

RESOLUTION 2023-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORTUNA APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR CALTRANS RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES GRANTS

WHEREAS, the improvement of the City's interchanges with Highway 101 in the City of Fortuna is critical to the natural growth of the City and without improvement may limit the future residential projects and economic development in the City; and

WHEREAS, there are currently no non-motorized routes suitable for crossing Highway 101 and if successful this grant may provide the resources necessary to implement a solution to provide non-motorized routes between Highway 101; and

WHEREAS, it is unlikely that the City will be able to fund the needed improvements to the interchanges with Highway 101 without grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fortuna certifies by resolution the approval of the APPLICATION to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fortuna City Council of the City of Fortuna hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an APPLICATION for the Caltrans Reconnecting Communities Grants
2. Certifies that the city will leverage any funds that become available and can finance 100 percent of the Project, of which the eligible expenses will be reimbursed.
3. Certifies that the 12th Street and Kenmar Road Interchange Modernization, and the Kenmar Road and S. Fortuna Boulevard/Ross Hill Road Intersection projects have been identified in the 2021 Local Road Safety Plan and are priorities for funding.
4. Certifies that the highway and boulevard projects listed in *Section 3*, above, are imperative to not only relieve traffic congestion and improve road safety but to spur economic growth, housing development, active transportation, and emissions reduction.
5. Certifies that the city is currently in the engaged the community during the development of its Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant and will build upon the partnership and relationships developed during that process to maximize community engagement and involvement during the Caltrans Reconnecting Community grant process.
6. Designates the City Manager as the agent of the APPLICANT to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, amendments, payment requests, and compliance with all applicable current state and federal laws which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned PROJECT.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 18th day of September 2023, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Tami Trent, Mayor

ATTEST:

Siana Emmons, City Clerk