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Date: September 12, 2019
To: Members of City Council and Members of the Public
From: Council President Kaplan
Re: File No. 18-1823
RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT CALTRANS PROVIDE TRANSIT PRIORITY
IMPROVEMENTS TO MITIGATE CONGESTION ASSOCIATED WITH THE
MACARTHUR MAZE VERTICAL CLEARANCE PROJECT

Dear Colleagues on the City Council and Members of the Public,

Attached please find alternative recommendations and amendments approved at the 9/10/19 Public Works Committee.

The following changes were made in committee:

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has issued a draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for a proposed project to increase vertical clearance on some roadways within the Macarthur Maze and on May 10, 2019, Caltrans sent a letter to the Department of Transportation noting that the project was on pause and now "request that our partners, stakeholders, and the community provide us with their questions and concerns regarding the project; and

WHEREAS, While Caltrans has put the project on pause, it is still imperative for the City Council to weigh in; has extended the public comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Report to April 24 at 11:59 p.m. with public hearings to be held in Emeryville and Oakland on April 10 and 11, respectively now, therefore, be it

Sincerely,

Rebecca Kaplan
Oakland City Council President

City Council
September 17, 2019
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Alternative Recommendations Approved at the 9/10/19 Public ^{works} ~~Safety~~
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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT KAPLAN

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT CALTRANS PROVIDE TRANSIT PRIORITY IMPROVEMENTS TO MITIGATE CONGESTION ASSOCIATED WITH THE MACARTHUR MAZE VERTICAL CLEARANCE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has issued a draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for a proposed project to increase vertical clearance on some roadways within the Macarthur Maze and on May 10, 2019, Caltrans sent a letter to the Department of Transportation noting that the project was on pause and now "request that our partners, stakeholders, and the community provide us with their questions and concerns regarding the project; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (District or AC Transit) operates nearly 1,000 bus trips each day through the Macarthur Maze, carrying more than 14,000 passengers through the interchange each weekday; and

WHEREAS, the construction associated with the project will likely divert significant automobile, freight, and transit traffic onto streets in the cities of Berkeley, Emeryville, and Oakland; and

WHEREAS, this change in traffic patterns will result in significant delays for transit operations and customers as well as negatively impact conditions for bicyclists and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, once complete, the project will lead to an increase in freight traffic through the interchange, competing for already limited space for transit and leading to delays and increased operating costs for the District; and

WHEREAS, the region has made relieving congestion and reducing automobile traffic across the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge a priority, including the completion of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Core Capacity Transit Study and through the recent passage of Regional Measure 3 and; and

WHEREAS, funding from Regional Measure 3 will result in a 30-percent increase in AC Transit Transbay service through the area which should be supported through opportunities to prioritize this increase in transit capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) has prioritized improvements to local bus transit service through its County-wide Transportation Plan, which has resulted in such efforts as the San Pablo Avenue Corridor Project; and

WHEREAS, the District plays a critical role in reducing congestion in the region and will continue to do so through planned efforts detailed in documents such as the Major Corridors Study; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of elements supporting transit priority and facilitating complete streets (include transit, bicycles, and pedestrians) within the Macarthur Maze Vertical Clearance Project is necessary mitigation for the impacts from construction and increased freight movement through the interchange; and

WHEREAS, While Caltrans has put the project on pause, it is still imperative for the City Council to weigh in; has extended the public comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Report to April 24 at 11:59 p.m. with public hearings to be held in Emeryville and Oakland on April 10 and 11, respectively now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council requests that Caltrans:

- include transit-only lanes on all roadways in the project where AC Transit currently operates transit service; and
- include measures to mitigate transit service disruption and prioritize transit service in identified mitigations during the construction phase of the project through improvements including but not limited to: dedicated transit lanes, transit signal priority, transit queue-jump lanes, bus stop optimization and traffic signal coordination/actuation; and
- coordinate with the cities of Berkeley, Emeryville & Oakland to provide dedicated transit lane access to the Bay Bridge; and
- ensure any elements of the project or mitigations associated with the project or its construction conform to and support existing regional plans being developed or already adopted by MTC; ACTC; the District; and the cities of Berkeley, Emeryville, and Oakland; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby directs the City Administrator to send a copy of this Resolution to Caltrans.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FORTUNATO BAS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND PRESIDENT KAPLAN

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____
LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of
the City of Oakland, California