

CITY OF ALAMEDA RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AGREEMENTS TO ACCEPT AND ALLOCATE \$1,555,000 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM THE ALAMEDA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TO COMPLETE A PROJECT INITIATION DOCUMENT FOR THE ALAMEDA-OAKLAND BICYCLE-PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECT

WHEREAS, in 2009, the City of Alameda (City) completed the comprehensive *Estuary Crossing Feasibility Study Report* that analyzed and evaluated 17 potential improvements for crossing the estuary either by foot, bike or transit; and the long-term, top solution was determined to be a moveable Bicycle-Pedestrian Bridge, as long as the United States Coast Guard (USCG) and funding issues could be resolved; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 the Alameda City Council requested that staff begin working on the Bicycle-Pedestrian Bridge project identified in the 2009 Study, consider hiring a maritime engineer to further study the project feasibility, and start working with federal, state and county partners; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the City Council adopted the Transportation Choices Plan with the “West End Bicycle/Pedestrian Crossing” (Project #39) which included the near term action to “fund a project study report to determine the specifics and feasibility of an additional crossing” and to meet and coordinate with the USCG; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) funded and led the development of a detailed feasibility study of the proposed lift-bridge and the potential demand for different crossing options, and this study confirmed that a lift bridge meeting the USCG requirements to have a 600-foot span between piers and that can be raised to 175 feet, was indeed technically feasible from an engineering and geotechnical perspective; and that 5,000 to 6,000 bicyclist and pedestrian trips would cross the bridge each week day, resulting in over 40,000 fewer auto trips across the estuary per week; and

WHEREAS, in November 2020, the City Council received an update on the Oakland Alameda Access Project (OAAP), and authorized the Mayor to send a letter to Alameda CTC expressing the City Council’s support for the OAAP and requesting funding to complete a Project Study Report (PSR), a form of a Project Initiation Document (PID), as the next phase of the project; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda CTC Commission voted on January 28, 2021 to allocate \$1,555,000 in funding for the PID to the City, and has drafted a Project Funding Agreement for the City to sign to accept these funds; and

WHEREAS, it is in the City's best interests to partner with countywide, state and federal agencies to maximize its resources and attain mutual goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council that the City Manager or designee is appointed as the City's agent to conduct all negotiations; execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, and payment requests which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project; and to carry out the project.

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted and passed by the Council of the City of Alameda in a regular meeting assembled on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021 by the following vote to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said City this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021.

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Lara Weisiger, City Clerk  
City of Alameda

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Yibin Shen, City Attorney  
City of Alameda