL YEAR 2011/2012

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>Revised</u>
Capital Project Fund – General Assets Sub-Fund			
<u>Revenues –</u>			
<u>Contributions/Donations:</u>			
City of Mountain View	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
City of Los Altos	\$0	\$12,500	\$12,500
City of Cupertino	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000
Friends of the Stevens Creek Trail	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000

Transfers In:

Project 829200 – Stevens Creek Trail Feasibility Study	\$67,205	\$7,795	\$75,000
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Expenditures:

Project 829200 – Stevens Creek Trail Feasibility Study	\$67,205	\$40,295	\$107,500
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General Fund

Expenditures:

Project 828840 - Project Readiness Initiative Program	\$25,000	(\$7,795)	\$17,205
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PUBLIC CONTACT

Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City’s official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall, in the Council Chambers lobby, in the Office of the City Clerk, at the Library, Senior Center, Community Center, and Department of Public Safety; posting the agenda and report on the City’s Web site; and making the report available at the Library and Office of the City Clerk.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute required cooperative agreements with the cities of Mountain View, Los Altos, and Cupertino for Stevens Creek Trail Feasibility Study funding, and approve Budget Modification No. 6 to appropriate: (1) funding contributions from the partner cities of Mountain View, Los Altos, and Cupertino totaling \$27,500, (2) a financial donation of \$5,000 from the Stevens Creek Trail community group, and (3) \$7,795 from the Santa Clara VTA in Project 828840-Project Readiness Initiative, for a total increase of \$40,295 to the current budget in Project 829200 - Stevens Creek Trail Feasibility Study.
2. Elect not to authorize the City Manager to execute cooperative agreements, and forego funding for a Stevens Creek Trail Feasibility Study by not approving Budget Modification No. 6. If this alternative were selected, work on the study would be discontinued.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Alternative No. 1: Authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute required cooperative agreements with the cities of Mountain View, Los Altos, and Cupertino for Stevens Creek Trail Feasibility Study funding, and approve Budget Modification No. 6 to appropriate: (1) funding contributions from the partner cities of Mountain View, Los Altos, and Cupertino totaling \$27,500; (2) a financial donation of \$5,000 from the Stevens Creek Trail community group; and (3) \$7,795 from the Santa Clara VTA in Project 828840-Project Readiness Initiative, for a total increase of \$40,295 to the current budget in Project 829200 - Stevens Creek Trail Feasibility Study.

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