

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA MAKING THE MISSION PARK TO MISSION CANYON MULTIMODAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN A PROJECT IN THE CITY'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND DIRECT PUBLIC WORKS STAFF TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA TO SEEK FUNDING FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

WHEREAS, for decades, community concerns have been expressed regarding safety for all modes of travel from the intersection of Laguna Street and East Los Olivos Street at Mission Santa Barbara to the intersection of Mission Canyon Road and Foothill Road (Mission Canyon Corridor), but little has been done because of the sensitive nature of the historic and environmental resources of the corridor;

WHEREAS, in 2011, community members formed the "Concerned Citizens For Safe Passage," a volunteer citizens organization of diverse interests now known as the "Mission Heritage Trail Association", and worked to build community stakeholder consensus regarding issues of concern along the Mission Canyon Corridor between Laguna Street and Foothill Road;

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2012, Caltrans awarded the County of Santa Barbara, hereinafter referred to as "County," and the City of Santa Barbara, hereinafter referred to as "City," a Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant for the Mission Park to Mission Canyon Multimodal Improvements Plan, hereinafter referred to as the "Plan";

WHEREAS, the County and City used the Caltrans grant funds to work in partnership on public outreach and to listen to public concerns and desires in an attempt to discover and prepare concept plans for circulation improvements to the Mission Canyon Corridor. Through two well-attended workshops, staff was able to identify minimum-level improvements with overwhelming community acceptance, while addressing the community-identified safety concerns;

WHEREAS, based on public input, the County and City prepared the concept level designs of a feasible approach for continuous pedestrian access on the west side of the corridor and improved circulation for bicyclist passage and vehicle safety. The Plan includes the following key components:

1. Continuous pedestrian path on the west side of the corridor (surface material to be determined). The path must comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and be consistent with the historical setting.
2. Landscape buffers between path and roadway, where feasible.

3. New detached pedestrian bridge parallel and west of the existing stone bridge over Mission Creek (material and structure design to be determined).
4. Bike lanes extending north to Puesta del Sol and transitioning into bike routes in the County's jurisdiction where the road narrows.
5. Several crosswalks would be relocated.

WHEREAS, the Plan is a community consensus concept level design for multimodal improvements consistent with County and City policy direction for the project area (County Mission Canyon Community Plan, City Circulation Element, and Pedestrian Master Plan);

WHEREAS, from July 2014 to October 2014, the concept plans were reviewed by five County and City Boards and Commissions (County South Board of Architectural Review, County Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission, County Park Commission, City Historic Landmarks Commission, and Transportation and Circulation Committee);

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2014, the County and City Planning Commissions jointly held a duly noticed public hearing on the plan, at which hearing the concept plans were explained and public comment received;

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2015, Santa Barbara City Council received Planning Commission's recommendations at a duly noticed public hearing with an explanation of the plan;

WHEREAS, the grant scope of work states one outcome of the County and City could be to prepare an agreement for future phases of improvements to the Mission Canyon corridor, leading to engineered designs and construction; and

WHEREAS, it is in the beneficial interest of all parties to collaborate in future phases of improvements to the Mission Canyon Corridor in order to share staff expertise and information already existing, to promote intergovernmental coordination, and to serve the public interest by producing a more efficient project in both jurisdictions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Staff is directed to update the Capital Improvement Program to include the Mission Park to Mission Canyon Multimodal Improvements Plan.

SECTION 2. Staff is directed to continue collaborating with County Public Works Department staff to seek grants and other available funding sources for the design, permitting, and construction of the concept plans identified in the Plan.