

RESOLUTION NO. 23-____

Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Authorizing The City Manager To Request Grant Funding For The Emeryville Crescent Climate Adaption And Habitat Restoration Feasibility Study And Implementation Strategy And To Execute Funding Agreements As Necessary To Receive Any Funds Awarded

WHEREAS, the Emeryville General Plan, at Figure 3-5: Bay Trail, states “The preferred Bay Trail route for Emeryville connects with Berkeley’s route along Frontage Road to the north and to Mandela Parkway in Oakland to the south. There are several spur trails for access to the peninsula and to cross I-580 to access the Bay Bridge. In the interest of providing shoreline access to the Bay Bridge, this Plan calls for a feasibility study to determine if a bicycle and pedestrian path can be developed adjacent to the Emeryville Crescent without negatively impacting sensitive habitat”; and

WHEREAS, Transportation Policy T-P-18 of the Emeryville General Plan indicates that the City will study, in collaboration with stakeholders and interested agencies and parties, the feasibility of a pedestrian/bicycle trail along the west side of Interstate 80, east of the Emeryville Crescent, to provide access from the Bay Trail to the eastern span of the Bay Bridge; and

WHEREAS, the Emeryville General Plan further states in Chapter 4, on page 4-4 under State and Regional Parks and Open Spaces, “The Eastshore State Park constitutes about 2,250 acres of uplands and tidelands along the shoreline of Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley, Albany, and Richmond, providing a prime location for bird watching and aquatic wildlife preservation. Emeryville’s portion— the Emeryville Crescent—contains 30 acres of marsh shoreline and is identified as Conservation Area. The San Francisco Bay Trail runs through the Emeryville Crescent; this regional trail system will encircle the entire Bay once completed. The Trail runs along or near the Emeryville coastline, with a dedicated off-street pathway on and north of the peninsula, but a disconnected segment in its southern half;” and

WHEREAS, implementation of the Emeryville General Plan policies related to the Emeryville Crescent, as outlined in the previous recitals, is complex due to the inter-jurisdictional and interagency coordination required to align disparate interests, regulatory roles, and policy objectives; and

WHEREAS, the California Office of Planning and Research Department (“OPR”) is authorized to coordinate the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program (“ICARP”) to lead California’s response to climate impacts, prioritizing equitable approaches that integrate mitigation and adaptation; and

WHEREAS, OPR issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) on January 6, 2023 for \$6.6 million in ICARP funds available to eligible applicants requesting between \$150,000 and \$650,000 in total state funding for planning projects spanning thirty months; and

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WHEREAS, other state and regional agencies have also issued, or are expected to issue, NOFAs and to accept applications for projects to meet the same goals as the ICARP; and

WHEREAS, the ICARP and other agencies' related funding programs represent an opportunity for the City to implement the Emeryville General Plan policies related to the Emeryville Crescent, as outlined above, through the development of a Climate Adaption and Habitat Restoration Feasibility Study and Implementation Strategy for the Emeryville Crescent; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Emeryville hereby authorizes the City Manager to submit an application for grant funds to the OPR for ICARP funding in support of the Emeryville Crescent Climate Adaption and Habitat Restoration Feasibility Study and Implementation Strategy; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Emeryville hereby authorizes the City Manager to submit applications for grant funding from other programs similar to the ICARP in scope and applicability to support the Emeryville Crescent Climate Adaption and Habitat Restoration Feasibility Study and Implementation Strategy; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Emeryville hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute funding agreements as necessary to access any grant funding awarded for the Emeryville Crescent Climate Adaptation and Habitat Restoration Feasibility Study and Implementation Strategy.

ADOPTED, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville at a regular meeting held Tuesday, March 21, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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John Kennedy

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CITY ATTORNEY