

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO: ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT TO STUDY AND IMPLEMENT SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ON INTERNATIONAL BOULEVARD; REALLOCATE UP TO ONE MILLION, TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$1,266,526) OF MEASURE BB FUNDS WITHIN THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 ADOPTED BUDGET TO SUPPORT QUICK BUILD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ON INTERNATIONAL BOULEVARD; AND ADOPT APPROPRIATE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT FINDINGS.

WHEREAS, International Boulevard is a central transportation, public transit and commercial corridor for the Oakland community; and

WHEREAS, International Boulevard's almost seven-mile extent in Oakland runs through many high priority equity communities, as identified by OakDOT's Geographic Equity Tool; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit) and the City of Oakland collaborated to design and implement many pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements along the corridor as a part of the Tempo Bus Rapid Transit Project on International Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, despite these safety improvements, high concentrations of traffic deaths, including to people walking and biking, and dangerous driving persist along International Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, AC Transit and the City of Oakland Department of Transportation have committed to partnering on a study of International Boulevard to identify "quick build" operational and safety treatments to improve transit operations and safety for all roadway users of International Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, City Council expressed support for improvements on International Boulevard to address recent fatalities both during the mid-cycle budget process and as recently as the October 18, 2022 Council meeting; and

WHEREAS, planned safety improvements on International Boulevard are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.25(b)(1) (pedestrian and bicycle facilities, including new facilities); the project is also exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301(c) (Existing Facilities, Highways and Streets), 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), and/or 15061(b)(3) (No Significant Effect on the Environment); and each of the above exemptions provides a separate and independent basis for CEQA compliance; and

WHEREAS, there is fund balance available in Measure BB to support the implementation of said improvements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator to negotiate and execute an Agreement with AC Transit to study and implement quick-build safety improvements on International Boulevard; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That One Million, One Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand, Nine Hundred Ninety-Six Dollars (\$1,158,996) currently set aside in a contract contingencies account (54011) in Measure BB Local Streets and Roads Fund (2218); and That One Hundred Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$107,530) currently set aside in a contract contingencies account (54011) in Measure BB Bicycle and Pedestrian Fund (2219) in the Midcycle Budget shall be reallocated to support planning and implementation of quick-build safety improvements on International Boulevard; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that planned safety improvements on International Boulevard are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.25(b)(1) (pedestrian and bicycle facilities, including new facilities); the project is also exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301(c) (Existing Facilities, Highways and Streets), 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), and/or 15061(b)(3) (No Significant Effect on the Environment); and each of the above exemptions provides a separate and independent basis for CEQA compliance; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Administrator shall file a Notice of Determination/Notice of Exemption for safety improvements on International Boulevard with the clerk of the County of Alameda and the Office of Planning and Research; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution will be placed on file with the City Clerk; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the City Administrator, is authorized on behalf of the City of Oakland to execute and submit all documents, payment requests, and related actions consistent with the authorizations set forth in this Resolution.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

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