

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS REBECCA KAPLAN AND ROWENA BROWN

RESOLUTION TO (1) COMMEMORATIVELY NAME THE TO BE INSTALLED BIKEWAY ALONG LAKESHORE AVENUE BETWEEN EL EMBARCADERO AND EAST 18TH STREET AS THE “MAIA CORREIA MEMORIAL BIKEWAY” AND (2) AUTHORIZE THE INSTALLATION OF A MEMORIAL PLAQUE DEDICATED TO MAIA CORREIA PURSUANT TO THE GUIDANCE ESTABLISHED BY OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 77967 C.M.S

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 30492 allows a jurisdiction by resolution, order, or other instrument to adopt, establish or change the name of any street, boulevard, park, or place; and

WHEREAS, the naming of a new public street, boulevard, park, or place or renaming of an existing public street, boulevard, park, or place is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970; and

WHEREAS, Maia Correia, a vibrant four-year-old, was riding in the back of her father's bicycle on Lakeshore Avenue near Hanover Street when a driver opening their door into the bike lane caused them to crash in August 2023;

WHEREAS, Maia suffered a head injury and, in the following days, succumbed to that injury at Children's Hospital. Maia's family and community celebrated her life cut short, and mourned her passing as the fifteenth traffic death in 2023;

WHEREAS, in immediate response to this tragedy, the Oakland Department of Transportation (OakDOT) developed and installed signs reminding motorists to “check for bikes” before opening car doors per California Vehicle Code 22517 under OakDOT's Rapid Response Program that investigates all traffic crashes fatal to pedestrians or bicyclists and seeks near-term design solutions; and

WHEREAS, Maia’s tragic death has galvanized her family as active advocates, along with bike safety organizations, residents, and city officials, to make ongoing improvements in bicycling safety and conditions around Lake Merritt, one of the most utilized recreation areas in Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland’s 2019 Bicycle Plan proposes separated bike lanes on Lakeshore Avenue along Lake Merritt; and

WHEREAS, the District 2 Office of Councilmember Rebecca Kaplan and the At-Large Council Office of Rowena Brown, along with former District 2 Councilmember Nikki Fortunato Bas, finds the life and legacy of Maia Correia should be honored and recognized; and

WHEREAS, the City Council intends to honor Maia Correia by retaining the existing street name and installing a commemorative plaque or sign for the separated bikeway under construction in her memory; and

WHEREAS, currently there is no formal policy or procedure in place for naming bike paths in the City of Oakland and Resolution 77967 relating to public street naming was used as guidance until the City develops or adopts a policy or procedure for naming bike paths; and

WHEREAS, the City Council intends that the costs associated with such a commemorative act will be borne in partnership between the Offices of Councilmembers Rebecca Kaplan and Rowena Brown; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council declares that the commemorative name for the separated bikeway along Lakeshore Avenue between El Embarcadero and East 18th Street shall be named the "Maia Correia Memorial Bikeway"; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council directs the City Administrator to proceed with the commemorative designation of the Maia Correia Memorial Bikeway and placement of sign(s) or plaque(s) to that effect along the separated bikeway to be constructed on Lakeshore Avenue between El Embarcadero and East 18th Street.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES - BROWN, FIFE, HOUSTON, KAPLAN, RAMACHANDRAN, UNGER, AND PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE GALLO

NOES –

ABSENT – COUNCIL PRESIDENT JENKINS (serving as Mayor pursuant to Charter Section 303)

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____
ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California

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