

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE ACCEPTING FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION SAFE ROUTES FOR ALL GRANT FUNDING, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$320,000 FOR PREPARATION OF TRANSPORTATION PLANS AND STUDIES, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION AND ALL NECESSARY AMENDMENTS IN A FORM APPROVED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY; AND APPROPRIATE SUCH FUNDS TO THE SPECIAL GRANTS FUND [260]

WHEREAS, the City of Watsonville submitted a grant proposal to the Federal Highway Administrations (FHWA) Safe Streets for All program and received a grant in the amount of \$320,000 for development of an Active Transportation Plan, a Local Road Safety Plan and a Citywide Plan Line Study.

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

1. Approval of the Grant Agreement is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it can be seen with certainty based on substantial evidence in the record that the approval constitutes a government fiscal activity that does not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. (CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4).

Further, the approval is an administrative activity that would not have the potential to either (1) cause a direct physical change in the environment or (2) cause a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment due to preparation of the Active Transportation Plan, Local Road Safety Plan and Citywide Plan Line Study. Therefore, any CEQA analysis would be speculative at this time. Even if approval of the agreement

were to be considered a project under CEQA, it would be exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3). Approval of the agreement is an administrative action involving no physical change in the environment and does not enable or otherwise affect development. Therefore, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the agreement approval may have a significant effect on the environment.

2. That the Council hereby accepts the FHWA Safe Street for All grant funds, in the amount of \$320,000 for preparation of transportation plans and studies.

3. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute an agreement with the FHWA.

4. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate and execute on behalf of the City of Watsonville all necessary amendments in a form approved by the City Attorney.

5. That the \$320,000 in grant funds is hereby appropriated to the Special Grants Fund [0260] to a new project created by the Finance Department.
