

2013 DEC 24 PM 12:07 RESOLUTION No. 84793 C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PERMANENTLY EXPANDED AND REDESIGNED LATHAM SQUARE PLAZA; THAT THE 1500 BLOCK OF TELEGRAPH AVENUE BE REDESIGNED TO REDUCE THE TRAVEL LANES FROM THREE TO TWO, WITH ONE TRAVEL LANE NORTHBOUND AND ONE TRAVEL LANE SOUTHBOUND

WHEREAS, in 2008, the City received a \$9.9 million dollars in a Proposition IC California Department of Housing and Community Development Infill Infrastructure grant, of which \$2.9 million has been set aside for intersection reconfiguration and streetscape improvements to Latham Square, and

WHEREAS, in January of 2007 City Council approved a modified street design for Latham Square and Telegraph Avenue from 16th to 20th Street (Resolution 80358 C M S), and

WHEREAS, the 2007 design included two lanes of vehicular traffic (one lane in each direction) and widened sidewalks for Latham Square on both the plaza side and Telegraph Avenue sidewalk, and

WHEREAS, in April of 2013, the City Council approved C M S No 84348, which authorized a temporary street closure on Telegraph Avenue between 16th Street and Broadway in order to create a temporary or "pilot" pedestrian plaza with new amenities, and

WHEREAS, staff has worked with representatives of the community to evaluate the success and challenges of the temporary plaza in the time available, given grant constraints, and

WHEREAS, the community process highlighted the benefits and challenges of changing traffic patterns and uses of public space in the downtown area, and

WHEREAS, the most recent design called for three lanes of traffic, two in the southbound and one in the northbound direction, and

WHEREAS, the proposed permanent two-travel lane design relies on the detailed environmental analysis conducted to support the 2007 design (Resolution No 80358 C M S), and

WHEREAS, the proposed design has been determined to be categorically exempt pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines sections 15183 (projects consistent with a general plan), 15301 (existing facilities), 15302 (replacement or reconstruction), and 15332 (infill projects), each of which provides a separate and independent basis for CEQA clearance and when viewed collectively would provide an overall basis for CEQA clearance, and

WHEREAS, the Proposition 1C grant requires that final invoices for constructed project must be submitted to the State of California (granting agency) before February 1, 2015, and

WHEREAS, to meet the deadline for submittal of final invoices to the State, the City must complete project design and construction by December 31, 2014, and

WHEREAS, if the 2013 project is not approved, implementation of the Latham Square portion of the 2007 plan will be implemented in order to make some improvements and expend the grant momes before expiration, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes the City Administrator to implement the 2013 Latham Square plaza design, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2013 Latham Square Plaza design include two lanes of through traffic, one in each direction, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the plaza be designed with elements that support the short- and long-term flexible use of the space, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that staff shall consider design elements that encourage the safe use of the area by all users and modes, mcluding the use of a curb-less boundary between the sidewalk and plaza area and the vehicular traffic area in its design development, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the staff will hold at least one community meeting to allow for input into the design of Latham Plaza proper prior to completing the 35% design drawings, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that staff will initiate a long-term circulation analysis of the downtown area to evaluate the removal of constraints to permanently flexible spaces such as Latham Square

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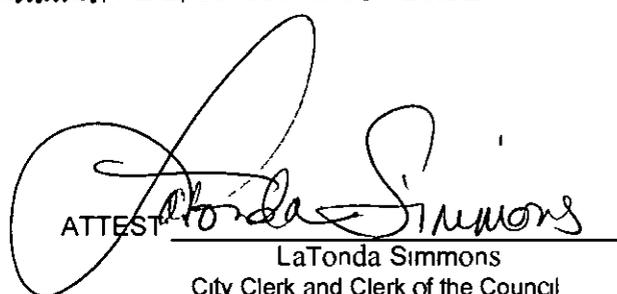
PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, ~~BLANK~~, ~~BLANK~~, REID, SCHAAF and PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN - 6

NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - Kalb, Kaplan - 2

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