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# OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION No. 84348 C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR OR DESIGNEE TO 1) IMPLEMENT THE LATHAM SQUARE PILOT PROJECT (LSPP) TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE TELEGRAPH AVENUE BETWEEN 16<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND BROADWAY FOR THE PURPOSES OF CREATING A PEDESTRIAN PLAZA FOR AT LEAST SIX (6) MONTHS FOLLOWING AN OPENING DATE IN SUMMER 2013; AND 2) REPORT BACK TO CITY COUNCIL IN THE FALL OF 2013 AS TO THE SUCCESS OF THE PILOT PLAZA.**

**WHEREAS**, the Latham Square Pilot Project implements the goals of the City’s General Plan Land Use and Transportation Element, by supporting a vibrant and economically active downtown; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to proceed with designing and implementing the Latham Square Pilot Plaza, a temporary trial project intended to create a unique and active pedestrian space along Telegraph Avenue between 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Broadway; and

**WHEREAS**, the Latham Square Pilot Project is consistent with the City’s “Complete Streets Policy” (Resolution No. 84204 C.M.S.), which acknowledges the benefits and value for the public health and welfare of reducing vehicle miles traveled and improving access by walking, bicycling, and public transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes the historic, architectural, and cultural importance of Latham Square to downtown Oakland and the City as a whole, and the current design of Latham Square does not fully realize the potential of Latham Square as a landmark space for a pedestrian friendly and economically active downtown; and

**WHEREAS**, a wide range of community stakeholders are and continue to be engaged in development of the Latham Square Pilot Project to ensure that the project reflects and supports community and business goals; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has available funding to implement the Latham Square Pilot Project through a Proposition 1C grant under the California Department of Housing and Community Development’s Infill Infrastructure grant program for streetscape and infrastructure improvements in the central business district; and

**WHEREAS**, the Latham Square Pilot Project evaluation will provide crucial information to inform the permanent of re-design and re-construction of Latham Square in 2014; and

