



**OFFICE OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT TODD GLORIA
COUNCIL DISTRICT THREE**

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 27, 2013

TO: Linda J. Marabian, Deputy Director, Transportation and Storm Water Department

FROM: Council President Todd Gloria 

SUBJECT: FY 14 Transportation TransNet Funding Priorities for Council District Three

In response to your memo of February 12, I am urging your consideration of the following Council District Three projects for TransNet funds. I am including some projects which have received previous funding and some new projects that fit the guidelines outlined in the memo. These projects would provide improvements for the neighborhoods I represent.

Congestion Relief

Washington Street/SR 163 Traffic Flow Improvements: Traffic on eastbound Washington Street is impeded in the afternoon and evening hours by vehicles waiting to access SR 163. The left turn lane does not have capacity for the number of vehicles traveling to SR 163, causing backup into the main eastbound traffic lanes. Solutions to this worsening issue should be examined including the neighborhood's suggestion of removing the signal.

Active Transportation Improvements:

- Reynard Way from State Street to University Avenue: Evaluate removal of the two-way left turn lane for the potential provision of bike lanes, wider sidewalks, intersection popouts, and plazas so the residents in the canyon have a safer, more pleasing active transportation experience along this important link from Hillcrest and Mission Hills to Downtown and Little Italy.
- Flashing crosswalk indicators on Sixth Avenue between Upas Street and Laurel Street.
- Flashing crosswalk indicators on Sixth Avenue between Laurel Street and Elm Street.
- 5 Points Pedestrian Improvements: This project will install ADA Ramps and popouts in the Five Points neighborhood as well as complete a traffic-calming study.

- **Park Boulevard and San Diego High School Crosswalk Improvements:** Improvement of an existing pedestrian crosswalk on Park Boulevard, north of Russ Boulevard in front of the San Diego High School campus.

Median Installation and Improvements

- **Washington Street Median Improvements (CIP-S00704):** Project will install median improvements and ADA ramps on Washington Street between San Diego Avenue and India Street.
- **Pacific Highway Medians from E Street to Ash Street:** The former Redevelopment Agency is obligated to design and construct medians. Developer obligated to contribute 50% of cost of construction at time of construction. The remainder of the construction funds are still needed.
- **Neighbors favor installation of a landscaped traffic circle on Upas Street between 28th Street and 30th Street.**
- **Neighbors request a landscaped traffic circle at the intersection of 30th Street and Juniper Street**

Historic Georgia Street Bridge Retrofit: The historic Georgia Street Bridge over University Avenue is in need of retrofitting. I understand the City programmed partial funding but additional money is needed to complete the project.

University and 31st Street Public Improvements – Phase 2: Design and installation of curbs, gutters, sidewalks, street trees, and utility undergrounding. Total Cost: \$50,000

30th Street Improvements: Design and installation of sidewalks, curbs, and drainage improvements from Upas Street to University Avenue. Total Cost: \$264,000

805 Off-Ramps: The intersections at the end of off-ramps from I-805 to Madison Avenue, University Avenue/North Park Way, and El Cajon Boulevard are regularly congested, especially during peak commute periods. Improving traffic flow along this corridor would improve safety and air quality.

El Cajon Blvd Streetlight Improvements: Funding of approximately \$248,000 is needed for design work for ornamental street lights along El Cajon Boulevard between Louisiana Street and 54th Street.

Park Boulevard At-Grade Crossing: Design and Construction of the At-grade Railroad crossing that was closed by the CPUC and allowed to open by Final Order of the CPUC.

Maintenance and Non-Congestion Relief

Pavement Repair/Repaving: The communities of District Three are all at least 100 years old, and the streets are in great need of pothole repairs and repaving. The funding from the City's previous infrastructure bond is helping the conditions on many local roads and generating renewed neighborhood respect and pride.

Median Improvements and Landscaping:

- The University Avenue Median at Alabama Street was constructed in 2013 but remains an eyesore without appropriate landscaping.
- The Madison Avenue median was constructed in 2012 but remains an eyesore without appropriate landscaping.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Any questions regarding this memo may be directed to Katie Keach of my staff, kkeach@sandiego.gov or x55268.

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