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CITY OF OAKLAND

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO: (1) ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$300,000) FROM THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION'S TRANSIT ORIENTED COMMUNITIES (TOC) GRANT PROGRAM; (2) COMMIT TO TAKE STEPS TOWARD ACHIEVING COMPLIANCE WITH THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION'S TOC POLICY AS A CONDITION FOR THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TO ALLOCATE REGIONAL DISCRETIONARY FUNDING TO THE OAKLAND TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT (TDM) AND PARKING UPDATE PROJECT; AND ADOPTING APPROPRIATE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT FINDINGS

WHEREAS, the Oakland Department of Transportation is tasked with improving transportation choices and minimizing parking demand, congestion, and pollution in the City of Oakland ("City"); and

WHEREAS, the City, through its Transit First Policy (Resolution No. 73036 CMS), supports a shift from private vehicles to public transit or other transportation modes that also reduces an individual's transportation costs, thereby freeing up personal resources for other important needs; and

WHEREAS, the City's parking system is managed as an asset that helps bolster the economic vitality of neighborhood commercial areas, as stated in the City's Parking Principles (Resolution No. 84664 CMS); and

WHEREAS, the MTC adopted Resolution 4530, which sets forth MTC's TOC Policy; and

WHEREAS, MTC's TOC Policy incentivizes local jurisdictions to plan and zone for higher residential and commercial densities in areas within one half-mile of existing and planned fixed-guideway transit stops and stations to support the region's transit investments and implement key GHG reduction strategies from Plan Bay Area 2050; and

WHEREAS, incentivizing local jurisdictions to also adopt policies focused on increasing housing production of all types, particularly affordable housing production, preservation and protection, commercial anti-displacement and stabilization, parking management, and transit station access and circulation further supports regional transit investments and Plan Bay Area 2050 implementation; and

WHEREAS, Geographic areas subject to MTC's TOC Policy are categorized by tier according to the level of transit service at fixed-guideway station(s) within ½ mile:

- Tier 1: Rail stations serving regional centers
- Tier 2: Stop/station served by two or more BART lines or BART and Caltrain
- Tier 3: Stop/station served by one BART line, Caltrain, light rail transit, or bus rapid transit
- Tier 4: Commuter rail

WHEREAS, in 2023 MTC identified thirty-seven (37) TOCs, including three (3) Tier 1 TOCs, four (4) Tier 2 TOCs, twenty-eight (28) Tier 3 TOCs, and two (2) Tier 4 TOCs, in the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, MTC conditions the allocation of regional discretionary funding for fixed-guideway transit extension projects on compliance with its TOC Policy; and

WHEREAS, MTC anticipates that future regional funding, such as the One Bay Area Grant ("OBAG") program, will consider compliance with the TOC Policy as part of the prioritization and project selection process starting with OBAG 4, expected in 2026; and

WHEREAS, the TOC Policy establishes different compliance expectations for existing and planned station areas based on the level of transit service; and

WHEREAS, the TOC Policy identifies four TOC Policy areas (density, housing affordability, parking, and access/circulation); and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2024 the MTC announced a Call for Projects for TOC Planning and Implementation Grants, and informed local jurisdictions of a November 22, 2024 deadline for submittals of Applications, as well as grant application guidance and requirements including compliance with MTC's TOC Policy; and, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That City of Oakland submitted a grant application to MTC for \$300,000 for Parking Management in response to MTC's Call for TOC Planning and Implementation Projects; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council authorizes the City Administrator to accept and appropriate a grant award from MTC for \$300,000 for Parking Management in response to MTC's Call for TOC Planning and Implementation Projects; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That City commits to completing the associated Oakland TDM and Parking Policy Update Project work scope following an MTC grant award by applying for these funds; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that City intends to adopt relevant plans, policies or zoning updates emerging from the work completed through the Oakland TDM and Parking Policy Update Project grants to comply with the TOC Policy Parking Management requirements; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That this action is categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301, 15302, and 15304, as these projects consist of: (Class 1) the operation, repair, and minor alternation to existing public facilities, (Class 2) replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities, and (Class 4) minor alternations to land, including landscaping and the creation of new facilities in the right-of-way; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator or designee is authorized to file a Notice of Determination/Notice of Exemption with the clerk of the County of Alameda on this action.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROWN, FIFE, HOUSTON, JENKINS, RAMACHANDRAN, UNGER, WANG, AND
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE GALLO

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

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