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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 314871

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE MAY 2 5 2023

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO DETERMINING THAT APPLICATION, ACCEPTANCE, AND EXPENDITURE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO SUPPORT THE LA MEDIA IMPROVEMENT SIEMPRE VIVA TO TRUCK ROUTE PROJECT IS STATUTORILY EXEMPT FROM CEQA PURSUANT TO STATE CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15262.

WHEREAS, the La Media Improvement Siempre Viva to Truck Route Capital
Improvements Program (CIP) project (Project) will reconstruct La Media Road to improve safety
and roadway conditions for truck traffic traveling to the Otay Mesa Port of Entry; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego (City) is seeking to apply for, secure, and expend Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending (CPF/CDS) grant funds to support preliminary engineering, design, and right-of-way review for the Project; and

WHEREAS, this includes project planning activities such as, but not limited to, project design, cost estimates, scheduling, funding plan, funding allocation, surveys and associated technical report preparation, and a Preliminary Environmental Assessment; and

WHEREAS, within the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code section 21000, et seq.), Public Resources Code section 21084 states that the CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15000, et seq.) adopted by the California Office of Planning and Research under Public Resources Code section 21083 shall list those classes of projects which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which shall be exempt from CEQA; and

WHEREAS, California Public Resources Code section 21084, which is a part of CEQA, states that the CEQA Guidelines shall list those classes of projects which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which shall be exempt from CEQA; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to that authority, CEQA Guidelines sections 15260 through 15285 list the statutory CEQA exemptions promulgated by the California State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, City staff have determined that this action is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15262 entitled "Feasibility and Planning Studies"; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego City Council (Council) has considered the potential environmental effects of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Council, using its independent judgment, has determined that this action will not have a significant effect on the environment because it meets the requirement of CEQA Guidelines section 15262, as involving only a feasibility or planning study for possible future actions; and

WHEREAS, the Council has held a public hearing, and has reviewed and considered the written and verbal testimony and evidence presented at or before the public hearing, regarding the subject matter of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the City Attorney has drafted this resolution based on the information provided by City staff with the understanding that this information is complete, true, and accurate; NOW, THEREFORE,

TODD GLORIA, Mayor

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this action will not result in a significant effect on the environment and is statutorily exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines section 15262.

Vetoed:

(date)