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Meeting of: June 17, 2014

Mutual Letter of Intent
Southeast Greenway

This Mutual Letter of Intent (“Letter”) is executed by the City of Santa Rosa, Sonoma County Water Agency, the Sonoma County Regional Parks Department, LandPaths and the Southeast Greenway Campaign Committee (hereinafter “Participants”) on the dates specified below.

The purpose of this Letter is to communicate the intent of the Participants regarding the future transfer and land management of the Caltrans Highway 12 Right of Way, known as the Southeast Greenway (“Property”), in order to facilitate such activities. The Property extends from Farmers Lane to Spring Lake Park. The specific intentions of the Participants are described below.

City of Santa Rosa

The City of Santa Rosa intends to accept the land transfer if offered by Caltrans at no cost to the City for the portion of the Property between Farmers Lane and Summerfield Road. The City, through its Department of Community Development, intends to provide leadership regarding the general planning of future land uses on the entire Property, between Farmers Lane and Spring Lake Park. The City, through its Department of Recreation and Parks, intends to operate and manage the portion of the Property between Farmers Lane and Summerfield Road with the support of Landpaths as discussed below. The City intends to enter into an agreement with LandPaths to provide volunteers for day-to-day oversight and maintenance of this portion of the Property. The City also intends to negotiate in good faith with the Water Agency regarding the location of an easement for any future water pipeline on this portion of the Property and to coordinate with the Water Agency regarding future land use of this property to facilitate placement of the pipeline.

Sonoma County Water Agency

The Sonoma County Water Agency intends to accept the land transfer offered by Caltrans for the portion of the Property between Summerfield Road and Spring Lake Park. The Water Agency intends to enter into an agreement with the Sonoma County Regional Parks Department for day-to-day oversight and maintenance of this portion of the Property. The Water Agency is interested in securing an easement on and using the portion of the Property to be transferred to the City for a possible future water pipeline, and intends to negotiate and coordinate with the City regarding the placement of the pipeline on such Property.

Sonoma County Regional Parks Department

The Sonoma County Regional Parks Department intends to operate and manage the portion of the Property between Summerfield Road and Spring Lake Park pursuant to an agreement with the Sonoma County Water Agency. The Regional Parks Department intends to provide day-to-day oversight and maintenance of this portion of the Property pursuant to the agreement.

LandPaths

LandPaths intends to integrate the Southeast Greenway Campaign Committee into its organization to provide support for the future management of the Property in 2015/2016. LandPaths intends to enter into an agreement with the City to engage the community

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with the Property between Farmers Lane and Summerfield Road. It is intended that this will include, but may not be limited to, managing and obtaining public input on possible uses of the Property and day-to-day oversight and maintenance of this portion of the Property.

Southeast Greenway Campaign Committee

The Committee intends to integrate with and become an ongoing part of LandPaths for this project in 2015. The Committee intends to develop strategy and advocacy for the Property's transfer and to manage and obtain public input on possible uses for the Property, and continue to be a catalyst for legislation, fundraising and community participation with respect to the Property.

This Letter expresses the present intention of the Participants and is not a legally binding instrument, and is being created to facilitate the acquisition and management activities described herein. Any final decisions will have to be approved by the respective boards or councils of the parties to this Letter. This Letter may be signed in counterparts.

The individuals executing this Letter have been authorized by their respective boards or authorizing agents to do so.

City of Santa Rosa

Date

Sonoma County Water Agency

Date

Sonoma County Regional Parks

Date

LandPaths

Date

Southeast Greenway Campaign Committee

Date