

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE SAN PABLO AVENUE CORRIDOR PROJECT LED BY THE ALAMEDA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TO BEGIN THE DETAILED DESIGN PHASE

WHEREAS, Alameda County Transportation Commission (CTC) is leading the San Pablo Avenue Corridor Project (Project), which is central to achieve the goals and strategies that were adopted in the 2020 Countywide Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, San Pablo Avenue is on Alameda County and the City of Oakland's High-injury Network and has the third highest incidence of injury collisions in all of Alameda County; and

WHEREAS, Between 2015 and 2019, 125 collision occurred along San Pablo Avenue in the City of Oakland including five collisions resulting in a fatality and 17 collisions resulting in severe injuries; eighty percent of fatal collisions (4) and more than half of severe collisions (9) occurred in the West Oakland segment of the project, despite only representing one third of the Project length; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland Bicycle Plan "Let's Bike Oakland!" adopted on July 9, 2019, via Resolution No. 87808 C.M.S, recommends protected bike lanes (Class IV) for the entirety of San Pablo Avenue within Oakland City limits; and

WHEREAS, A key pillar of the Equitable Climate Action Plan, adopted by the City Council on July 28, 2020, via Resolution No. 88267 C.M.S, is to implement the City's Let's Bike Oakland Bike Plan and to "allocate curb space for mobility needs for public transit and active transportation, such as walking and biking;" and

WHEREAS, the improvements proposed by this Project align with the City of Oakland General Plan, Transit First Policy (No. 73036 C.M.S.) and Complete Streets Policy (No. 13153 C.M.S.); and

WHEREAS, Alameda CTC developed a "Racial Equity Impact Analysis" of the Project, in close coordination with the City of Oakland, to understand how the Project positively and negatively impacts historically underserved communities, particularly in West Oakland; and

WHEREAS, Alameda CTC, in coordination with the City of Oakland, initiated outreach in 2017 and has conducted surveys in multiple languages, hosted popup events and public workshops, initiated door-to-door storefront outreach, and held targeted focus groups; Alameda

CTC is committed to continuing to engage Oaklanders during the design phase and will complete any necessary review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

WHEREAS, the Project proposes safety improvements for people walking and biking and improvements to transit reliability; and

WHEREAS, improvements that make bicycling and walking safer and that make transit more reliable benefit Oakland's most vulnerable and underserved residents; and

WHEREAS, adopting this resolution allows the Alameda CTC to pursue funding opportunities and allows the City to continue to participate in the Alameda CTC-led Project and ensure the needs of Oaklanders are met; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is authorized to sign a letter of support for the Alameda CTA Project to begin the detailed design phase; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council directs staff to continue working with Alameda CTC on outreach and design during the detailed design phase of the Project.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

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

NOES – ABSENT – ABSTENTION –

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