

RESOLUTION NO. 73-25

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND,
CALIFORNIA, TO ALLOCATE AND APPROPRIATE \$195,960 TO CONDUCT AN
AUTONOMOUS TRANSIT NETWORK FEASIBILITY STUDY AND AUTHORIZE
THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO KIMLEY-HORN TO CONDUCT THE
FEASIBILITY STUDY**

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2023, the City Council directed staff to conduct a study to evaluate the feasibility of constructing and operating an autonomous transit network (ATN) that would connected the Richmond Ferry Terminal, Richmond BART, and the Hilltop area; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that an autonomous transit network has the potential to reduce vehicle trips within Richmond, improve existing transit services, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and reduce vehicle miles traveled by increasing local transit ridership, as outlined in the 2019 First Mile/Last Mile Transportation Strategic Plan, and support economic development; and

WHEREAS, conducting a feasibility study would support City decision-makers in understanding the benefits and costs of an ATN, and determining whether to invest financial and staff resources in developing an ATN; and

WHEREAS, the feasibility study would evaluate potential routes and network alignment; anticipated ridership; environmental and economic benefits; business models for operations; costs for construction, operations, and maintenance; sources of funding; and opportunities for long-term expansion; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2025, the City issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for transportation and engineering firms to conduct a feasibility study to evaluate the effectiveness and feasibility of an autonomous transit network, receiving two proposals, which were evaluated by a panel of Public Works, Planning, and Economic Development staff based on qualifications, related experience, understanding of study goals and objectives, and approach to conducting the feasibility study; and

WHEREAS, City staff has determined \$195,960 is needed to conduct the Autonomous Transit Network Feasibility Study; and

WHEREAS, City staff has determined that this study would be an eligible expense for Environmental and Community Investment Agreement (ECIA) funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that \$195,960 from ECIA be allocated and appropriated to provide funding to conduct an Autonomous Transit Network Feasibility Study.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council approves the award of a contract to Kimley-Horn to conduct the Autonomous Transit Network Feasibility Study for a not to exceed amount of \$195,960, and approve any amendments, if necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council finds the above recitals are true and correct and have served, together with the Agenda Report, as the basis for the findings and actions set forth in this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council designates the City Clerk as the custodian of the documents and other materials which constitute the record of proceedings upon which the decision herein is based. These documents may be found at the office of the City Clerk at the Richmond City Hall, 450 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, California 94804.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held on June 17, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bana, Brown, Jimenez, Robinson,
Wilson, Vice Mayor Zepeda, and Mayor Martinez.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: None.

PAMELA CHRISTIAN
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND

Approved: (SEAL)

EDUARDO MARTINEZ
Mayor

Approved as to form:

DAVE ALESHIRE
City Attorney

State of California }
County of Contra Costa } : ss.
City of Richmond }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of **Resolution No. 73-25**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on June 17, 2025.


Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond