

RESOLUTION NO. 31-11

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXPANSION OF THE SOUTH RICHMOND PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AREA (PDA), WITHIN A HALF MILE RADIUS FROM CUTTING BOULEVARD AND HARBOUR WAY, TO SAN PABLO AVENUE, BOUNDED BY MACDONALD AVENUE NORTH, AND RICHMOND MARINA BAY AND RICHMOND INNER HARBOR SOUTH AND PROPERTIES

WHEREAS, an application was submitted to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) requesting \$750,000 to plan improvements around transit development from Cutting Boulevard and Harbour Way to San Pablo Avenue for station area planning at the El Cerrito/Del Norte BART Station; and

WHEREAS, the proposal requires expanding the South Richmond PDA from Harbour Way and Cutting Boulevard to San Pablo Avenue and within a half-mile radius east and west along Cutting Boulevard to accommodate the proposal request.

WHEREAS, if awarded, the grant will be used to finance a Specific Plan and Environmental Impact Report that will result in plans and policies to increase transit ridership around public transit hubs and bus and rail corridors in the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area, but particularly at the El Cerrito / Del Norte BART station area; and

WHEREAS, the Station Area Planning Grant is intended to promote transit ridership and reduce vehicle usage, increase housing supply (particularly affordable housing) near station areas, increase jobs near transit corridors and locate key services and retail within the station area; and

WHEREAS, expanding the South Richmond Planned Development Area would support proposed policy for the Cutting Boulevard and El Cerrito/Del Norte station area by encouraging and providing jobs and housing, the efficient movement of goods, community involvement, safe and convenient pedestrian and bicycle mobility and access, smart or strategic land uses, and commute alternatives; and

WHEREAS, expanding the proposed South Richmond Planned Development Area will result in a Specific Plan and certified Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Cutting Boulevard and El Cerrito/Del Norte BART station area improvements as well as properties within and outside of the proposed half-mile radius of the expansion; and

WHEREAS, MTC has requested eligible transportation project sponsors to submit applications nominating projects to be programmed for Station Area Program funds; and

WHEREAS, applications to MTC must be submitted consistent with procedures, conditions, and forms; and

WHEREAS, as part of the FOCUS Station Area, MTC requires an adopted resolution by the City for implementing the project and to ensure compliance with the procedures set forth therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Richmond City Council approves the assurances set forth in the project application; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City of Richmond will comply with the provisions and requirements of the FOCUS Station Area and Land Use Planning Program to finance efforts that will result in policies that will substantially increase transit ridership around public transit hubs and bus and rail corridors in the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area.

RESOLVED, that there is no pending or threatened litigation which might in any way adversely affect the proposed PROJECT, or the ability for the City of Richmond to deliver the project within the scope and boundaries identified, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to MTC in conjunction with a map representing the proposed PDA expansion.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond, California at a joint meeting thereof held April 19, 2011, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Beckles, Booze, Ritterman, Rogers, Vice Mayor Butt, and Mayor McLaughlin.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmembers Bates.

DIANE HOLMES
Clerk of the City of Richmond

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Approved:

GAYLE MCLAUGHLIN
Mayor

Approved as to form:

RANDY RIDDLE
City Attorney

State of California }
County of Contra Costa } : ss.
City of Richmond }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of **Resolution No. 31-11**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a joint meeting held on April 19, 2011.