

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023 -**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY FOR THE PREPARATION AND APPROVAL OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FOR THE I-5/SR-15/HARBOR DRIVE 2.0 CONNECTED CORRIDOR PROJECT.**

**WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) desires to enter into a 5 year Memorandum Of Agreement (MOA) with the City of National City (City) for the preparation and approval of the environmental document for the I-5/SR-15/Harbor Drive 2.0 Connected Corridor project in anticipation of future funding to be identified; and

**WHEREAS**, the former Mayor of the City of National City, Alejandra Sotelo-Solis expressed strong support for this project; and

**WHEREAS**, this project proposes to introduce connected all-day and off-peak dedicated truck lanes and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) technologies along Harbor Drive and connecting arterials to I-5 and SR-15 in San Diego and National City to address community concerns of truck traffic in residential communities while improving connections and travel times between the Working Waterfront, I-5 and SR-15, and intermodal freight facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed ITS improvements will support the development of a connected and sustainable freight corridor, improve access and circulation, manage truck travel on designated routes, and expand transportation mobility options for the working waterfront; and

**WHEREAS**, the attached MOA outlines the terms and responsibilities of both parties where the City will participate as a member of the Project Development Team; and

**WHEREAS**, contribution from the City will be in the form of in-kind staff resources, as the MOU requires that the City actively participate in the entire process as a reviewer; and

**WHEREAS**, Caltrans is also requesting that the City contribute to this project by issuing encroachment approvals; and

**WHEREAS**, staff has reviewed the MOA, and is in agreement with the terms; and

**WHEREAS**, staff recommends Council adopt the resolution authorizing City Manager or designee to execute MOA between Caltrans and the City of National City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1:** That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager or designee to execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the California Department of Transportation and the City of National City, attached to the Agenda Report as Exhibit A for the preparation and approval of the environmental document for the I-5/SR-15/Harbor Drive 2.0 Connected Corridor project.

**Section 2:** That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions.

**PASSED and ADOPTED this 7th day of February, 2023.**

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Ron Morrison, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Shelley Chapel, Interim City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Barry J. Schultz, City Attorney