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RESOLUTION NO 2011-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE ALBANY BICYCLE MASTER PLAN TO UPGRADE THE PLANNED BUCHANAN STREET CLASS II BIKE LANE TO A CLASS I BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN PATH

WHEREAS, the City Council ("City Council") adopted the Albany Bicycle Master Plan ("BMP") in 2003; and

WHEREAS, one of the primary goals of the City's BMP is to use available state and federal funding for the implementation of the bicycle improvements described in the BMP in Albany; and

WHEREAS, The Buchanan Bikeway project is one of the projects identified in the BMP as one of high priority; and

WHEREAS, the City has secured \$1.7 million in federal funds to build the Buchanan Bikeway project, however a funding gap of \$650,000 still exists; and

WHEREAS, a potential opportunity to close the existing funding gap for the Buchanan Street Class I path has been identified through the Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA); and

WHEREAS, the BTA program requires that any project for which funding is being sought be described in a manner consistent with its description in the BMP;; and

WHEREAS, the 2003 Albany BMP lists the Buchanan Street project as a Class II bike lane; and

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WHEREAS, in 2005, the City conducted the Buchanan Connectivity and Safety Study with the purpose of addressing the safety concerns of pedestrians and cyclists. The study found that a Class I bicycle path could be implemented along the south side of Buchanan Street; and

WHEREAS, the deadline to submit the application is March 18, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the BMP is currently in the process of being updated and will not be finalized until summer 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Albany City Council that the amendment to the current Bicycle Master Plan, upgrading the Buchanan Street project to a Class I path as submitted, is hereby approved and adopted. Copies of the Bicycle Plan are on file in the City Clerk's Office and are hereby referred to, incorporated herein, and made part of this Resolution, as though set forth in full. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution, and this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Farid Javandel, Mayor