

**RESOLUTION Affirming Richmond's Support for the Richmond San Rafael Bridge Trail
CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA**

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond is proud to promote connections between communities via the Richmond San Rafael Bridge; and,

WHEREAS, the council recognizes that the Richmond San Rafael Bridge Trail is a keystone section of the 500-mile regional San Francisco Bay Trail linking the East Bay and North Bay; and,

WHEREAS, the Council by unanimous vote adopted resolution 94-99 stating "that the City of Richmond endorses the Bay Trail Plan"; and,

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes that active transportation allows people to be physically active in everyday life by enabling them to walk, bike or roll to their destinations; and,

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes that an increase in the number of vehicle miles driven to and on the bridge increases pollution affecting our communities; and,

WHEREAS, bicyclists and pedestrians have enjoyed over 375,000 trips on the RSR Bridge Trail since it opened in November 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond San Rafael Bridge Trail will provide access to the Point Molate Bay Trail to be built this year along the shoreline from the bridge to Point Molate Beach Park and past the Winehaven Historic District; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond City Council recognizes that a closure of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Trail would cause individuals who currently rely on this trail to drive for more trips, and if they don't have access to a car they could be left with no other options; and,

WHEREAS, the Richmond City Council recognizes that improvements to reduce traffic on the bridge can be achieved via sustainable alternatives including improved public transit as well as increased housing availability and affordability; and,

WHEREAS, the Richmond City Council recognizes that access to transportation is a human right and reliable mobility options for those unable to afford or drive a car, should be available;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Richmond, on April 30, 2024, does hereby support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week access to the Richmond San Rafael Bridge Trail for pedestrians and bicyclists.