

RESOLUTION NO. 41-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING THE RICHMOND WELLNESS TRAIL VISION PLAN AS AN APPENDIX TO THE RICHMOND PEDESTRIAN PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond (City) was selected as one of 10 Model Cities in the United States to implement the National Parks Service's (NPS) Urban Agenda and an urban fellow was hired to collaborate with local, park, and program partner leaders to launch a city-specific initiative that leverages the full suite of NPS programmatic and park assets designed to protect resources and improve quality of life for urban residents; and

WHEREAS, the idea of the Richmond Wellness Trail (RWT) was conceived by community stakeholders, organizations, residents, health care experts, the NPS urban fellow and City staff; and

WHEREAS, the RWT is envisioned as an active multimodal trail route that will be safe, inviting, and inspires healthy, active lifestyles - increasing connections between historic Downtown Richmond, the Iron Triangle, and the natural and historic features of the City's southern waterfront and the Rosie the Riveter Visitor Education Center; and

WHEREAS, the RWT plan is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, consisting of projects involving existing streets, highways, sidewalks, gutters and similar facilities involving a negligible or no expansion of use; and

WHEREAS, the RWT Plan is anticipated to serve as a model for other health and wellness themed trail routes in Richmond and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the RWT plan was developed using the engagement model employed for the development of the Yellow Brick Road Walkable Neighborhood Plan which included significant community input and engagement from area residents and stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, this Plan implements General Plan 2030 *Goal CR1: An Expanded Multimodal Circulation System*, with a focus on safer and more attractive conditions for all modes; *Goal CR2: Walkable Neighborhoods and Complete Streets* to make walking and biking more attractive and enhance connectivity between neighborhoods, schools, and work places; *Goal CR3: A Safe and Well-Maintained Circulation System*, which emphasizes safety and maintenance improvements; and *Goal CR5: Sustainable and Green Practices*, which emphasizes sustainable solutions including stormwater treatment through pedestrian amenities, and Policy NP1.2: *National Historical Park Element - Access to Resources* which states that the City will Support the expansion of transportation options to National Historical Park resources and sites in the City. Prioritize access by public transit, bicycling and walking and to improve access for visitors from within and outside the City; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2017 the Richmond Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) reviewed the draft RWT Plan and recommended City Council approval; and

WHEREAS, the RWT Plan will connect several neighborhoods that are disconnected due to physical barriers such as the Richmond Greenway and Interstate 580; and

WHEREAS, the RWT implements goals of the National Park Service's Urban Agenda, the Healthy Parks Healthy People Initiative, supports Kaiser Permanente's effort to prevent and treat obesity and offers a designated route for patients to fulfill their Park Prescriptions; and

WHEREAS, the RWT community engagement strategy modeled new collaborative approaches to building alliances with federal, state and local agencies to accelerate interagency collaboration and complementary action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council does hereby find that the above recitals are true and correct and have served, together with the Agenda Report dated April 25, 2017 as the basis for the findings and actions set forth in this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council does hereby adopt the draft Richmond Wellness Trail Vision Plan (attached to the Agenda Report dated April 25, 2017) as an appendix to the City of Richmond Pedestrian Plan.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held April 25, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Choi, Martinez, McLaughlin, Myrick, Willis,
Vice Mayor Beckles, and Mayor Butt.
NOES: None.
ABSTENTIONS: None.
ABSENT: None.

PAMELA CHRISTIAN
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
(SEAL)

Approved:

TOM BUTT
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. 41-17**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on April 25, 2017.

Pamela Christian
Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond