

Resolution No. 2024-XXX N.C.S.
of the City of Petaluma, California

**AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE
COOPERATIVE FUNDING AGREEMENT NO. G31301E1J BETWEEN
THE SONOMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (SCTA)
AND THE CITY OF PETALUMA FOR THE PETALUMA TRANSIT EXPANSION PROJECT
UNDER THE MOVE TRAFFIC AND IMPROVE SAFETY PROGRAM AS PART OF THE GO
SONOMA EXPENDITURE PLAN**

WHEREAS, the SCTA Board of Directors adopted a Strategic Implementation Plan that sets forth its program and implementation policies with regard to the use of funds provided under the 2020 Go Sonoma Act Expenditure Plan and Ordinance (Go Sonoma) approved by the voters of Sonoma County on November 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Petaluma Transit was successfully awarded \$2,031,000 dollars in funding for the Transit Expansion Project through the Move Traffic and Improve Safety Program; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Go Sonoma MTIS funds require matching funds and Petaluma Transit will contribute \$406,200 from local TDA transit enterprise funds to this project work and has the available funds to do so; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Go Sonoma and the Strategic Implementation Plan, SCTA and Petaluma Transit would like to enter into a Cooperative Funding Agreement to define the framework to enable the two parties to work cooperatively in developing transportation improvements that get people moving and improve safety in Sonoma County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(2), in that entering into cooperative agreements does not meet CEQA’s definition of a “project,” because the action does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and because this action constitutes administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment; and

WHEREAS, if this action qualified as a “project” under CEQA, it would be exempt under the Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3)), as the funds will be allocated to expanding the City’s existing public transit system, with the goal of reducing vehicle miles traveled (VMT) by single-occupancy vehicles.

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

1. That the above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution as findings.
2. Finds that the proposed action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(2), in that entering into cooperative agreements does not meet CEQA’s definition of a “project,” because the action does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and because this action constitutes administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. And if this action qualified as a “project” under CEQA, it would be exempt under the Common Sense Exemption

(CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3)), as the funds will be allocated to expanding the City’s existing public transit system, with the goal of reducing vehicle miles traveled (VMT) by single-occupancy vehicles.

3. Authorizes the City Manager to execute Cooperative Funding Agreement No. G31301E1J between the Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) and the City of Petaluma.

Under the power and authority conferred upon this Council by the Charter of said City.

REFERENCE:

I hereby certify the foregoing Resolution was introduced and adopted by the Council of the City of Petaluma at a Regular meeting on the 18 of November 2024, by the following vote:

Approved as to
form:

City Attorney

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor