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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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City Attorney

RESOLUTION No. 85841 C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF TRAVEL LANES AND THE INSTALLATION OF CLASS II BICYCLE LANES ON GRAND AVENUE FROM ELWOOD AVENUE TO JEAN STREET

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland's Bicycle Master Plan was adopted by City Council on December 7, 2007 as part of the Land Use and Transportation Element of the City's General Plan and reaffirmed by City Council on December 4, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland's Bicycle Master Plan calls for the implementation of a citywide network of bikeways to connect downtown, transit stations, commercial districts, neighborhoods, and the waterfront; and

WHEREAS, the Bicycle Master Plan identifies Grand Avenue from MacArthur Boulevard to Jean Street as a proposed bikeway; and

WHEREAS, the Complete Streets Policy for the City of Oakland was adopted by City Council on February 5, 2013 and the Policy calls for the incorporation of bicycle lanes in reconstruction and maintenance projects to create a connected network of facilities for bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, Action 1B.1 of the Bicycle Master Plan states, "Include bicycle safety and access improvements in roadway resurfacing, realignment, and reconstruction projects"; and

WHEREAS, Grand Avenue from MacArthur Boulevard to Jean Street was recently resurfaced and have been designed to include useful bikeway connections; and

WHEREAS, the installation of bicycle lanes on Grand Avenue will reduce the number of travel lanes from four (4) through lanes to three (3) through lanes between Elwood Avenue to Jean Street; and

WHEREAS, installation of bicycle lanes on between Elwood Avenue to Jean Street is consistent with the City's General Plan, Bicycle Master Plan, and Complete Streets Policy; and

WHEREAS, City Council has directed staff to prepare reports for their approval when bicycle projects require the reduction of travel lanes on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Avenue Bike Lane project will be constructed in conjunction with the paving of 17th Street, a project funded by Measure B Local Streets and Roads Fund (2211); Streets and Structures Organization (92242); Street Construction Account (57411); Citywide Street Resurfacing (C427710); \$3,785,000.00; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Government Code section 6061, on July 25, 2015, the City published notice of a public hearing on August 12, 2015, to consider the proposed restriping of travel lanes to remove a travel lane and install bike lanes on Grand Avenue between Elwood Avenue to Jean Street; that notice was published in the Oakland Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation in the area affected by the proposed projects; and

WHEREAS, after a duly noticed public meeting on October 13, 2015, the Public Works Committee voted to recommend the proposal to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2015, the City Council considered the proposed restriping of travel lanes to remove travel lanes and install bicycle lanes on Grand Avenue between Elwood Avenue to Jean Street; and

WHEREAS, the City has prepared an assessment of traffic and safety impacts of the project, which includes measures in the projects to mitigate potential vehicular traffic impacts and bicycle and pedestrian safety impacts, and concludes that the project will have negligible impacts on traffic operations and will not result in a decrease in safety for any travel mode; and

WHEREAS, each as a separate and independent basis, these actions are exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.20.5 (restriping of streets and highways for bicycle lanes in an urbanized area that is consistent with a bicycle transportation plan) and CEQA Guidelines Sections 15183 (projects consistent with general plan and zoning), 15301 (existing facilities), 15304 (minor alterations), and 15061(b)(3) (no significant effect on the environment); now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council authorizes the installation of bicycle lanes on Grand Avenue by reducing the number of travel lanes from four (4) through lanes to three (3) through lanes between Elwood Avenue to Jean Street; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator or designee shall file a Notice of Determination/Notice of Exemption with the clerk of the County of Alameda and the Office of Planning and Research.

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IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

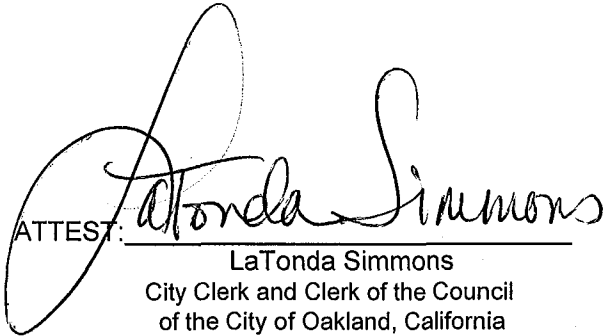
PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID and PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY - 8

NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

ATTEST: 
LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California