

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2020-141

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA AUTHORIZING THE ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (CTC) AND THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (MTC) REQUESTING ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (ATP) GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS FOR THE RIGHT OF WAY AND CONSTRUCTION PHASES OF THE HIGHWAY 101 BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN OVERCROSSING AUTHORIZING THE ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE MATCHING GRANT AGREEMENT AND ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO ADMINISTER THE GRANT

WHEREAS, the Active Transportation Program (ATP) was created by Senate Bill 99 (SB 99) and Assembly Bill 101 (AB 101) to encourage increased use of active modes, such a biking and walking; and

WHEREAS, the ATP's overall purpose is to encourage walking and biking, the Legislature also intended that the program increase the share of walking and biking trips, increase comfort level and mobility for non-motorized users, help regional agencies achieve greenhouse gas reduction goals, enhance public health, support existing and planned housing, especially affordable housing, and ensure that disadvantaged communities fully share in the program; and

WHEREAS, the overcrossing is a critical link in the City's planned east west bicycle and pedestrian network and will establish a less challenging, more comfortable and accessible alternative for bicyclists and pedestrians crossing Highway 101 between College Avenue and Steele Lane; and

WHEREAS, the overcrossing will create a first and last mile connection to Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) and CityBus. The overcrossing will directly benefit disadvantaged surrounding neighborhoods. It also supports the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update 2018 (BPMPU2018) policy to increase biking and walking to work and school reducing Single Occupancy Vehicle (SOV) trips and greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans, the lead agency in partnership with the City, is expected to finalize the environmental compliance for both California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) by early Fall 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board supports the overcrossing as a top priority in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Highway 101 Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing is included in the First Phase Project list identified in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update 2018 (BPMPU2018) and in the North Santa Rosa Station Area Specific Plan.

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2020, the City Council during their study session provided

feedback and comments related to the draft Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Highway 101 Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing which included reaffirming the Council’s preference for the Edwards Avenue-Elliott Avenue alternative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa, authorizes the Assistant City Manager to submit a grant application to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) requesting Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant program funds for the right of way and construction phases of the Highway 101 Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assistant City Manager is authorized to negotiate and execute any master agreement, amendments thereto or other documents necessary to apply for and/or administer the grant funding, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 25th day of August, 2020

AYES: (6) Mayor Schwedhelm, Vice Mayor Fleming, Council Members Dowd, Olivares, Rogers, Sawyer

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Council Member Tibbetts

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
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City Attorney