

RESOLUTION NO. 28666

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, SONOMA LAND TRUST AND THE SOUTHEAST GREENWAY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP, INCLUDING THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA, REGARDING A PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER RESCINDED STATE ROUTE 12 LAND FOR THE SANTA ROSA SOUTHEAST GREENWAY

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2011, the Santa Rosa City Council adopted Resolution No. 27995 which included Council Goal #4 – Strategic Objective #4: “Acknowledge Southeast Greenway community planning projects”; and

WHEREAS, the Southeast Greenway Campaign is a community group established to develop an urban greenway on the approximately 52-acres of land acquired for State highway purposes over a twenty year period spanning the 1950s to the 1970s; and

WHEREAS, the land is owned by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans); and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2013, the Council adopted Resolution No. 28266 reaffirming Council Goal #4 – Strategic Objective #3: “Support Efforts of Southeast Greenway Campaign by Monitoring and Providing Information”; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2014, the City of Santa Rosa executed a Mutual Letter of Intent and joined the Southeast Greenway Community Partnership; and

WHEREAS, the Mutual Letter of Intent outlines how the partners seek to work together to facilitate the future transfer of the Caltrans land to public ownership; and

WHEREAS, Community Development staff have been attending monthly meetings with the Partnership since June 2014; and

WHEREAS, on August 20, 2014, the California Transportation Commission adopted a resolution to rescind the freeway adoption due to lack of operational need, local support, and funding thus allowing the land to be transferred or sold by Caltrans; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Memorandum of Understanding documents how Caltrans, City of Santa Rosa, Sonoma County Water Agency, Sonoma County Regional Parks, Southeast Greenway Campaign, LandPaths, and the Sonoma Land Trust seek to work together to facilitate the transfer of the undeveloped highway land to public ownership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa directs the City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the California Department of Transportation, Sonoma Land Trust, and the Southeast Greenway Community Partnership to include the City of Santa Rosa in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and made part of the resolution.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 7th day of July, 2015.

AYES: (6) Vice Mayor Coursey, Council Members Carlstrom, Combs, Olivares, Schwedhelm, Wysocky

NOES: (0)

ABSENT/

RECUSED: (1) Mayor Sawyer

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

Attachment: Exhibit A – Memorandum of Understanding