

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 -

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT, THE SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS, THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO, AND THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY FOR COLLABORATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HARBOR DRIVE 2.0 PORT ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2023, the City Council of the City of National City (“City”) adopted Resolution No. 2023-07 authorizing execution of a five-year Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) with the California Department of Transportation (“Caltrans”) to prepare and approve the environmental document for the I-5/SR-15/Harbor Drive 2.0 Connected Corridor project (the “Original Project”); and

WHEREAS, the initial scope of the Original Project included the introduction of dedicated truck lanes for all-day and off-peak hours, as well as the implementation of Intelligent Transportation Systems (“ITS”) technologies along Harbor Drive and the connecting arterials to I-5 and SR-15 in the cities of San Diego and National City; and

WHEREAS, after the MOA was executed, the scope of the Original Project was expanded to include the construction of the Vesta Street Bridge, along with the installation of ITS technologies on Harbor Drive; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Vesta Street Bridge will provide direct vehicular connectivity between the east and west sections of Naval Base San Diego, which are currently separated by rail lines and Harbor Drive; and

WHEREAS, with the expanded scope, the project title for the Original Project changed to the Harbor Drive 2.0 Port Access Improvements Project (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Project also involves additional agencies not parties to the initial MOA, including the San Diego Unified Port District, the San Diego Association of Governments, and the City of San Diego (in addition to the parties to the original MOA, Caltrans and the City of National City); and

WHEREAS, the Memorandum of Understanding between the aforementioned agencies (“MOU”) will have a term of five years and aims for all parties involved to collaborate in the development and planning of the Project; and

WHEREAS, City staff recommends executing the MOU with Caltrans, the San Diego Unified Port District, the San Diego Association of Governments, and the City of San Diego for collaboration in the development and implementation of the Project.

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 Understanding between the San Diego Unified Port District, the San Diego Association of Governments, the California Department of Transportation, the City of San Diego, and the City of National City for collaboration in the development and implementation of the Harbor Drive 2.0 Port Access Improvements Project. The Memorandum of Understanding is attached to the Agenda Report as Exhibit A.

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 6th day of May, 2025.

Ron Morrison, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shelley Chapel, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Barry J. Schultz, City Attorney