

RESOLUTION NO. 080257

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FINAL REPORT FOR THE NORTH FAIR OAKS BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN RAILROAD CROSSING AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS STUDY

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, on August 3, 2021 with Resolution No. 078353, this Board accepted a \$356,163 grant from Caltrans and authorized the execution of a grant agreement to provide funding assistance for the North Fair Oaks Bicycle and Pedestrian Railroad Crossing and Community Connections Study (Study); and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2022 this Board adopted Resolution No. 078765 authorizing the execution of an agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$550,000 to develop the Study; and

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2023 this Board adopted Resolution No. 079840 authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. increasing the agreement to an amount not to exceed \$680,000 to further refine rail crossing concept plans and provide additional outreach; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Study was to build on recommendations from prior County plans to explore the potential for a new bicycle and pedestrian grade-

separated crossing of the Caltrain tracks with safety and access improvements in the adjacent neighborhoods within the Study area to better reach local destinations; and

WHEREAS, concept planning designs were shaped through extensive community engagement that resulted in public review of one tunnel crossing option and two bridge crossing options; and

WHEREAS, the Study identified significant risks and potential impacts with each option, including, but not limited to: potential construction and maintenance conflicts with high voltage electrification infrastructure, disruption risks to Caltrain revenue service for which the County would be held liable, potential impacts to adjacent residents that would warrant further investigation, conflicts with the Palo Alto high pressure water transmission pipeline, and additional concerns such as the height of the bridge options, loss of street parking, and construction challenges that impact the desirability of the options; and

WHEREAS, the Final Report does not recommend a single preferred crossing option, however it provides a summary of potential locations and concept designs for a rail crossing and a technical evaluation and associated community feedback, should a crossing be revisited in the future, and

WHEREAS, separate bicycle and pedestrian improvements on neighborhood streets identified in the Study are not dependent on a new rail crossing and considerations for their implementation are included in the Final Report.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized and directed to accept the Final Report for the North Fair Oaks Bicycle and Pedestrian Railroad Crossing and Community Connections Study.

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Regularly passed and adopted this 26th day of March, 2024

AYES and in favor of said resolution:

Supervisors:

DAVE PINE

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RAY MUELLER

WARREN SLOCUM

DAVID J. CANEPA

NOES and against said resolution:

Supervisors:

NONE



*President, Board of Supervisors
County of San Mateo
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Certificate of Delivery

I certify that a copy of the original resolution filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County has been delivered to the President of the Board of Supervisors.



Assistant Clerk of the Board of Supervisors