

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, DIRECTING THE EXPENDITURE OF SENATE BILL 1 FUNDS ON ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED CENSUS TRACTS AND LOW-INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS IN THE CITY OF FRESNO

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (SB1) was passed by the Legislature and Signed into law by the Governor in April 2017 in order to address the significant multi-modal transportation funding shortfalls statewide; and

WHEREAS, SB1 includes accountability and transparency provisions that will ensure the residents of our City are aware of the projects proposed for funding in our community and which projects have been completed each fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, cities and counties own and operate more than 81% of streets and roads in California, and from the moment we open our front door to drive to work, bike to school, or walk to the bus station, people are dependent upon a safe, reliable local transportation network; and

WHEREAS, SB1 funds may be used for including, but not limited to road maintenance and rehabilitation, safety projects, railroad grade separations, complete street components, and traffic control devices; and

WHEREAS, the City must adopt a list of all projects proposed to receive funding from the SB1, created by SB1 by resolution, which must include a description and the location of each proposed project, a proposed schedule for the project's completion, and the estimated useful life of the improvements; and

WHEREAS, Our 2035 General Plan, which is the guiding document to the city's growth, directs us to prioritize neighborhoods with a history of neglect and where vulnerable populations live.

WHEREAS our 2035 General Plan directs us to invest funding in ways that meet the needs of people with physical disabilities, school children, and neighborhoods where people have less access to cars. (General Plan Policy MT-5-A)

WHEREAS, our 2025 General Plan also warns city leaders not to adopt "one size fits all" approach to things like road improvements

WHEREAS, our Active Transportation Plan tells us to "improve geographic equity of access to walking and biking facilities", and "equitably improve the safety of walking and biking in Fresno" (Executive Summary)

WHEREAS, modernizing the local street and road system provides well-paying construction jobs and boosts local economies; and

WHEREAS, SB1 can be a tool to provide benefits to low-income and disadvantaged communities that have faced significant and persistent inequities due to historical and well documented marginalization; and

WHEREAS, the local street and road system is also critical for farm to market needs, interconnectivity, multimodal needs, and commerce; and

WHEREAS, police, fire, and emergency medical services all need safe reliable roads to react quickly to emergency calls and a few minutes of delay can be a matter of life and death; and

WHEREAS, maintaining and preserving the local street and road system in good condition will reduce drive times and traffic congestion, improve bicycle safety, and

make the pedestrian experience safer and more appealing, which leads to reduce vehicle emissions helping the State achieve its air quality and greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals; and

WHEREAS, the SB1 project list and overall investment in our local streets and roads infrastructure with a focus on basic maintenance and safety, investing in complete streets infrastructure, and using cutting-edge technology, materials and practices, will have significant positive co-benefits statewide.

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

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.
2. Projects partially or fully funded with SB1 revenues shall be included in a 5-year plan with resident input and approval from the City Council.
3. In selecting projects using SB1 revenues, priority shall be given to projects near schools, low-income neighborhoods and economically disadvantaged census tracts and under resourced communities that lack basic safety infrastructure such as sidewalks, bike lanes, signal lights which pose a safety hazard to children, disabled and seniors.
4. Funds shall prioritize existing (pre 1990) communities and neighborhoods.
5. The City shall seek construction of complete street development to include sidewalks and bike lanes in any road or bridge work.
7. To the extent allowed by SB1 funding, City employees, local workforce and pre-apprenticeship participation will be prioritized.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, YVONNE SPENCE, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____ 2019.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: _____, 2019
Mayor Approval/No Return: _____, 2019
Mayor Veto: _____, 2019
Council Override Vote: _____, 2019

YVONNE SPENCE, MMC CRM
City Clerk

By: _____
Deputy Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN
City Attorney

By: _____
Brandon M. Collet Date
Senior Deputy

Attachment: Exhibit A (if applicable)