

Proposed FY 2026 Program Budget Amendment: Downtown to Imperial Avenue Bikeway Project

Overview

Pursuant to Board of Directors Policy No. 017, changes to the budget over \$300,000 require Board approval. There are two pending actions for the Board's consideration: acceptance of additional funds from the City of San Diego (City) and approval of a Fiscal Year 2026 budget amendment for the Downtown to Imperial Avenue Bikeway project.

The Downtown to Imperial Avenue Bikeway was approved by the Board of Directors as part of the Regional Bike Plan Early Action Program (Bike EAP) in 2013. The 3.5-mile project runs mainly along Imperial Avenue from 17th Street to 47th Street, and once completed, will connect to the regional bike network. The project spans four districts in the City and will provide access to the communities of Lincoln Park, Mountain View, Logan Heights, Stockton, Grant Hill and East Village.

Key Considerations

Additional Work to Construction Contract

In December 2023, the Board of Directors approved a contract award to Reyes Construction, Inc. for \$15,789,040.10. The Downtown to Imperial Avenue Bikeway project (Capital Improvement Program No. 1223058) issued a notice to proceed on February 8, 2024. Construction is currently ongoing near the eastern terminus of the project. The project is slated for substantial completion in December 2026.

The project experienced significant delays resulting in the need of an additional \$3,077,293. Delay impacts include requested changes to traffic control plans, light and signal foundation changes, signal design, and lane configuration changes.

In addition, the City has requested and is prepared to provide funding for additional pavement rehabilitation work (mill and inlay) along the Downtown to Imperial Avenue Bikeway project. If approved, this work will be added to the construction contract with Reyes Construction, Inc. The additional mill and inlay work will fix deteriorated pavement areas outside of the bikeway footprint, improve the smoothness of the pavement, and enhance the experience of all road users in the community. By doing the pavement and bikeway work in one contract, the community impacts due to construction will be minimized. For this work, the City is prepared to contribute \$1,487,707, which includes construction capital costs, soft costs such as administration and construction management, and contingency.

Action: **Approve**

The Board of Directors is asked to approve the acceptance of additional funds from the City of San Diego in the amount of \$1,487,707; and an amendment to the FY 2026 Program Budget for the Downtown to Imperial Avenue Bikeway Project (Capital Improvement Program Project No. 1223058), increasing the total project budget by \$4,565,000 (including the new City of San Diego contribution).

Fiscal Impact:

Approval of the proposed budget amendment will increase the FY 2026 Program Budget by \$4,565,000.

The additional funding will come from the City of San Diego (\$1,487,707), federal Carbon Reduction Program (\$463,000), federal RSTP (\$2,288,000) and TransNet-BPNS (\$1,488,000).

Schedule/Scope Impact:

Approval of this action by the Board of Directors would allow the project to proceed on schedule.

Next Steps

Budget Amendment

Upon approval of the budget increase and acceptance of additional funds, staff will amend the project budget as shown in Attachment 1 and as described below:

- Accept the City's funding of \$1,487,707 for additional pavement rehabilitation work.
- Increase FY 2026 Program Budget for the Downtown to Imperial Avenue Bikeway Project by \$4,565,000.

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Attachment: 1. Proposed FY 2026 Bike Program Budget Changes: Downtown to Imperial Avenue Bikeway (Capital Improvement Program Project No. 1223058)