

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2020-046

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING SUBMITTING A NOMINATION TO THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND THE ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS TO DESIGNATE THE SOUTHEAST GREENWAY AS A NEW PRIORITY CONSERVATION AREA

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) are preparing Plan Bay Area 2050 (PBA 2050), a long-range plan charting the course for the future of the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, the PBA 2050 will serve as the Bay Area's Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy, outlining strategies for growth and investment through the year 2050; and

WHEREAS, ABAG and MTC are creating a Regional Growth Framework to be used in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, this framework includes locally nominated Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs) as locations to coordinate local and regional planning for the conservation of regionally significant open space, farmland, habitat and trails, and to increase public health and active transportation; and

WHEREAS, jurisdictions with PCAs have access to regional funding that is dedicated to plans and infrastructure improvements in PCAs; and

WHEREAS, the Southeast Greenway Land Use Illustrative Map includes a planned shared use path which is a critical link in a predominately Class I east - west regional shared use path connecting active transportation mobility from Kenwood, CA to the City of Sebastopol, CA, nearly 19 miles; and

WHEREAS, the planned pathway will enable users to travel west to the City of Sebastopol via the existing Santa Rosa Creek trail (Prince Memorial Greenway), in downtown Santa Rosa, and the Joe Rodota trail and to travel east to Kenwood, CA via the State and County park areas and a planned Sonoma Valley Class I shared use pathway; and

WHEREAS, the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update 2018 identified the Southeast Greenway shared use path as a First Phase Project; and

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2019, the City submitted a Letter of Interest requesting consideration for a new PCA designation for the Southeast Greenway; and

WHEREAS, On July 9, 2019, the City Council approved Resolution 2019-093 certifying the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and approving the General Plan and Zoning Code amendments and the Rezoning for the Southeast Greenway; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa approves the submittal of this resolution to MTC and ABAG to nominate and designate the Southeast Greenway, attached as Exhibit A, as a new Priority Conservation Area.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 7th day of April, 2020.

AYES: (7) Mayor Schwedhelm, Vice Mayor Fleming, Council Members Dowd, Olivares, Rogers, Sawyer, Tibbetts

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

Exhibit A - Southeast Greenway Land Use Illustrative Map