

RESOLUTION 2018-070

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO ACCEPTING DESIGN ALTERNATIVE #1 CHOSEN BY THE COMMUNITY THROUGH A PUBLIC MEETING, WHICH WILL REMOVE PARKING ALONG EL PORTAL DRIVE BETWEEN CHURCH LANE AND FORDHAM STREET, FOR THE EL PORTAL DRIVE URBAN GREENING PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City received a grant in the amount of \$562,597 for the El Portal Drive Urban Greening Project (POR-GRN) from the California Natural Resources Agency to construct stormwater facilities and promote urban greening;

WHEREAS, On August 7, 2017, the City Council adopted the City of San Pablo Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (Resolution 2017-170). CNRA agreed to amend the grant scope and budget to reflect the addition of the bike lane(s) as it meets the multi-benefit criteria of the grant;

WHEREAS, the El Portal Drive Urban Greening Project will enhance urban green space, capture and treat runoff, expand the City's bikeway network, and educate the community on stormwater filtration systems;

WHEREAS, the proposed project completed CEQA review in October 2013 and it was determined to be categorically exempt in accordance with Sections 15304 (b) of the CEQA Guidelines, on the basis that this project involves minor alterations to land, which determination has not changed following a recent review of the project scope and regulatory updates;

WHEREAS, a parking study was conducted through a City on-call traffic engineer consultant, W-Trans, because of potential impacts on existing on-street parking. The study and staff communications with the property/business owners confirm that there are enough available off-street parking stalls (at least 8 to 12 spaces) to accommodate the people who are using the on-street parking stalls (2 to 6 spaces); and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2018, a community meeting was held to present and explain the project to the public and present two design options: Alternative 1, to remove on-street parking; and Alternative 2, to reduce parking. The San Pablo community chose Alternative 1 due to its safer design and less expensive cost. The community also recognized that off-street parking meets all the demand of the on-street parking, and did not object to removing the parking on El Portal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the foregoing recitations are true and correct, and are included herein by reference as findings;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of San Pablo hereby accept design alternative #1 chosen by the community through a public meeting, which will remove parking along El Portal Drive between Church Lane and Fordham Street, for the El Portal Drive Urban Greening project, and to direct staff to proceed with the next steps to implement this project.

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ADOPTED this 21st day of May, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Valdez, Cruz, Kinney, Morris and Calloway
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

/s/ Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado
Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado, City Clerk

/s/ Genoveva Garcia Calloway
Genoveva Garcia Calloway, Mayor