HERCULES CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. XX -

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERCULES AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HSIP) CYCLE 12 GRANT FOR THE SYCAMORE AVENUE BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN EAST-WEST CONNECTOR PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) is a federal-aid program aimed at reducing traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans administers HSIP funds through a competitive selection process to support eligible local government projects that enhance safety and connectivity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hercules has been awarded \$350,000 through the HSIP Cycle 12 Grant Program to fund the Sycamore Avenue Bicycle & Pedestrian East-West Connector Project; and

WHEREAS, the Sycamore Avenue Corridor under Interstate 80 (I-80) and the BNSF railroad overcrossing poses critical safety risks for pedestrians and cyclists due to poor infrastructure, visibility issues, and a history of accidents; and

WHEREAS, the project will connect San Pablo Avenue bike lanes to Refugio Valley Road and Refugio Park pathways on the south side of Sycamore Avenue, and create a Class II bike lane and multipurpose trail extending from Creekside Center to John Muir Parkway and the Regional Intermodal Transit Center on the north side; and

WHEREAS, the project will significantly reduce traffic collisions, enhance pedestrian and cyclist safety, and link key community hubs, including local schools, the Civic Center, and residential areas, while bridging three Plan Bay Area 2050 Growth Geographies; and

WHEREAS, the \$350,000 HSIP grant will be used to support the construction phase of this vital project, with City staff continuing to pursue additional funding opportunities to complete the \$1.7 million project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Hercules as follows:

- The City Council hereby accepts the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Cycle 12 grant award of \$350,000 for the Sycamore Avenue Bicycle & Pedestrian East-West Connector Project.
- 2. The City Council authorizes the City Manager, or his designee, to manage and oversee the use of the grant funds and to take all necessary actions to implement the project.

The foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Hercules held on the 11th day of March 2025, by the following vote of the Council:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Dion Bailey, Mayor

ATTEST:

Eibleis Melendez, City Clerk