

Celeste Fiore, Programming & Grants
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
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Dear Ms. Fiore and members of the OBAG Review Committee

On behalf of Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition (SVBC), a nonprofit creating a healthy community, environment, and economy through bicycling, I am writing to express our strong support for the array of City of San Jose's applications to the OBAG Program for funds to find various street improvements. These OBAG projects address critical community needs including transportation safety, environmental health, and multi-modal accessibility.

As such we enthusiastically support the following projects to improve the safety and livability of San Jose Streets:

1. **Jackson Avenue Complete Street Project**- Improves a Vision Zero corridor by implementing separated bikeways, pedestrian improvements, and urban greening.
2. **White Road Complete Street Project**- Improves a Vision Zero corridor and includes a road diet, separated bikeways, pedestrian improvements, and urban greening.
3. **Julian and St. James Livable Streets Couplet Conversion Project**- Decouples and creates a multi-modal livable street including sharrows, wayfinding, bike racks, pedestrian improvements, and trees.
4. **Story Road-Keyes Street Complete Street Project**- Improves a Vision Zero corridor by constructing separated bikeways, pedestrian improvements, transit facilities, and urban greening.
5. **King Road Complete Street Project**- Improves a Vision Zero and Transit Priority corridor by including separated bikeways, pedestrian improvements, transit facilities, and potential urban greening.
6. **Modified Traffic Signals/Left Turn Pockets**: Upgrades signals at high-need, multimodal locations: Jackson/Cinderella, 7th/Reed, 1st/Virginia, Naglee/Dana. These signals will allow for protected left turns and improves detection for people walking, bicycling, and driving.
7. **Tasman Avenue Complete Street Project**: Improves a intercity east-west connector by including separated bikeways, pedestrian improvements, transit access facilities, and urban greening.
8. **Downtown Couplet Conversions Planning Project**: Seeking design/environmental funding only to plan and design for these potential couplet conversion projects; projects are expected to include separated bikeways and significant pedestrian improvements, as well as urban greening

and other public realm improvements.

These corridors are used by many neighborhood residents in the area to access schools, jobs, and activity centers. These proposed projects create more comfortable and safer walking and biking environment for our equity priority neighborhoods and provides more affordable transportation options for the community. Also, the project directly benefits areas well deserving and of need on the Eastside and within the Vision Zero Corridor List.

SVBC strongly supports this project to be considered under the OBAG 3 Program grant application. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Shiloh Ballard

President & Executive Director