

RESOLUTION NO. 28284

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA DIRECTING STAFF TO COMPLETE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) FOR AN AT GRADE PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE CROSSING AT JENNINGS AVENUE, INCLUDING AN ADA COMPLIANT BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN OVER RAIL CROSSING ALTERNATIVE AND POSSIBLE REMOVAL OF A CROSSING AT 6<sup>TH</sup>, 7<sup>TH</sup> OR 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET

WHEREAS, a crossing at Jennings Avenue is shown in the City Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and the North Santa Rosa Station Area Specific Plan; and

WHEREAS, City and SMART entered into an agreement in the amount of \$31,239 pursuant to Resolution No. 28181 for the completion of a feasibility study, but not the environmental review, of the various options listed below:

- Fence or barrier wall
- Fully signalized and protected at grade crossing
- ADA compliant bicycle and pedestrian over rail crossing
- ADA compliant bicycle and pedestrian under rail crossing; and

WHEREAS, in October 2012, SMART's contractor completed the feasibility study of various bicycle and pedestrian crossings at Jennings Avenue and the railroad tracks; and

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2012, City staff presented the results of the study to the City Council. The City Council at that meeting expressed a preference to study an at grade pedestrian and bicycle crossing as the preferred project. Staff informed Council that CPUC staff had clearly stated that approval of an at grade crossing at Jennings Avenue would be very unlikely unless at least one other crossing was eliminated at either 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> Streets; and

WHEREAS, Council expressed interest in studying the at grade crossing including closure of 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> Street if necessary; and

WHEREAS, the cost estimate to complete the environmental document is \$275,000. There is \$241,637 in Account # 17485 - Jennings Avenue Rail crossing, sufficient to begin the document in the current fiscal year. Pending approval of the Fiscal Year 13/14 Capital Improvement Program budget, there will be \$60,000 additional funds appropriated to complete the environmental review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa direct City staff to complete environmental review in compliance with CEQA for an at grade pedestrian and bicycle crossing, including an alternative ADA compliant bicycle and pedestrian over rail crossing and possible removal of a crossing at 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2013.

AYES: (7) Mayor Bartley, Vice Mayor Carlstrom, Council Members Combs, Olivares,  
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NOES: (0)

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