

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING FREEWAY MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT (SCR-1-2.25 HARKINS SLOUGH ROAD OC) BETWEEN THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AND THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CALTRANS) FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS AT HARKINS SLOUGH ROAD CROSSING OF STATE ROUTE 1; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME

WHEREAS, on June 4, 1965, the City and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) executed a Freeway Maintenance Agreement, wherein the parties consented to certain adjustments of the local street and road system required for the development of a certain portion of Highway (SR) 1, declared a freeway; and

WHEREAS, on October 3, 1967, the City and Caltrans executed a Freeway Maintenance Agreement whereby the parties clarified the division of maintenance responsibility as to separation structures and city streets or portions thereof, and landscaped areas, within Highway (SR) 1; and

WHEREAS, this Freeway Maintenance Agreement is not meant to replace or supersede the agreements; and

WHEREAS, through this Freeway Maintenance Agreement, the City and Caltrans identify the maintenance responsibilities at the interface between the State highway right-of-way and the City right-of-way for the proposed overpass widening project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. This action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), in that executing a Freeway Maintenance Agreement with Caltrans does not meet CEQA's definition of a "project," because the action does not have the potential for resulting in

either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and if a “project,” is exempt under the “common sense” exception (14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15061(b)(3)) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this action may have a significant effect on the environment.

2. That the Freeway Maintenance Agreement between the City of Watsonville and Caltrans, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, is hereby approved.

3. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement for and on behalf of the City of Watsonville with minor revisions that may be approved by the City Manager and the City Attorney.
