

**RESOLUTION NO. 92-14**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND INITIATING A ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT TO ADD A NEW SECTION TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE (RMC Chapter XV) TO SET REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR BICYCLE, TRAIL AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS AS PART OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

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WHEREAS, on November 1, 2011, the City Council of the City of Richmond (“Council”) adopted a new Pedestrian Plan which aims to improve the safety, convenience and appeal of walking throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2011, the Council adopted a Bicycle Master Plan that sets forth a blueprint for completion of a 145-mile system of bikeways and support facilities within Richmond; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2012, the Council adopted General Plan 2030 which includes a Circulation Element (“Element”) that seeks to ensure efficient mobility and access for all residents, workers and visitors through a safe, interconnected, multimodal transportation networks; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Richmond City Council hereby directs the City Manager and City Attorney to take steps to implement the provisions of the General Plan 2030, Pedestrian Plan and Bicycle Master Plan, as listed below:

1. Policy CR 1.5 of the General Plan 2030 states:

**Safe and Convenient Walking and Bicycling**

Promote walking and bicycling as a safe and convenient mode of transportation. Improve pedestrian and bicycle amenities to serve the recreation and travel needs of residents and visitors in all parts of Richmond. Where feasible, the City will: connect major destinations such as parks, open spaces, civic facilities, employment centers, retail and recreation areas with pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure; promote shared roadways in residential streets; require new development and redevelopment projects to provide pedestrian and bicycle amenities, streetscape improvements and linkages to planned and completed City and regional multi-use trails; and develop safe routes to schools and out-of-school programs that allow access by bicycle and pedestrian paths or reliable and safe transit. Explore innovative solutions such as bicycle-sharing programs and encourage businesses, schools and residential developments to provide secure bicycle parking to ensure that these ecologically-friendly, low-impact transportation modes are available to all community members, thereby reducing emissions from vehicles within the City, improving environmental quality and enhancing mobility and connectivity. See also: EC2.4; HW4.3,

2. Policy CR 1.6 of the General Plan 2030 states:

**Comprehensive Network of Multi-Use Trails**

Develop a comprehensive network of multi-use trails including to enhance bicycle and pedestrian connectivity throughout the City and the region. Completion of the Bay Trail will enhance access to the Richmond shoreline and adjacent open space. The proposed San Francisco Bay Water Trail will also provide enhanced access and recreational opportunities to the Bay. Connecting the Richmond Greenway with the Ohlone Greenway and the Bay Trail, and linking Richmond with Marin County with a bicycle trail across the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge will help create a comprehensive network of multi-use trails,

3. Policy PR 1.2 of the General Plan 2030 states:

Multimodal Connections to Parks, Open Space and Recreational Facilities

Improve connections to parks, open space and recreational facilities through an interconnected network of pedestrian-friendly green streets, multimodal corridors and trails. Enhance trails and greenways to provide recreational opportunities for residents, connect neighborhoods and community uses, improve access to natural resources and the shoreline and promote walking and bicycling.

4. Action CR1.D of the General Plan 2030 states:

Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trail Standards

Develop standards for bicycle, pedestrian, and trail improvements and amenities in new development and redevelopment projects. Include requirements for adequate, safe and accessible bicycle parking, drinking fountains, public restrooms, benches, landscaping and lighting. Require new development and redevelopment projects to be pedestrian and bicycle-friendly, and to provide adequate connections to the existing and proposed bicycle and pedestrian network. Require all new commercial, industrial and residential development to provide access for construction and operation of a trail where a local or regional trail is designated or planned. Include provisions that require owners of property along the shoreline to provide maximum feasible public access to the shoreline and to complete the Bay Trail as part of any project approval process. See also: HW4.E.

5. Action CR1.E of the General Plan 2030 states:

Trails and Greenway Program

Expand multi-use trails and greenways in the City. Provide connector trails and linkages to improve access from neighborhoods in Central Richmond to the regional open space in the hills and along the shoreline. Address barriers such as freeways, the Richmond Parkway and railroad tracks that limit shoreline access. Provide interpretive signs, maps, brochures and signage along the trails to enhance the experience of users and to provide information on the City's cultural and historical assets. Create a Class I multi-use trail loop north of Meeker Tidal Creek and Stege Marsh as a transportation and scenic route. Also provide trailhead staging areas at the south end of 32nd and 46th streets with bridges across Meeker Tidal Creek and the unnamed creek east of South 32nd Street.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council directs staff to allow for community input in developing the language for the proposed zoning amendment; and bring back a draft of the Zoning Text amendment and other documents involved in implementing these recommendations to the City Council within 120 days.

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I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof, held on October 21, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Boozé, Butt, Myrick, Rogers, Vice Mayor Beckles, and Mayor McLaughlin.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTENTION: None.

DIANE HOLMES  
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND

(SEAL)

Approved:

GAYLE MCLAUGHLIN  
Mayor

Approved as to form:

BRUCE GOODMILLER  
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. 92-14**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on October 21, 2014.