

CITY OF ALAMEDA
HISTORICAL ADVISORY BOARD

DRAFT RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE HISTORICAL ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF ALAMEDA REGARDING APPLICATION PLN26-0008, GRANTING A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL FOR THE RELOCATION / REPLACEMENT OF HISTORIC STREETLIGHTS AS PART OF THE LINCOLN AVENUE/MARSHALL WAY/PACIFIC AVENUE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the City of Alameda made an application on January 5, 2026, proposing the relocation / replacement of historic streetlights as part of the Lincoln Avenue/Marshall Way/Pacific Avenue Corridor Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, the Project, between Alameda Point at Main Street/Central Avenue/Pacific Avenue and Broadway in the east end of town, is a high priority for safety and mobility improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Project is over three miles long, serves multiple destinations including schools, bus stops, commercial districts and parks, and is a Tier 1 high-injury corridor in some street sections; and

WHEREAS, the Project goals of improved safety and mobility and reduced flooding are best met by the proposed design concept, which has been endorsed by the City Council and is proceeding to detailed design that can be used for bidding and construction; and

WHEREAS, the historic streetlights along the Lincoln/Marshall/Pacific corridor were included in the Historic Monument designation approved by City Council on November 18, 1987, which included 1,297 historic streetlights located throughout the city. These streetlights range from 60 to 100 years of age. They are therefore subject to review by the Historical Advisory Board (HAB) per Alameda Municipal Code (AMC) 13-21.5 – Procedure for Preservation of Historical and Cultural Monuments; and

WHEREAS, the Historical Advisory Board previously approved replica designs for the City's approximately 700 16-fluted streetlights in 2012 (HAB Resolution No. 12-18) and for its approximately 236 octo-fluted pendant streetlights in 2021 (Resolution No. 21-03) for when in-kind replacement is necessary due to deterioration or other circumstances. The approved Replacement Standard for Poles and Fixture Assemblies specifies the materials to be used in the event existing poles are no longer structurally sound or cannot be reasonably salvaged and authorizes such replacement in the same location without further review; and

WHEREAS, several historic streetlights are proposed to be reused or replaced at nearby locations within the corridor and several others are proposed to be reused or replaced in the same location at the new sidewalk grade, as shown in exhibits submitted with the permit application; and

WHEREAS, on February 5, 2026, the Historical Advisory Board held a duly noticed public hearing and reviewed and considered the application, including the staff report, exhibits, and other relevant documents and community testimony in writing and during the hearing; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Historical Advisory Board finds the Project is categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15301(c) Existing Facilities (Minor alterations to existing facilities including bicycle facilities) and Section 15304(h) Minor Alterations to Land. None of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions apply. This CEQA determination confirms and accords with the environmental findings in City Council actions taken on the Project on April 18, 2023, September 17, 2024, February 4, 2025 and September 16, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Historical Advisory Board hereby finds the Project is consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards as it respects the historic status of the streetlights to be relocated, complies with preservation standards for replica poles and fixture assemblies, and maintains the streetlights' historic context, alignment, spacing and visual relationship to surrounding features.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Historical Advisory Board hereby approves a Certificate of Approval for the relocation / replacement of the historic streetlights as part of the Project, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) This approval is limited to the scope of the project defined in the project description and does not represent a recognition or approval of any work completed without required City permits.
- (2) Modifications to and/or replacement of the streetlights shall be accomplished using the approved materials and methods set forth in the Replacement Standard for Poles and Fixture Assemblies adopted in 2012 and 2021 by HAB Resolution 12-18 and HAB Resolution 21-03.
- (3) This approval shall lapse after three (3) years from the date of approval unless construction has begun prior to that date. This approval may be extended administratively for up to two years by the Secretary to the Historical Advisory Board upon submittal of an application and required fees.

NOTICE. The decision of the Historical Advisory Board shall be final unless appealed to the City Council, in writing and within ten (10) days of the decision, by Notice of Appeal stating the appellant claims that either the Board's decision is not supported by its findings or its findings are not supported by the evidence in the record.

NOTICE. No judicial proceedings subject to review pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.5 may be prosecuted more than ninety (90) days following the date of this decision plus extensions authorized by California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6

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