

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING A FUNDING APPLICATION FOR THE RICHMOND INTERMODAL TRANSIT CENTER NEIGHBORHOOD TRANSFORMATION PROJECT TO IMPROVE SAFETY, ATTRACTIVENESS, ACCESSIBILITY, SERVICES BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES AND HEALTH AT RICHMOND'S MULTIMODAL TRANSIT CENTER LOCATED IN THE IRON TRIANGLE NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND

WHEREAS, Richmond's Transit Hub is a regional multimodal facility that combines BART, Amtrak/Capitol Corridor, AC Transit Bus Service and Bikeshare as well as access to Taxis, Lyft and Uber and a new on-demand shuttle service; and,

WHEREAS, the Richmond Intermodal Transportation Station is the only location in the San Francisco Bay Area that combines access to BART, Amtrak/Capitol Corridor and AC Transit. Bikeshare also available with connections to the Richmond Greenway/Ohlone Greenway and San Francisco Bay Trail. Pre-Covid, there were 8,000 boardings a day, making it the most pedestrian active place in Richmond; and,

WHEREAS, in 2022, Richmond will launch Richmond Moves, the city's first on-demand public shuttle service. Richmond Moves will expand access to efficient, equitable, and sustainable transportation in the Richmond community, particularly for neighborhoods that are underserved by other mobility options. This will provide a critical link to Richmond's ferry terminal, only a mile away; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond proposes to partner with the Richmond Main Street Project (RMSI), Urban Tilth, CoBiz, BART, Amtrak, and AC Transit to transform and activate this area into a safe and attractive neighborhood that can reach its full potential as a regional transportation hub. Proposed improvements include landscaping, Internet access, wayfinding, lighting and security improvements as well as indoor and outdoor activities such as music, markets and art that activate public spaces and attract people for activities other than just transportation.

WHEREAS, unfortunately, the area is run down, poorly maintained, unattractive and suffers from both actual crime and a perception that it is unsafe. The purpose of this proposed project is to improve landscaping, lighting, Internet access and wayfinding to make the area safer, more attractive and more usable; and,

WHEREAS, comingled responsibilities of multiple public agencies have made both maintenance and improvements historically difficult and therefore substandard, with much falling between the cracks, but a goal of this project is better coordination and cooperation; and,

WHEREAS, in the immediate neighborhood is CoBiz, a business incubator, several restaurants, retail stores and TODs, including hundreds of units of affordable housing, East Bay Center for Performing Arts and the Richmond Visitor Center. The location is connected to the Richmond Civic Center six blocks away by the Nevin Avenue Pedestrian Improvement Project

WHEREAS, there is an opportunity to obtain funding in the amount of \$3,806,136 for the RICHMOND INTERMODAL TRANSIT CENTER NEIGHBORHOOD TRANSFORMATION PROJECT with assistance from the Office of Senator Nancy Skinner.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Richmond supports the request for funding to the Office of Senator Nancy Skinner for the RICHMOND INTERMODAL TRANSIT CENTER NEIGHBORHOOD TRANSFORMATION PROJECT.