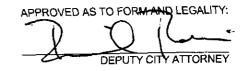
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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

## RESOLUTION NO. 80358 \_\_\_\_C. M. S.

## RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DESIGN OF THE LATHAM SQUARE AND TELEGRAPH AVENUE STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST OF \$8,600,000), ON TELEGRAPH AVENUE BETWEEN BROADWAY AND 20<sup>TH</sup> STREET, INCLUDING REDUCING THE TRAVEL LANES BETWEEN 16<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND 20<sup>TH</sup> STREET

WHEREAS, the City desires to proceed with the Latham Square and Telegraph Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project, a comprehensive project to design and build streetscape improvements along Telegraph Avenue between 20<sup>th</sup> Street and Broadway, to improve the physical appearance and identity, public safety, and pedestrian amenities for the area; and

WHEREAS, the Latham Square and Telegraph Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project meets the goals of the City's Master Bicycle Plan to provide safe and direct bicycle access to key areas and corridors in Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the Latham Square and Telegraph Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project meets the goals of the City's Pedestrian Master Plan to provide safe and direct pedestrian access to key areas and corridors in Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the Latham Square and Telegraph Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project will reduce the travel lanes from six (6) through lanes to four (4) through lanes between 20<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> streets, and will reduce the travel lanes from four (4) through lanes to two (2) through lanes and a center left turn lane between 19<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> streets; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has directed staff to prepare reports for their approval when bicycle or streetscape projects require the reduction of parking or travel lanes on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, the City received \$3.4 million in Measure B Funding, the Redevelopment Agency has pledged an additional \$2.8 million, and \$2.47 million is anticipated in federal monies to fund the construction of the Latham Square and Telegraph Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost for the installation of the Latham Square and Telegraph Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project is \$8.6 million and the funds are available for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Latham Square and Telegraph Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project has been studied for feasibility and long-term transportation impacts and the Project as designed has been determined to have insignificant long-term impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Latham Square and Telegraph Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project has been determined to be categorically exempt pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections15301and/or 15302; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City Council authorizes and approves the Latham Square and Telegraph Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project, including reducing the travel lanes from six (6) through lanes to four (4) through lanes from 20th Street to 19th Street, and reducing the travel lanes from four (4) through lanes to two (2) through lanes with a center left turn lane from 19th Street to 16th Street; and be it further

**RESOLVED**: That the City of Oakland has independently reviewed and considered this environmental determination, and the City finds and determines that this action complies with CEQA because this action on the part of the City is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Guidelines Sections 15301 and/or 15302; and be it further

**RESOLVED**: That a Notice of Exemption shall be filed with the County.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, JAN 1 6 2007 , 2006

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, AND PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE  $- \checkmark$ 

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ATTEST

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