

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING THE INITIAL STUDY-MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE CITY OF ALBANY ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of Albany has prepared a Active Transportation Plan (ATP); and

WHEREAS, the Active Transportation Plan is defined as a "project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and is thus subject to environmental review; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ATP includes numerous policies, strategies and measures for improving the City's bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City retained the consulting firm Fehr & Peers and sub consultant Questa Engineering to prepare an Initial Study of the proposed Active Transportation Plan and determined that the ATP will not have a significant effect on the environment; and

WHEREAS, CEQA does not require a detailed evaluation of all projects that could conceivably be developed consistent with Active Transportation Plan policies but rather requires the City to conduct project-level environmental review for subsequent projects, as appropriate; and

WHEREAS, although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project, will be incorporated by the City in the implementation of the Active Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, copies of the Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) were delivered to the State Clearinghouse, the Alameda County Clerk-Recorder's Office and other interested parties and agencies on February 15, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the City provided public notice of the availability of the IS-MND for public review and posted copies of the document on the City of Albany website for over 30 days; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the record for the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Active Transportation Plan, including the Initial Study, all written and oral comments and the written responses thereto, and, based on the independent judgment of the Council, finds that the Mitigated Negative Declaration, supported by the Mitigation Monitoring Program, is the appropriate document to comply fully with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act; and

WHEREAS, the Albany City Council held a duly noticed public hearing on the Active Transportation Plan and the Draft CEQA documents; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council adopts the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the City of Albany Active Transportation Plan.

Twid June MAYOR



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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,

the 16th day of April, 2012, by the following votes:

AYES: Council Members Wile, Thomsen, and Mayor Javandel

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

RECUSED: Council Member Lieber, and Vice Mayor Atkinson

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this 17th

Day of April, 2012.

Eileen Harrington

DEPUTY CITY CLERK

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