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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

2013 APR I I AM 10: 0 I RESOLUTION NO. 84348 C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember

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ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY
ADMINISTRATOR OR DESIGNEE TO 1) IMPLEMENT THE LATHAM
SQUARE PILOT PROJECT (LSPP) TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE
TELEGRAPH AVENUE BETWEEN 16TH STREET AND BROADWAY
FOR THE PURPOSES OF CREATING A PEDESTRIAN PLAZA FOR AT
LEAST SIX (6) MONTHS FOLLOWING AN OPENING DATE IN
SUMMER 2013; AND 2) REPORT BACK TO CITY COUNCIL IN THE
FALL OF 2013 AS TO THE SUCCESS OF THE PILOT PLAZA.

WHEREAS, the Latham Square Pilot Project implements the goals of the City's General Plan Land Use and Transportation Element, by supporting a vibrant and economically active downtown; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to proceed with designing and implementing the Latham Square Pilot Plaza, a temporary trial project intended to create a unique and active pedestrian space along Telegraph Avenue between 16th Street and Broadway; and

WHEREAS, the Latham Square Pilot Project is consistent with the City's "Complete Streets Policy" (Resolution No. 84204 C.M.S.), which acknowledges the benefits and value for the public health and welfare of reducing vehicle miles traveled and improving access by walking, bicycling, and public transportation; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the historic, architectural, and cultural importance of Latham Square to downtown Oakland and the City as a whole, and the current design of Latham Square does not fully realize the potential of Latham Square as a landmark space for a pedestrian friendly and economically active downtown; and

WHEREAS, a wide range of community stakeholders are and continue to be engaged in development of the Latham Square Pilot Project to ensure that the project reflects and supports community and business goals; and

WHEREAS, the City has available funding to implement the Latham Square Pilot Project through a Proposition 1C grant under the California Department of Housing and Community Development's Infill Infrastructure grant program for streetscape and infrastructure improvements in the central business district; and

WHEREAS, the Latham Square Pilot Project evaluation will provide crucial information to inform the permanent of re-design and re-construction of Latham Square in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Latham Square Pilot Project has been determined to be categorically exempt pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3) (common sense exemption); 15183 (projects consistent with a general plan); 15301(c) (minor alteration of existing facilities); 15304 (e) (minor temporary use of land); 15306 (data collection and research); and 15332 (infill); each of which provides a separate and independent basis for CEQA clearance and when viewed collectively provide an overall basis for CEQA clearance; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City of Oakland hereby authorizes the City Administrator or designee to implement the Latham Square Pilot Project for at least six (6) months following opening date in summer 2013; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Administrator or designee will evaluate the success of the pilot plaza in concert with community stakeholders (including local businesses, property owners, and residents) prior to returning to City Council for potential approval of a permanent plaza in the fall of 2013.

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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of the City of Oakland, California