

RESOLUTION NO. 20-_____

Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville In Support Of A Bus-Only Transit Lane On The San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge

WHEREAS, the State of California, through Senate Bill (SB) 32 (Pavley, 2016), requires that statewide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions be reduced to 40% below 1990 levels by the year 2030; and

WHEREAS, the California Air Resources Board which monitors SB 32 indicated in California's 2017 Climate Change Scoping Plan that transportation is responsible for 39% of statewide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and is the single-largest source of CO2 in the state; and

WHEREAS, the State of California seeks to reduce GHG emissions in the transportation sector; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) consistently ranks the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge (Bay Bridge) Corridor as the most congested corridor in the region; and

WHEREAS, the MTC Bay Area Core Capacity Transit Study (CCTS) (Sept. 2017) showed that, in 2015, the corridor was operating during peak hours at 105% of capacity; and

WHEREAS, the CCTS near-term findings showed that, even with all planned improvements in the corridor, peak conditions would continue to worsen, and the corridor would be operating at 152% of capacity by 2040; and

WHEREAS, public transit already carries approximately 65% of the peak hour travel in the Bay Bridge Corridor; and

WHEREAS, Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) trans-bay peak train service is currently operating at approximately 110% of capacity; and

WHEREAS, while planning is underway for the construction of a new Transbay Rail Crossing to increase BART train capacity in the corridor, capacity improvements for riders will not be realized until at least 2027; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated right-of-way for buses can attract additional riders as the service can be faster and more reliable; and

WHEREAS, the availability of Transbay bus services can give riders travel choices as an alternative to high parking demand at BART stations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council shares and supports the goal of better utilization of regional infrastructure to move people instead of vehicles; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Emeryville that it hereby supports the advancement of the concept to install dedicated bus-only lanes on the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, and connecting highways, interchanges, onramps, offramps, and approaches; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City Council calls on the California Department of Transportation to coordinate with the MTC and relevant bus transit operating agencies to plan and implement the bus-only lanes.

ADOPTED, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville at a regular meeting held Tuesday, February 4, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: _____
NOES: _____
ABSTAIN: _____
ABSENT: _____

MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



CITY CLERK

CITY ATTORNEY