

Improving the daily commuter safety of grade school students is a top priority in Council District 14. The City's participation in programs like Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) provides opportunities to make walking and bicycling to school safer and more accessible for children and their parents, including those with disabilities, and to increase the number of children who choose to walk and bicycle. Safe Routes to School programs also serve to enhance the health and well-being of children, help ease traffic congestion around schools, and improve air quality and, in turn, the quality of life of the surrounding community. These types of improvements are essential because, as the safety of walking and bicycling to school improves, it becomes more attractive as a transit option and has the potential of spreading into other parts of the community, including commercial districts.

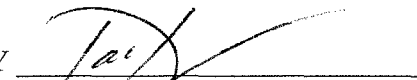
The Breed Street Elementary School and Sheridan Street Elementary SRTS project is a \$4 million Active Transportation Program grant, funded through the State of California. The project will provide much needed safety improvements adjacent to these schools, including, but not limited to, new traffic signals, curb extensions, and traffic-calming roundabouts. Due to the complexities of the project, the grant-specified scope of work exceeds the project budget by \$450,000, creating a budget shortfall. Ensuring that the full scope of work is delivered from this project is of vital importance to the Council District and City overall.

In accordance with policies adopted by Council (C.F. 14-1174) related to the CRA/LA Bond Expenditure Agreement and Bond Spending Plan, any proposal to expend CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds shall be initiated by Council Motion. Proposals will be reviewed by the CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee, Economic Development Committee, and any other applicable committee with final recommendations presented to the Council and Mayor for final consideration and approval. The use of tax-exempt CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds towards the implementation of streetscape improvements along grade school student commuter routes near Breed Street Elementary School and Sheridan Street Elementary School in the Adelante Eastside Redevelopment Project Area are identified as eligible expenses in the Bond Expenditure Agreement and Bond Spending Plan.

I THEREFORE MOVE that tax-exempt CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds available to Council District 14 in an amount not to exceed \$450,000 from the Adelante Eastside Redevelopment Project Area be utilized by the Department of Transportation to implement streetscape improvements along grade school student commuter routes near Breed Street Elementary School and Sheridan Street Elementary School.

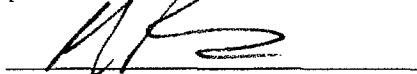
I FURTHER MOVE that the Economic and Workforce Development Department, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, Chief Legislative Analyst, Department of Transportation, and any other applicable City department, provide a report with recommendations to the CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee to allocate tax-exempt CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds in an amount not to exceed \$450,000 to implement streetscape improvements along student commuter routes near Breed Street Elementary and Sheridan Street Elementary School as identified in the Bond Expenditure Agreement and Bond Spending Plan for the Adelante Eastside Redevelopment Project Area.

PRESENTED BY




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