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**RESOLUTION #09-37**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE CITY’S APPLICATION FOR A SAFE ROUTES TO TRANSIT GRANT (SR2T) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SEGMENT I AND II OF THE BUCHANAN BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PATH.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Albany is about to complete 35% Plans, Specifications and Estimates and environmental work for the Buchanan Bicycle and Pedestrian Path project; and

**WHEREAS**, The Buchanan Bicycle and Pedestrian Path project ranked top priority in the Alameda Countywide Bicycle Plan because it would close the existing east-west gap between the Ohlone Greenway and the Bay Trail and its significance in providing regional access to major transit stations, such as El Cerrito Plaza BART Station and AC Transit 72 Rapid and other regional bus lines along San Pablo Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the SR2T is being funded by Regional Measure 2 (RM2) and the program is administered by TransForm and the East Bay Bicycle Coalition; and

**WHEREAS**, the SR2T program awards \$20 million in grants to facilitate walking and bicycling to regional transit. By improving the safety and convenience of biking and walking to regional transit, SR2T will give commuters the opportunity to leave their cars at home, and reduce congestion on Bay Area bridges; and,

**WHEREAS** the City of Albany is an eligible recipient of RM2 funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Buchanan Path in its entirety is estimated to cost approximately \$2 million making it difficult for the City to obtain funds from one granting agency; and

**WHEREAS**, building the project in phases makes it feasible for the City to implement this important project and close the existing east-west bicycle and pedestrian

1 gap between the Ohlone Greenway and the Bay Trail and provide improved access to  
2 major regional transit stations.

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4 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

5 That the City Council at its July 20, 2009 meeting adopt this Resolution supporting the  
6 City of Albany application to the SR2T program for construction of Segment I and II of  
7 the Buchanan Bicycle and Pedestrian Path.

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Marge Atkinson, Mayor