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To: City Council

From: Transportation Commission

Subject: Recommended Uses for Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Tax

On March 24, 2022, the Commission discussed the 2016 ballot measure taxing sugar-sweetened beverages, and approved motions recommending the following programs and projects for use of tax revenue:

1. Crossing Guard Program (\$160,000)
2. Bike Safety Program (\$15,000)
3. Healthy Me Music & Movement program (\$12,500)
4. Bicycle Path Improvements adjacent to SAHA housing development (\$61,000)

As part of the SAHA affordable housing development project at Cleveland and Washington, the City has worked with the developer to accommodate a bicycle path through the site as part of the Pierce Street Path Segment 2 Active Transportation Plan project. In the agreement with the developer, the city and housing developer agreed that the city would fund the additional work associated with the bike path improvements or the developer would be able to exclude those elements from their project and it would be left to be built as part of a future city project. The latest estimate provided by the developer for this work is \$61,000. Staff sees benefits to construction of the bike path adjacent to the housing development as part of the project construction. This project supports active transportation, will serve the adjacent affordable housing development and park visitors, and provides a key segment of the Pierce Street Path vision for an off-street facility connecting all the way from Cerrito Creek to the Buchanan Bikeway.

Thank you for providing the Commission an opportunity to comment.