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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. 87484 C.M.S

Introduced by Councilmember

City Attorney
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Approved as to Form and Legality

RESOLUTION: 1) AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF TRAVEL LANES AND THE INSTALLATION OF CLASS II BICYCLE LANES ON TELEGRAPH AVENUE FROM 42ND STREET TO 52ND STREET AND 2) ADOPTING CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT EXEMPTION FINDINGS

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland's Bicycle Plan was adopted by City Council on December 7, 2007 as part of the Land Use and Transportation Element of the City's General Plan and reaffirmed by City Council on December 4, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland's Bicycle Plan calls for the implementation of a citywide network of bikeways to connect downtown, transit stations, commercial districts, neighborhoods, and the waterfront; and

WHEREAS, the Bicycle Plan identifies Telegraph Avenue from 42nd Street to 52nd Street as proposed bikeway; and

WHEREAS, the Complete Streets Policy for the City of Oakland was adopted by City Council on February 5, 2013 and the Policy calls for the incorporation of bicycle lanes in reconstruction and maintenance projects to create a connected network of facilities for bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, Action 1B.1 of the Bicycle Plan states, "Include bicycle safety and access improvements in roadway resurfacing, realignment, and reconstruction projects"; and

WHEREAS Telegraph Avenue from 42nd Street to 52nd Street have been designed to include useful bikeway connections; and

WHEREAS, the installation of bicycle lanes on Telegraph Avenue would reduce the number of travel lanes from four (4) through lanes to two travel lanes from 42nd Street to 52nd Street, would include left-turn pockets to address traffic operations at key signalized intersections, and would also include enhancement of pedestrian crossings through high-visibility crosswalks ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project is consistent with the City's General Plan, Bicycle Plan, and Complete Streets Policy; and

WHEREAS, as required by Public Resources Code section 21080.20.5, the City, in part, has prepared an assessment of traffic and safety impacts of the Project, which concluded that the Project will have negligible impacts on traffic operations and will not result in a decrease in safety for any travel mode; and

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

WHEREAS, after a duly noticed public meeting, on December 4, 2018, the Public Works Committee voted to recommend the proposal to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2018, the City Council considered the proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.20.5 (restriping of streets for bicycle lanes), and on a separate and independent basis, the project is also exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15183 (Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan or Zoning), 15301(c) (Existing Facilities, Highways and Streets), 15304(h) (minor alterations to land), and/or 15061(b)(3) (No Significant Effect on the Environment); each of the aforementioned provides a separate and independent basis for CEQA compliance; now, therefore be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council authorizes the installation of bicycle lanes on Telegraph Avenue by reducing the number of travel lanes from four (4) through lanes to two travel lanes from 42nd Street to 52nd Street and; and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Resolution complies with CEQA and the City Administrator or designee shall file a Notice of Exemption with appropriate agencies.

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PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:	
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AYES – MANAMA, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, GUILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN and PRESIDENT REID – 7

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ABSTENTION -

Excused - 1 Brodes

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

LaTonda Simmons

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