

RESOLUTION NO. 07/2023

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CORTE MADERA TO
COMMIT UP TO \$3.0 MILLION IN CONSTRUCTION FUNDING FOR
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.

WHEREAS, the current programmed construction amount for the project is \$16.81 million by Caltrans; and

WHEREAS, the estimated construction cost for Alternative 4B is approximately \$28.66 million, which represents a construction funding gap of \$11.85 million; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Corte Madera with assistance from Caltrans submitted an application for additional federal grant funds through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Bridge Investment Program in the amount of \$13.283 million for construction and also related design, environmental and right-of-way phases; and

WHEREAS, the status of that Bridge Investment Program application is still pending review; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans has communicated that it is highly unlikely that Alternative 4B could proceed into design and construction unless significant local funds were committed to reduce the funding gap; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans has expressed that a formal written commitment of additional funds from the Town of Corte Madera, Town Council is the most appropriate format to solidify any local funding contributions; and

WHEREAS, Transportation Authority of Marin may be able to further assist with reducing the funding gap and intends to consider its ability to contribute additional funds for Alternative 4B at a future meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Corte Madera’s contribution of additional funds is specifically committed to the construction phase of the 4B Alternative; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Corte Madera acknowledges that minor changes are likely to occur throughout the design phase and that changes that are relatively small in scale shall not be a basis to withdraw our commitment of funds; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Corte Madera's contribution of additional funds is contingent upon the pending Bridge Investment Program application for grant funds being deemed unsuccessful; and

WHEREAS, should another alternative be selected by Caltrans or should the Town's Bridge Investment Program application be approved, these local funds from the Town of Corte Madera will be immediately withdrawn and nullified; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Corte Madera is committed to transferring these funds to Caltrans at the time the project is "ready to list" and advertise for construction bids, which is estimated to occur around June of 2024; and

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 Town of Corte Madera will commit \$2.5 million toward the construction phase of Alternative 4B as 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.
2. The Town of Corte Madera will commit up to an additional \$500,000 toward the construction of supplemental amenities, such as, enhanced landscaping, lighting or other aesthetic improvements.
3. In the event that Alternative 4B is not selected as the formal alternative or constructed, or the Bridge Investment Program application is successfully approved, this commitment of up to \$3.0 million of local funds will be withdrawn and nullified.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Corte Madera, State of California this 17th day of January, 2023, 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 17th day of January, 2023, by the following vote:

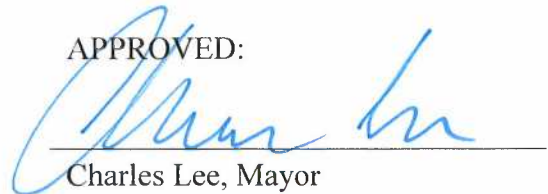
Ayes, and in favor thereof, Councilmembers: Beckman, Casissa, Lee, Ravasio, Thomas

Noes, Councilmembers: - None -

Abstain, Councilmembers: - None -

Absent, Councilmembers: - None -

APPROVED:



Charles Lee, Mayor

ATTEST:



Rebecca Vaughn, Town Clerk