

RESOLUTION 2021-041

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO ADOPTING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING A PROOF OF CONCEPT PHASE FOR A PROPOSED WEST CONTRA COSTA *EDCONNECT* WIRELESS PROJECT

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2021, the City Council adopted Resolution 2020-132 which adopted a new, integrated policy for future SMART City 5G strategic policy framework (San Pablo Environment for Everything Digital or S.P.E.E.D.) into the current FY 2019-21 Council Priority Workplan, with the overall purpose to facilitate future external and internal Smart Cities 5G collaboration, networks, programs, and projects with appropriate third parties (i.e. private sector, public sector, other organizations);

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2021, the City Council rescinded previously adopted Resolution 2021-018, and adopted Resolution 2021-026, which amended the FY 2021-23 City Council Priority Workplan (Workplan). The following adopted policies are contained in the current Workplan as previously adopted:

Major Policy Goal: Economic Development & Diversification Priorities

Policy #410: *Support Strategic Policy Objectives outlined in San Pablo Environment for Everything Digital (S.P.E.E.D.) Policy Framework (2020-2030)*

Policy #410.1: *Facilitate future SMART City 5G S.P.E.E.D. Network Projects, Policies and Services*

WHEREAS, under the current City adopted S.P.E.E.D. strategic policy framework (Policy #410.01), the City has developed a proposed collaboration with the West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) for their proposed WCCUSD *EdConnect* Wireless Project initially in collaboration with the Cities of San Pablo and Richmond;

WHEREAS, further identified under the S.P.E.E.D. strategic policy framework (Policy #410.01), a number of existing strategic policy goals supports its formal consideration and development, as follows:

- **Strategic Goal #2:** *Identify and pursue a public or private model to develop fiber optic and/or wireless network projects to foster community-wide educational and other social benefits.*
- **Strategic Goal #3:** *Deploy public Wi-Fi and other Smart City 5G Policy initiatives to enhance Quality of Life.*
- **Strategic Goal #4:** *Bridge the “digital divide” for local businesses and low-income residents within the City with access to high-speed Internet and wireless infrastructure.*
- **Strategic Goal #7:** *Ensure local school facilities have Wi-Fi access and support via creation of Wi-Fi “Hot Spots” near or adjacent to San Pablo schools to support Distance Learning Programs for local school children and families, especially due to ongoing COVID-19 pandemic impacts.*

WHEREAS, the WCCUSD is committed to bridging the digital divide for all WCCUSD students and staff with the District embarking on a project called: “*EdConnect Wireless Project*” to build-out community wireless connectivity to District students and families from their homes;

WHEREAS, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Proof of Concept (POC) Phase has been developed with each City to set forth the general parameters and commitments of each agency/party to assist with the District’s POC Phase, including identification of City public ROW assets to be addressed under the City’s Master License Agreement (MLA) for wireless infrastructure deployments on the City’s public right of way;

WHEREAS, City Council Wireless Projects/S.P.E.E.D. Technology Ad-Hoc Subcommittee met with the City Manager and staff on March 3, 2021 to review the proposed concept of the District’s *EdConnect Wireless Project* recommended that City staff continue ongoing discussions for the memorandum of understanding with WCCUSD for the POC phase for future City Council approval, including potential use of City assets and future applicability of the City’s Master License Agreement; and

WHEREAS, both the Cities of San Pablo and Richmond, in collaboration with WCCUSD staff, finalized separate but similar MOU agreements for the POC phase which have been reviewed by the WCCUSD Facilities Subcommittee on March 17, 2020, and approved by the WCCUSD Board of Trustees on March 24, 2021;

NOW. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City Council of the City of San Pablo hereby formally approves the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Proof of Concept (POC) Phase for the WCCUSD *EdConnect Wireless Project* between the WCCUSD and City of San Pablo.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing recitations are true and correct, and are included herein by reference as findings.

ADOPTED this 5th day of April, 2021, by the following votes:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Cruz, Ponce, Pineda, Xavier and Pabon-Alvarado
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None

ATTEST: APPROVED:

/s/ Dorothy Gantt
Dorothy Gantt, City Clerk

/s/ Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado
Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado, Mayor