OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. ______C.M.S. DRAFT

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT REGIONAL MEASURE 2 TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF PLAN ON THE ALAMEDA COUNTY MARCH 2, 2004 BALLOT.

WHEREAS, regional traffic is expected to increase 250% by 2020; and

WHEREAS, commuters are prevented from maximizing public transportation due to inconvenient connections between transit operators; and

WHEREAS, those commuters forced to drive alone on our bridges and freeways cause significant traffic congestion and air pollution; and

WHEREAS, residential growth into suburban areas without regional transit services creates a greater strain on our freeways; and

WHEREAS, additional federal, state and local funding for transit improvements and expansion is getting more and more scarce; and

WHEREAS, Regional Measure 2 Traffic Congestion Relief Plan on the Alameda County March 2, 2004 ballot was created to help reduce traffic congestion on Bay Area bridges and their freeway connectors; develop a regional transit system for the Bay Area by investing in mass transit programs that have a demonstrated ability to get people out of their cars; and create seamless connections between BART, commuter rail, ferries, and express buses to make using mass transit convenient and reliable; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Measure 2 Traffic Congestion Relief Plan would be funded through an additional \$1 toll on the region's seven state-owned bridges (not including the Golden Gate); and

WHEREAS, Regional Measure 2 would fund new terminals, infrastructure and routes to make it more convenient to connect to BART, improve corridors on Interstate-580, and connect BART to the Oakland Airport; and

WHEREAS, all new bridge toll revenue generated by Regional Measure 2 may only be used for the benefit of the projects detailed in the Expenditure Plan; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the City of Oakland supports Regional Measure 2 on the March 2, 2004 ballot. IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _______, 20______, 20_____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, QUAN, REID, WAN and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

FEB 17 2004

ATTEST: CEDA FLOYD

City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the City of Oakland, California