RESOLUTION NO. 2024-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL DIRECTING STAFF TO PREPARE DESIGNS FOR A NEW CONFIGURATION FOR THE KAINS AND ADAMS BIKEWAY INCLUDING ADDITIONAL INTERSECTION TREATMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT THE PROJECT FOR A GRANT AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, in April 2012, the City Council adopted the Albany Active Transportation Plan (ATP), which serves as the City's bicycle master plan and pedestrian master plan; and

WHEREAS, during adoption of the ATP, the City Council determined that more analysis and public outreach was needed prior to consideration of the Adams Street Bicycling Route (Project 6) and Kains Avenue Bicycle Boulevard (Project 10) concepts to provide two-way cycling facilities parallel to San Pablo Avenue; and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2017, the City Council reviewed the Adams Street & Kains Avenue Traffic Calming & Bikeway Study and requested that the Traffic & Safety Commission develop a recommendation for a pilot program of the project; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2019, the City Council approved designs for the pilot project and directed staff to include the project in the next update to the Capital Improvement Plan as a pilot with a duration of one year; and

WHEREAS, in January 2023, contractors for the City began installing the pilot, with substantial completion in February 2023 and minor additional work completed in May 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Commission has reviewed a staff-level analysis of the year-long pilot project and recommended that Council direct staff to prepare designs to implement the contraflow bicycle lane option while giving serious consideration to maintaining the existing pilot configuration and implementing the two-way through traffic with forced right turns configuration due to the Transportation Commission's uncertainty and out of respect for absent Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans provides planning grants to municipal governments for various types of transportation initiatives. In fiscal year 2024-2025, Caltrans will award approximately $568 million in grants for local and regional active transportation projects that are consistent with their Active Transportation Program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council does hereby:

1. Direct staff to prepare designs for a revised layout of Kains and Adams that includes: 1-way motor vehicle traffic, a contraflow bicycle lane, parallel parking, wayfinding signage, additional intersection treatments to facilitate safer crossings at all intersections, and additional measures to address vehicle volumes on the 700 and 800 block of Kains and the 900 block of Adams; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to submit a grant application for the Kains and Adams Bikeway to the California Active Transportation Program and enter into a funding agreement with Caltrans upon award of a grant.

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JOHN MIKI, MAYOR