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Resolution supporting the BART-Oakland International Airport Connector as a top priority transportation project and urging Federal and State officials to allocate funds to complete the project.

Whereas, the Oakland International Airport is a vital economic engine for the State of California, the San Francisco Bay Area and for Oakland and Alameda County in particular; and

Whereas, the Regional Airport Planning Committee projects passenger levels at Oakland International Airport will more than double, increasing from 10 million annual passengers today to nearly 25 million annual passengers by 2020; and

Whereas, roads and highways leading to the Oakland Airport are becoming increasingly congested, and the BART-Airport Connector offers a marketable, highly reliable, rapid, safe, convenient and pleasant alternative to the automobile; and

Whereas, AirBART, the existing shuttle bus between BART and the Airport, can be subject to delays caused by Coliseum events, increasing traffic congestion, and peak seasonal air travel, and will eventually be unable to keep up with passenger demand; and

Whereas, an elevated system running on a guideway above traffic will reliably make the trip in less than half the time it takes the AirBART shuttle under normal, noncongested conditions; and will be able to carry 4 million people per year by 2020, or more than 3% times as many as a shuttle bus would in the same year; and

Whereas, the Connector provides direct and reliable connections for the business traveler to downtown Oakland, San Francisco and the Tri-Valley; and

Whereas, intermediate station stops along Hegenberger Road will provide direct access to the Oakland International Airport and to the regional BART system, thereby encouraging high quality transit-oriented development near those stops; and

Whereas, the Connector will increase ridership on the region's existing transit systems of BART, AC Transit and the Capitol Corridor Train by improving the link between the intermodal Coliseum Station and the Airport; and

Whereas, the recent passage of Alameda County's Transportation Sales Tax (Measure B) by an overwhelming 81% demonstrates the voters' strong desire to address congestion problems in the County; now therefore be it

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Resolved: that the Oakland City Council supports the BART-Oakland International Airport Connector as a top priority transportation project for completion as soon as possible; and be it further

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Oakland City Council urges our federal and California state officials to appropriate funds to complete this important project to fulfill a longstanding commitment to Oakland and the East Bay.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, NOV 28 2000, 1	9
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PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES-BRUNNER, CHANG, PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE, MILEY, NADEL, REID, SPEES, WAN-

NOES- NONE
ABSENT- NONE
ABSTENTION- NONE
EXCUSED- NONE

CITY CLERK AND CLERK OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA