

RESOLUTION R2021-__

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, (1) APPROVING THE CITY OF NAPA BICYCLE PLAN; (2) ADOPTING VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED THRESHOLDS OF SIGNIFICANCE UNDER CEQA; (3) APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN; AND (4) FOR THE CITY OF NAPA BICYCLE PLAN, DETERMINING THAT THE ACTIONS AUTHORIZED BY THIS RESOLUTION WERE ADEQUATELY ANALYZED BY A PREVIOUS CEQA ACTION

WHEREAS, the City of Napa Bicycle Plan was developed as a component of the Napa Countywide Bicycle Plan prepared by Napa Valley Transportation Authority; and

WHEREAS, the City of Napa Bicycle Plan establishes four main goals related to the topics of connectivity, equity, safety, and education and encouragement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Napa Bicycle Plan identifies 49 miles of existing bicycle facilities and proposes an additional 59.2 miles of bicycle facilities and 13.2 miles of study corridor area resulting in a bicycle network that connects to key community destination and neighborhoods and closes network gaps; and

WHEREAS, the State of California passed Senate Bill 743 which changed the transportation metric analyzed under the California Environmental Quality Act from Level of Service to Vehicle Miles Traveled; and

WHEREAS, the change from Level of Service to Vehicle Miles Traveled is intended to balance the needs of congestion management with statewide goals related to infill development, transit investments, promotion of public health through active transportation, and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the State of California Office of Planning and Research provided recommendations regarding significance thresholds under Senate Bill 743 for residential, office, and retail projects; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered all information related to this matter, as presented at the public meetings of the City Council identified herein, including any supporting reports by City Staff, and any information provided during public meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Napa, as follows:

ATTACHMENT 1

1. The City Council hereby finds that the facts set forth in the recitals to this Resolution are true and correct, and establish the factual basis for the City Council's adoption of this Resolution.

2. The City Council, in its capacity as "Responsible Agency" with respect to the implementation of the Napa Countywide Bicycle Plan, hereby determines that the potential environmental effects of the actions authorized by this Resolution related to the City of Napa Bicycle Plan were adequately analyzed by the "Final Initial Study – Mitigated Negative Declaration" for the Napa Countywide Bicycle Plan dated September 2019 and prepared by Rincon Consultants, Inc. and adopted by the Napa Valley Transportation Authority at its regular meeting on October 23, 2019, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15096.

3. The City Council hereby makes the following findings as required by the City of Napa General Plan Chapter 10, Paragraph A-1.4:

That the proposed amendment is in the public interest, and that it is internally consistent with other goals, policies and programs of the General Plan.

The proposed amendment to the Transportation Element of the General Plan is in the public interest as it would establish bicycle goals and policies and proposed bicycle facilities to facilitate the development of a well-connected bicycle network throughout the City of Napa, as well as establish Vehicle Miles Traveled policies that balance the needs of congestion management with statewide goals related to infill development, transit investments, promotion of public health through active transportation, and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

The proposed amendment is consistent with several goals and objectives of the General Plan including the following major transportation objectives:

Create a citywide transportation system that allows users to choose from a variety of safe transportation options including an adequate system of streets, transit, pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

Minimize the negative effects of additional automobile traffic and other transportation.

4. The City Council hereby approves the City of Napa Bicycle Plan attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

5. The City Council hereby adopts the Vehicle Miles Traveled thresholds of significance attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and incorporated herein by reference pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.7 for purposes of analyzing transportation impacts under CEQA.

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6. The City Council hereby approves an amendment to the Transportation Element of the City of Napa General Plan attached hereto as Exhibit "C" and incorporated herein by reference to make the Transportation Element consistent with the City of Napa Bicycle Plan and to incorporate the new thresholds of significance for transportation impacts.

7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Napa at a public meeting of said City Council held on the 4th day of May, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST: _____
Tiffany Carranza
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Michael W. Barrett
City Attorney