

RESOLUTION NO. 43/2022

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CORTE MADERA
IN SUPPORT OF ALTERNATIVE 4B FOR THE CALTRANS U.S. HIGHWAY 101
TAMALPAIS DRIVE OVERCROSSING PROJECT**

WHEREAS, In response to the California, Department of Transportation's (Caltrans), Marin County U.S. Highway 101 Tamalpais Drive Overcrossing Project, Draft Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration (IS/ND), dated June 2022, the Town Council has reviewed the IS/ND, including the seven alternatives and is in support of Alternative 4B; and

WHEREAS, Alternative 4B satisfies the project's purpose and need to upgrade the existing pedestrian facilities to provide Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant access across U.S. 101 at Tamalpais Drive overcrossing (OC), seismic improvements and repairs and maintenance of the existing structure; and

WHEREAS, Alternative 4B satisfies the Town of Corte Madera's Complete Streets Policy, dated July 19, 2016 (Resolution No. 25/2016), which commits to: "Creating and maintaining Complete Streets that provide safe, comfortable, and convenient travel along and across (including streets, roads, highways, bridges, and other portions of the transportation system) through a comprehensive, integrated transportation network that serves all categories of uses, including pedestrians bicyclists, persons with disabilities, motorist, movers of commercial good, users and operators of public transportation, seniors, children, youth and families; and

WHEREAS, Alternative 4B includes a separated multi-use path that is appropriate for bicyclists and pedestrians of a wide range of ages and experience levels; and

WHEREAS, Alternative 4B closes a gap between our "western" and "eastern" parts of the Town of Corte Madera that have been bisected by Highway 101; and

WHEREAS, Alternative 4B eliminates all existing uncontrolled turning movements by realigning them to standardized intersections increasing safety for all users; and

WHEREAS, Alternative 4B provides safer access to transit stops; and

WHEREAS, Alternative 4B does not significantly increase vehicle delay, queuing, and congestion by vehicles entering the freeway as would be the case in Alternatives 3A, 3B, and 4A; and

WHEREAS, Alternative 4B reduces our communities overall carbon footprint and reductions of greenhouse gasses by promoting alternative non-motorist modes of transit and minimizing idling of vehicles caused by traffic delays and idling vehicles; and

WHEREAS, The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee recommended Alternative 4B at their August 8, 2022 Special Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the project is still in the Project Approval & Environmental Document phase and that these concepts will require additional refinements and details once the project moves into the “Plans, Specifications, and Estimates” design phase, and we request that the Town and our local stakeholders be included in that process; and

WHEREAS, additional time is needed to partner with CalTrans and Transportation Authority of Marin to address the funding shortfall.

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, ORDERED AND FOUND by the Town Council of the Town of Corte Madera, State of California, as follows:


1. The Council is in favor of alternative 4B listed in the Department of Transportation’s (Caltrans), Marin County U.S. Highway 101 Tamalpais Drive Overcrossing Project, Draft Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration (IS/ND), dated June 2022, and recommends Caltrans commit to this alternative in future phases of the project.
2. Council requests that CalTrans extend the current Project Approval and Environmental document completion date by up to 12 months, beyond December 2022 to allow more time to identify funding.
3. Council requests that Caltrans establish a process where the Town and public can provide additional input during the design phase of the project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Corte Madera, State of California this 16th day of August, 2022, by the following vote:


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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of a resolution duly passed and adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Corte Madera at a meeting thereof held on the 16th day of August, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers: Beckman, Casissa, Lee, Mongan, Ravasio
NOES: Councilmembers: - None -
ABSENT: Councilmembers: - None -



Fred Casissa, Mayor

ATTEST:


Rebecca Vaughn, Town Clerk

