RESOLUTION NO. 41-12

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE PUBLIC AGENCIES IN THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY AND ALAMEDA COUNTY ALONG THE I-80 FREEWAY FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS OF THE PROJECT “INTERSTATE 80 INTEGRATED CORRIDOR MOBILITY”

WHEREAS, the Interstate 80 (I-80) Integrated Corridor Mobility (ICM) project successfully competed for $55.3 million in Proposition 1B – Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) funds in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond approved Resolution No. 5-08 to support the concept and funding plan for I-80 Integrated Corridor Mobility (ICM) Project, conditioned upon receiving an additional $21.4 million in Proposition 1B – Traffic Light Synchronization Program funds for arterial and transit improvements along San Pablo Avenue and crossing arterials; and

WHEREAS, in April, 2008, the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA), WCCTAC, and Alameda County Transportation Commission, applied and succeeded in securing $21.4 million in Proposition 1B – Traffic Light Synchronization Program (TLSP) grant for improvements along San Pablo Avenue, including transit related improvements; and

WHEREAS, On July 16, 2008, the Contra Costa Transportation Authority and Alameda CTC entered into a funding agreement to fund project development costs using $4,876,000 in Measure J funds and $954,000 in Contra Costa’s STIP funds, among other sources of funds for a total of $13.1 million; and

WHEREAS, I-80 is one of the most congested corridors in the San Francisco Bay Area, with traffic volumes reaching 288,000 vehicles per day and an average of 7,000 hours of daily traffic delays; and

WHEREAS, with projected increase in travel demand, congestion will get worse and incident rates will increase causing additional congestion, forcing freeway traffic to naturally divert to city streets looking for faster routes; and

WHEREAS, the I-80 ICM project is a roughly $90 million project along I-80, San Pablo Avenue and connecting arterials aimed to optimize the use of existing infrastructure by implementing tools and strategies to improve safety, reduce congestion, shorten travel times, and provide real time information to motorists; and

WHEREAS, improving travel time and reducing delays along I-80 will benefit all jurisdictions along the corridor by keeping freeway traffic on I-80 and reducing vehicle emissions; and

WHEREAS, the scope of the project includes five major components: Adaptive ramp metering, Incident management; traveler information by auto and transit; arterial and transit improvements along San Pablo Avenue and crossing arterials; and system integration where all project components are coordinated; and

WHEREAS, the project will be constructed in phases – two of which are already underway, including improvements along San Pablo Avenue and connecting arterials to I-80; and

WHEREAS, operation and maintenance incremental cost of the project components outside Caltrans right-of-way will be funded by Contra Costa Transportation Authority and the Alameda County Transportation Commission; and

WHEREAS, over the past several months, staff from Caltrans and all affected agencies, worked closely to develop the project Operations and Maintenance (O&M)
Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); and

WHEREAS, the O&M MOU sets the framework for cooperation among all affected agencies along the corridor in implementing the project and addressing any issues that may arise; and

WHEREAS, allocation of approximately $45 million in remaining State Proposition 1B funds is contingent upon execution of the O&M MOU.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the City Council of the City of Richmond hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute the O&M MOU on behalf of the City and to make non-substantive changes to the MOU.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on March 20, 2012, by the following vote:

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

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: Mayor McLaughlin.

DIANE HOLMES
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
(SEAL)

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. 41-12, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on March 20, 2012.