

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2018-151

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING SUPPLEMENT ONE TO THE MASTER FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR THE DOWNTOWN STATION AREA SPECIFIC PLAN UPDATE, AND AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO APPROPRIATE \$800,000, WITH THE SOURCE OF FUNDS BEING A \$800,000 GRANT FROM THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, FILE NO. ST18-002

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2007, the City Council adopted the Downtown Station Area Specific Plan (Specific Plan), of which, the primary objective was to increase the number of residents and employees within walking distance (one-half mile) of the Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) station through the intensification of land uses in the Plan area; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) designated the Specific Plan boundaries as a Priority Development Area (PDA), as it is accessible by multiple transit services, and is located near jobs, shopping and other services; and

WHEREAS, in October 2016, the City Council accepted the Housing Action Plan, which was prepared to address the City's ongoing unmet housing needs and to implement the City's General Plan Housing Element; and

WHEREAS, in October 2017, the City experienced devastating fires, resulting in the loss of nearly 3,000 homes in Santa Rosa, and, prior to the fires, the City was already in a housing crisis, with less than 300 units per year being realized each year, compared to the 625 units per year needed to reach the City's goal of 5,000 new housing units by 2023; and

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2017, MTC notified local governments in the Bay Area of the availability of grant funding for the PDA Planning Grant Program for up to \$800,000, with a 12% local match, to intensify land uses in the Specific Plan area by increasing both housing supply, including affordable housing, and jobs, boosting transit ridership, increasing walking, bicycling, carpooling and car-sharing, and retaining and expanding community assets; and

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2018, the City Council adopted a new set of priorities, which includes downtown housing as a Near Term (six month) and Tier 1 top priority; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2018, based on Council Policy 000-62, which authorizes the City Manager or his designee to submit grant applications, the City submitted an application to MTC for the PDA Planning Grant Program to amend the existing Specific Plan to comprehensively address land use and transportation issues, as well as infrastructure needs, associated with intensification of housing development in the downtown; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2018, the MTC Commission approved a grant in the amount of \$800,000 to the City of Santa Rosa to update the Specific Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa approves Supplement One to the Master Funding Agreement with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, for \$800,000 to fund preparation of the Downtown Station Area Specific Plan Update, in substantially the same form as Exhibit A to the Resolution, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to appropriate \$800,000, with the source of funding being a \$800,000 grant from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 4th day of September, 2018.

AYES: (6) Vice Mayor Rogers, Council Members Combs, Olivares, Sawyer, Schwedhelm, Tibbetts

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Mayor Coursey

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

Exhibit A – Supplement One to Master Funding Agreement with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for Preparation of the Downtown Station Area Specific Plan Update