

RESOLUTION NO. 85-12

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND,
CALIFORNIA SUPPORTING THE LOCAL CONSENSUS ALIGNMENT FOR THE
SAN FRANCISCO BAY TRAIL CONNECTION FROM POINT RICHMOND TO THE
RICHMOND/SAN RAFAEL BRIDGE AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO
EXECUTE THE CALTRANS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, in the 1980s, construction of Interstate 580 eliminated non-motorized access to the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge and Point Molate from Richmond; and

WHEREAS, existing refinery and shoreline restrictions limit opportunities for new trail alignment to close the bay trail gap between Point Richmond and the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, a study was conducted to identify feasible alternatives and concluded that the most feasible alignment at that time would traverse the north edge of the Chevron-owned Office Hill property above the existing Caltrans retaining walls and cross over Scofield Road south of I-580 with a new elevated structure touching down in the vicinity of the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge Toll Plaza; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, a fatal bicycle/vehicle accident initiated current effort to further study and prepare plans, specifications, estimates, and Caltrans Project Initiation Documents (PID) for the most feasible alignment identified in the 2001 Study; and

WHEREAS, through public outreach efforts conducted with the Richmond Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (December 13, 2010), Richmond Community At-Large Meeting (December 1, 2011), Point Richmond Neighborhood Workshop (January 25, 2011), and Richmond Design Review Board (May 23, 2012), a local consensus alignment as depicted in Exhibit A received letters of support from the Richmond Design Review Board, Point Richmond Neighborhood Council, Association of Bay Area Governments, and Trails for Richmond Action Committee, and Richmond Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, preliminary plans and model for the local consensus alignment as depicted in Exhibit A are the result of additional considerations related to enhanced post-9/11 security at the Chevron refinery, Caltrans Highway Design Standards and encroachment policies, and Americans with Disabilities Act design standards over the existing steep topography; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond obtained a grant through the Contra Costa Transportation Authority Measure J Transportation for Livable Communities program with local match to fund Caltrans oversight of the Caltrans PID, which includes oversight of CEQA and NEPA clearance; and

WHEREAS, completion of a PID approved by Caltrans is a major project development milestone and represents consensus between Caltrans and the project sponsor on the concept of a project, and basic design features so that the City can develop a funding plan to construct the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Richmond, California

1. Supports the local consensus alignment as depicted in Exhibit A to close the bay trail gap between Point Richmond and the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge;
2. Authorizes the City Manager to execute the Caltrans Cooperative Agreement, subject to the City Attorney's approval.

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the Members of the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on July 10, 2012, by the following vote:

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| AYES: | Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Boozé, Butt, Ritterman, Vice Mayor Rogers, and Mayor McLaughlin. |
| NOES: | None. |
| ABSTENTIONS: | None. |
| ABSENT: | None. |

DIANE HOLMES
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND

(SEAL)

Approved:

GAYLE MCLAUGHLIN
Mayor

Approved as to form:

BRUCE GOODMILLER
City Attorney

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

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 85-12, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on July 10, 2012.

