



**RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY OF OAKLAND'S SUPPORT
FOR AB 2444 (KLEHS) and SB 1611 (SIMITIAN)
(Vehicle Registration Fee for Congestion Management and Related Environmental Mitigation)**

WHEREAS, current economic conditions have reduced transportation funding from state and federal sources while congestion on freeways and local roads continues to be a significant problem for residents and employees in Alameda County; and

WHEREAS, traffic congestion impacts the economy of the county and the ability of employers in Alameda County to attract and keep employees; and

WHEREAS, improvements in the operation of local arterials, improvements in the operations of transit, and improvements in the operations of freeways can provide relief from congestion; and

WHEREAS, transportation improvements can have environmental impacts that require mitigation; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (CMA) was created in 1991 by a joint powers agreement among the cities of Alameda County and the County of Alameda to provide a forum for addressing congestion and other transportation issues; and

WHEREAS, State Assemblyman Johan Klehs, at the request of the CMA, introduced AB 2444 in the 2006 session of the California Legislature that would authorize the Bay Area congestion management agencies, by a 2/3rds vote of their members, to levy up to a \$5 vehicle registration fee aimed at addressing traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, a proportional share (based on population) of the revenues generated by the CMA-imposed registration fee would be earmarked for projects in Oakland that improve the flow of traffic and address the environmental impacts of transportation improvements; and

WHEREAS, AB 2444 would also authorize the Bay Area Air Quality Management District to impose an annual fee of up to \$5 per registered vehicle to be used by the Air District and Water Quality Control Board to mitigate the environmental impacts of motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, State Senator Joseph Simitian introduced SB 1611, which would authorize any congestion management agency in California to place before voters a measure that would impose an annual fee of up to \$25 per registered vehicle, if approved by majority vote, to fund projects benefiting local motorists; and

WHEREAS, negotiations are underway with the governor's office to determine which of these two bills will advance, or whether they will be merged.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oakland City Council supports AB 1623 (Klehs) and SB 1611 (Simitian) to levy a vehicle registration fee for congestion management projects, roadway maintenance, and environmental mitigation of transportation projects.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, **MAY 16 2006**, 2006

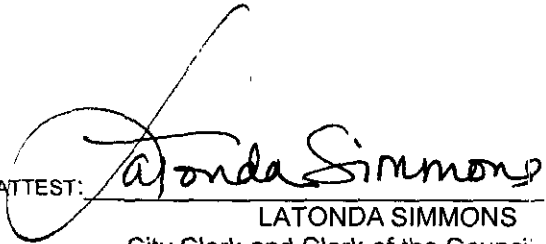
PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, AND PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE - 8

NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

ATTEST: 
LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California