



City of Sunnyvale

Agenda Item

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2016 COUNCIL STUDY ISSUE

NUMBER

DPW 16-02

TITLE Determine what is required to Bring City Owned Off-Street Paths in Compliance with Current ADA Accessible & Bicycle Transportation Design Standards

BACKGROUND

Lead Department: Public Works

Sponsor(s):

Board/Commission: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

History:

1 year ago: N/A

2 years ago: N/A

SCOPE OF THE STUDY

What are the key elements of the study?

The purpose of this study would be to survey and investigate whether City owned off-street paths are in compliance with the current ADA accessible and bicycle transportation design standards set forth in the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) and Caltrans Highway Design Manual (HDM). The study would result in specific action items and conceptual costs to bring them into compliance.

What precipitated this study?

BPAC is concerned that many of the City owned off-street paths are not very user friendly because they may not be in compliance with recent traffic industry standards. The paths not being up to standard may also pose safety issues for bicyclists and pedestrians using these facilities.

Planned Completion Year: 2017

FISCAL IMPACT

Cost to Conduct Study

Level of staff effort required (opportunity cost): Major

Amount of funding above current budget required: \$100,000

Funding Source: Will seek grant funding.

Explanation of Cost:

The cost associated with this study would be for consultant services to survey all existing off street path facilities to make sure that they are in compliance with existing ADA design guidelines. Consultant will identify and prioritize the deficiencies, and develop cost estimates to bring them in compliance with the current ADA design standards. Significant staff time would be required as part of the review of the surveys, deficiencies, estimates, and outreach.

Cost to Implement Study Results

Unknown. Study would include assessment of potential costs.

EXPECTED PARTICIPATION IN THE PROCESS

Council-approved work plan: No

Council Study Session: No

Reviewed by Boards/Commissions: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Position: Drop

Explanation: The City is currently developing a new ADA Transition Plan, which is expected to be completed by 2017. Off-street paths will be studied and included in this new ADA Transition Plan. The City will also be updating its existing Bicycle Plan in 2017, and existing off-street paths designated in the Bicycle Plan will also be studied in the updated Bicycle Plan.

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