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2019 JUN -6 PARESOLUTION NO.\_

Introduced by Councilmember

## **RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT IMPROVEMENTS TO TELEGRAPH** AVENUE FROM 20<sup>TH</sup> STREET TO 29<sup>TH</sup> STREET TO ADDRESS **IDENTIFIED ISSUES**

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, a 2017 representative survey of Oaklanders found that 67% of people who bike would feel very comfortable on a protected bicycle lane, compared to 34% in a buffered bicycle lane and 13% in a standard bicycle lane; and

WHEREAS, a 2017 qualitative survey of people walking and bicycling on Telegraph Avenue protected bicycle lanes found that as a result of the 2016 improvements, 79% of bicyclists and 63% of pedestrians feel safer bicycling and walking on Telegraph Avenue now; and

WHEREAS, the Telegraph Avenue Complete Streets Plan was approved by City Council in 2014, and upon approval, directed staff to include protected bicycle lanes on Telegraph in the Koreatown Northgate neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, North American studies of protected bicycle lanes have shown significant reduction in injury risk as compared to standard bicycle lanes; and

WHEREAS, the current protected bicycle lane on Telegraph Avenue from 20<sup>th</sup> Street to 29<sup>th</sup> Street has demonstrated significant safety benefits, including a 300% increase in vehicles yielding to pedestrians in crosswalks and a 12-27% reduction in speeding, both key indicators in the prevention of severe and fatal traffic crashes; and

WHEREAS, the proposed revision to the existing project enhances users understanding of critical project features, including where to park, preventing vehicles from parking in bicycle lanes and painted safety areas, improves sight lines at intersections so people driving, walking and bicycling can better see one another, and slows turning movements to further enhance safety; and

WHEREAS, California Vehicle Code section 21207 (a) provides the City with the authority, by ordinance or resolution, to establish bicycle lanes within the City of Oakland; and

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WHEREAS, on June 18, 2019, the City Council considered the proposed Project; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City Council approves the installation of improvements to the Telegraph Avenue protected bicycle lanes from 20<sup>th</sup> Street to 29<sup>th</sup> Street; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the City Council hereby consents to the use of up to four hundred fifty-five thousand dollars (\$455,000.00) in funds for project implementation from fund 2211 (Measure B) project 1001512 (grant matching funds), or other bicycle and pedestrian plan implementation CIP funds, as available, re-programmed for this purpose to be transferred to project 1004902.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:** 

AYES - FORTUNATO BAS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, REID, TAYLOR, THAO and PRESIDENT KAPLAN

NOES -

ABSENT -

**ABSTENTION -**

ATTEST:

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