

RESOLUTION NO. 15

Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Approving A Memorandum Of Understanding With the Association Of Bay Area Governments And Other East Bay Cities And Counties For The East Bay Corridors Initiative

WHEREAS, the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) has designated most of Emeryville as a Priority Development Area (PDA) at the City's request, and has adopted Plan Bay Area, an integrated land use and transportation strategy to accommodate the region's projected population, housing and job growth between 2010 and 2040 based on PDAs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Emeryville and the cities of Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito, Hayward, Hercules, Oakland, Pinole, Richmond, San Leandro, San Pablo, and Union City, and the counties of Alameda and Contra Costa (collectively, the Corridor Jurisdictions) have PDAs within their communities that form a geographical and land use alignment referred to as the East Bay Corridor as shown in Attachment 1 to the Memorandum of Understanding; and

WHEREAS, staff of the Corridor Jurisdictions and ABAG have been collaborating to identify a preliminary set of inter-jurisdictional strategies for implementing local and regional planning objectives for each segment of the corridor in an effort referred to as the East Bay Corridor Initiative; and

WHEREAS, staff of the Corridor Jurisdictions and ABAG recommend to their agencies that the Corridor Jurisdictions and ABAG continue to coordinate on the development of multi-jurisdictional strategies to create a network of thriving neighborhoods and downtowns in Corridor PDAs, including but not limited to the subgroups that comprise the Oakland-Union City Corridor and the San Pablo Corridor; and

WHEREAS, staff of the Corridor Jurisdictions and ABAG recommend to their agencies that the Corridor Jurisdictions and ABAG enter into a Memorandum of Understanding for the East Bay Corridors Initiative (MOU) to (1) continue the development of multi-jurisdictional strategies to create a network of thriving neighborhoods and downtowns in Corridor PDAs, (2) identify and develop funding sources to implement agreed upon strategies and (3) endorse joint applications by one or more Corridor Jurisdictions for grants and other funding that support agreed upon multi-jurisdictional strategies; and

WHEREAS, the MOU does not require the City of Emeryville to expend any funds or endorse or support any pre-determined project or strategy except as commonly agreed upon among the Corridor Jurisdictions and ABAG; and

WHEREAS, the City of Emeryville desires to cooperate with other jurisdictions and agencies to coordinate mutually beneficial projects and to apply jointly for funding that might not be available to the City alone; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2015, the City Council of the City of Emeryville reviewed the report and the proposed Memorandum of Understanding; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby finds that this Memorandum of Understanding will serve the public interest of the people of the City of Emeryville and the surrounding region; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby confirms that the Memorandum of Understanding is not a project as defined in CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 because it is an administrative activity that has no potential for resulting in a change in the environment; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Emeryville hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding for the East Bay Corridors Initiative, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Emeryville at a regular meeting held on Tuesday, March 17, 2015.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY CLERK

CITY ATTORNEY