

**MEMORANDUM**

Public Works Department

**DATE:** February 27, 2019

**TO:** Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Nate Baird, Transportation Planner  
Ria Lo, Transportation Manager  
Dawn S. Cameron, Assistant Public Works Director

**SUBJECT:** Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 Funding

---

**RECOMMENDATION**

Provide input on proposed projects for Transportation Development Act Article 3 funding.

**BACKGROUND**

Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 funding is an annual State grant program that provides funding for pedestrian and bicycle projects and is based on a return of a portion of sales tax revenues on a per-capita basis. The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) administers the TDA Article 3 grant process for Santa Clara County.

The amount of annual TDA funding received by the City has ranged from \$50,000 to \$70,000 in recent years, depending on the total sales tax revenues to be distributed. The VTA allows cities to bank TDA Article 3 funds for up to five years to allow smaller cities to save up funds for larger projects. Past allocations in Mountain View have funded sidewalks, curb ramps, audible and countdown pedestrian signals, bicycle maps, bicycle racks, education programs, and bicycle-/pedestrian-related intersection improvements.

The review, prioritization, and recommendation of bicycle and pedestrian projects for the annual TDA Article 3 funding application cycle is an ongoing work item in the 2018-19 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (B/PAC) Work Plan. The City has generally banked its allocation over the past few years, except for \$100,000 assigned to pedestrian improvements last year. The VTA has not yet released the allocation dollar

amount for Fiscal Year 2019-20, but it is anticipated that the City's banked funds plus the new year's allocation will be between \$200,000 and \$220,000.

## DISCUSSION

At its March 28, 2018 meeting, as noted above, the B/PAC recommended that \$100,000 of accumulated funds available last year be utilized for Citywide Uncontrolled Marked Crosswalk Enhancements. That project is in process and enhancements have included, as appropriate to each site, signpost panel reflectors, additional red curbs to improve sight distances, and in-street "Stop For Pedestrian" signage. Staff will provide a summary report of improvements made at a future B/PAC meeting.

At this same meeting, the B/PAC expressed support for the remaining funds to be banked to support bicycle/pedestrian intersection improvements at Shoreline Boulevard and Villa Street. Staff is seeking confirmation that the Committee continues to support using the remaining banked TDA Article 3 funds plus the anticipated Fiscal Year 2019-20 TDA Article 3 funds for the following project:

- Shoreline Boulevard/Villa Street Intersection Improvements Project (Cost Estimate \$1,100,000) – New signal, including bicycle/pedestrian improvements. The project is partially funded with \$379,000 from the 2016-17 Capital Improvement Program and grant funding from the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). The TDA funding will help to fully fund the bicycle-/pedestrian-related safety improvements of this intersection project. Environmental approvals are expected by June, with construction to commence shortly after.

The Committee may propose to not recommend a project for the accumulated TDA Article 3 funds and recommend instead that the funds be banked for other uses in Fiscal Year 2020-21.

## NEXT STEPS

Staff will forward the B/PAC's recommendation to the City Council as part of VTA's requirement that the City Council adopt a resolution for the TDA Article 3 grant application.

NB/RHL/DSC/6/PWK  
935-02-22-19M