

RESOLUTION NO. 39-13

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA IN SUPPORT OF THE STUDY OF WBART: A BART OR ALTERNATIVE RAIL EXTENSION IN WEST CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

WHEREAS, the communities of West Contra Costa County have paid into the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) for more than forty (40) years and not benefited wholly from BART services; and

WHEREAS, West Contra Costa County is the densest sub-region of Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, the West Contra Costa County sub-region has the highest count and share of local residents who are low-income and/or transit-dependent in Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, the Interstate 80 corridor has been rated the most-congested travel corridor in the San Francisco Bay Area region for more than a decade by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC); and

WHEREAS, more than 14,000 cumulative hours are wasted in traffic each weekday on Interstate 80 between Crockett and the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge; and

WHEREAS, it is projected that by 2025, 68% of the West Contra Costa County working community will commute to locations outside of West Contra Costa County and 60% of those commuters will commute to destinations in Berkeley, Oakland, or San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, with more than 8,000 average weekday riders, the El Cerrito del Norte BART station is the most-congested regional transfer station in the BART network and second most-congested home origin station of the East Bay; and

WHEREAS, nearly 60% of the riders at the El Cerrito del Norte BART station live north of both El Cerrito and Richmond; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the council of the City of Richmond, California finds that the existing public transit infrastructure that serves West Contra Costa County commuters is insufficient at meeting both existing and future travel needs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the council of the City of Richmond, California provides its support and approval of a wBART study for a BART or alternative rail extension from the Richmond station as the preferred option that may serve the communities of San Pablo, Richmond's Hilltop, Pinole, and Hercules.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held on May 7, 2013, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Butt, Myrick, Rogers, Vice Mayor Boozé, 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

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

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 39-13, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on May 7, 2013.