

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2019-061

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA REQUESTING THE SONOMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY REALLOCATE \$9.5 MILLION OF MEASURE M (TRAFFIC RELIEF ACT FOR SONOMA COUNTY - 2004) FUNDS WITHIN THE LOCAL STREET PROJECTS PORTION OF THE EXPENDITURE PLAN FROM THE FULTON ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT TO THE HEARN AVENUE INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2004, Sonoma County voters approved the Traffic Relief Act for Sonoma County (Measure M); and

WHEREAS, Measure M provides a ¼ cent sales tax to be used to maintain local streets, fix potholes, accelerate the widening of Highway 101 for High Occupancy vehicles lanes, improve local street operations, restore and enhance transit services, support the development of passenger rail service and build safe bicycle and pedestrian routes; and

WHEREAS, Measure M includes a voter approved Expenditure Plan that delegates proceeds as follows: Highway 101 Projects (40%), Local Road Rehabilitation (20%), Local Street Projects (20%), Local Bus Transit (10%), Passenger Rail (5%), Bike/Ped Projects (4%) and Administration (1%); and

WHEREAS, the City is the sponsor for three Local Street Projects: Hearn Avenue Interchange Improvements, Fulton Road Improvements and Farmers Lane Extension; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that the Hearn Avenue Interchange Improvements Phase 3 project to reconstruct the Hearn Avenue Interchange at US 101 is the highest priority transportation project remaining to be fully funded; and

WHEREAS, the Hearn Avenue Interchange Improvements project completion is critical component in the southwest and southeast quadrants of the City to support economic development, residential development, emergency service response times and wildland urban interface evacuations; and

WHEREAS, the Measure M expenditure plan dedicated \$19 million for the Fulton Road Improvements project, with \$9 million already programmed to complete Phase 1 that widens Fulton Road between Guerneville Road and the northerly City Limit leaving \$10 million available for Phase 2 to construct a full interchange at SR-12 and Fulton Road; and

WHEREAS, work associated with the Fulton Road Improvements Phase 2 project to construct a full grade separate interchange to replace the signalized at the SR-12 intersection with Fulton Road has not been initiated and is a lower priority at this time; and

WHEREAS, based on City priorities it is appropriate and timely to request reallocation of Measure M funds from the Fulton Road Improvements Phase 2 project to support grant

applications that will fully fund the construction phase for the Hearn Avenue Interchange Improvements Phase 3 project; and

WHEREAS, the Hearn Avenue Interchange Improvements Phase 3 project is an excellent candidate for several funding opportunities, such as the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Develop (BUILD) and SB1 Local Partnership Program grants, of which some require or recommend cost shares of up to 50 percent; and

WHEREAS, Policy 4.19 of the 2019 Measure M Strategic Plan outlines the process the City must take to request modifications to the Measure M Expenditure Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City has concluded that this request to reallocate Local Streets Projects funds between projects is consistent with Policy 4.19 and in the best interest of the City and residents of Sonoma County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa hereby requests that the Sonoma County Transportation Authority reallocate \$9.5 million in Measure M funds from the Fulton Road Improvements project to the Hearn Avenue Interchange Improvements project to support expediting completion of this critical project.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 4th day of June, 2019.

AYES: (5) Vice Mayor Rogers, Council Members Fleming, Olivares, Sawyer, Tibbetts

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Mayor Schwedhelm, Council Member Combs

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney