

836660 - Murphy Avenue Pedestrian Mall Improvements

Originating Year:	2022	Project Type:	Downtown	Department:	250 - Public Works
Planned Completion Year:	2025/26	Category:	Infrastructure	Project Manager:	Michaela Donahue

Project Description/Scope/Purpose

The 100 block of Murphy Avenue (commonly known as “Historic Murphy Ave”) was established as a pedestrian mall on May 16, 2023 by City Council. This project will be designing accessibility improvements and modifications to the pedestrian mall to facilitate operation of the street dining program. Based on recommendations from completed accessibility reports, the project will be constructing 4 new ADA curb ramps, replacement of drainage grates to ADA-compliant grates, installation of a paver delineated ADA pathway, installation of additional bollards, modification of roadway striping at Washington and Evelyn intersections and various other miscellaneous improvements .

Project Evaluation and Analysis

Staff surveyed the community and businesses, used social media to announce the potential closure to vehicles, and presented several times at Sunnyvale Downtown Association (SDA) meetings. Feedback from the community and businesses showed strong support for banning vehicles on Historic Murphy Avenue and creating a permanent pedestrian mall. The construction needed to implement the pedestrian plaza, such as installation of bollards and pavement modifications or additional curb cuts, is within the scope of normal operational activities and streetscape improvements anticipated by the Downtown Specific Plan (DSP). The pedestrian mall also furthers the two main goals of the DSP's North Washington District (DSP Section 5.4.2), which are to support a “lively street life” along the Historic Murphy Avenue, and to provide a link between the Caltrain station and the Downtown’s Commercial Core to encourage use of Caltrain.

Additionally, the proposed pedestrian mall project has been reviewed using an environmental checklist. The analysis in the checklist concludes that the proposed pedestrian mall is not a substantial change from the types of uses and activities that were analyzed in the previously certified program Environmental Impact Report. The project is located within an existing commercial area where the street life has historically included outdoor sidewalk dining and periodic special events.

Fiscal Impact

The project is funded out of the Capital Projects - Community Benefits Fund. The project will cost \$800,000. It is anticipated that \$700,000 will be for design and construction, and additional \$100,000 is allocated for the potential design and construction of some items requested by Council outlined in RTC 23-0359.

The City currently spends about \$50,000 annually cleaning the sidewalks and streets. Additionally, cleaning waste from the crows requires additional staff time and resources to keep the sidewalks and street clean. It is expected that this level of service would be ongoing.

Funding Sources

Capital Projects - Community Benefits Fund

Plans and Goals

CC - Community Character - CC-1: Distinguished City Image

Project Financial Summary

	Project Costs	Revenues	Operating Costs
Prior Actual	22,570	-	-
2024-25	777,430	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-
2030-31	-	-	-
2031-32	-	-	-
2032-33	-	-	-
2033-34	-	-	-
2034-35	-	-	-
2035-36	-	-	-
2036-37	-	-	-
2037-38	-	-	-
2038-39	-	-	-
2039-40	-	-	-
2040-41	-	-	-
2041-42	-	-	-
2042-43	-	-	-
2043-44	-	-	-
2044-45	-	-	-
20 Year Total	-	-	-
Grand Total	800,000	-	-

831580 - ADA Projects and Emergency Concrete Replacement

Originating Year:	2016	Project Type:	Traffic and Transportation	Department:	250 - Public Works
Planned Completion Year:	Ongoing	Category:	Infrastructure	Project Manager:	Sean Smith

Project Description/Scope/Purpose

This project is intended to provide annual funding for emergency replacement of damaged sidewalks, curbs, and gutters, and non-compliant Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) locations that warrant immediate attention. The scope of work includes immediate mitigation done by city staff, design, verification of locations to be repaired or replaced, tree removals and replacements if warranted, bidding and contracting the work, inspection, and closeout.

Project Evaluation and Analysis

Complaints about unsafe concrete conditions increased during the past few years. Locations of concerns were placed on a priority list until a sidewalk repair project went out to bid thus delaying immediate addressing of these concerns. This project provides for emergency mitigation by city staff to address the safety concerns and identify tree removals and replacement. These locations will then be placed on the next scheduled concrete replacement project. This will allow for more locations to be addressed at a lower cost. Project funds will be used for sidewalk replacements as needed.

The alternative to this project would be not to fix the areas of concern until the annual sidewalk repair capital project is put out to bid.

Fiscal Impact

This project is funded by the General Fund and is intended to be available for urgent repairs. This project supplements sidewalk funding in Project 829400 - Sidewalk, Curb and Gutter Replacement.

Funding Sources

General Fund

Plans and Goals

CC - Community Character - CC-2: Attractive Street Environment

Project Financial Summary

	Project Costs	Revenues	Operating Costs
Prior Actual	84,753	84,000	-
2024-25	236,496	76,500	-
2025-26	115,695	-	-
2026-27	123,932	-	-
2027-28	132,757	-	-
2028-29	142,208	-	-
2029-30	152,335	-	-
2030-31	163,180	-	-
2031-32	174,798	-	-
2032-33	187,244	-	-
2033-34	200,576	-	-
2034-35	214,856	-	-
2035-36	230,155	-	-
2036-37	246,543	-	-
2037-38	264,096	-	-
2038-39	274,660	-	-
2039-40	285,646	-	-
2040-41	297,072	-	-
2041-42	308,955	-	-
2042-43	321,313	-	-
2043-44	330,953	-	-
2044-45	340,881	-	-
20 Year Total	4,507,855	-	-
Grand Total	4,829,103	160,500	-