

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (CM)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND CALLING FOR BIDS FOR THE SAFER ACCESS TO PAJARO VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL AND BEYOND PROJECT, NO. ST-25-14859 (ESTIMATED COST OF \$11,700,000 WILL BE FUNDED FROM THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM GRANT FUND, THE EAST HIGHWAY 1 IMPACT FEES AND SEWER FUND)**

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, the City of Watsonville was awarded a \$11.7 million Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant for the Harkin Slough Road Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Improvements. The grant includes \$10,541,000 for the construction of improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 21, 2025, the Council adopted Resolution No. 100-25 (CM) accepting this funding and directing the City Manager to execute the Program Supplemental for the project.

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

1. The Safer Access to Pajaro Valley High School and Beyond Project qualifies as Categorically Exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Class 1, example (c): Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety), and other alterations such as the additional of bicycle facilities, including but not limited to bicycle parking, bicycle-share facilities and bicycle lanes, transit improvements such as bus lanes, pedestrian crossings, street trees, and other similar alterations that do not create

additional automobile lanes. Public Works staff have filed a Notice of Exemption with the Santa Cruz County Clerk.

2. That the plans and specifications for the Safer Access to Pajaro Valley High School and Beyond Project, No. ST-25-14859, copies of which are on file in the Office of the City Clerk and incorporated by reference in this Resolution, are hereby approved.

3. That the Purchasing Officer is hereby authorized and directed to call for public competitive sealed bids in accordance with Title 7, Chapter 14 of the Watsonville Municipal Code for the above-named project, and that the bids are to be opened in the “Old City Council Chambers”, 250 Main Street, Watsonville, California, on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., and the City Clerk is hereby directed to give notice inviting such sealed bids in the time, form, and manner provided by law.

4. That hand-carried bids should be delivered to the City of Watsonville, 250 Main Street, Watsonville, California, c/o Purchasing Officer. Bidders may mail bids at their own risk to the City of Watsonville, c/o Purchasing Officer, 250 Main Street, Watsonville, California 95076.

5. That after the bids are opened, they shall be tabulated and analyzed and a report submitted to the City Manager, who shall recommend the awarding, or other action, to the Council at its next regular meeting, or as soon thereafter as possible.

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