Resolution No. 2023-XXX N.C.S.
of the City of Petaluma, California

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE MASTER AGREEMENT FOR THE TRANSIT AND INTERCITY RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM (TIRCP) FOR FLEET ELECTRIFICATION AND BUS STOP FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the City of Petaluma wishes to continue to improve the Transit and Paratransit systems to help fulfill the Petaluma Climate Action Emergency Framework; and

WHEREAS, the City of Petaluma received $3,080,000 in state funding from the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) for three transit projects; and

WHEREAS, the statutes related to state-funded transit projects require a local or regional implementing agency to abide by various regulations; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 862 (2014) named the Department of Transportation (Department) as the administrative agency for the TIRCP; and

WHEREAS, the Department has developed guidelines to administer and distribute TIRCP funds to eligible project sponsors (local agencies); and

WHEREAS, any future action due to the use of the grant funds will receive its own analysis under CEQA, however, purchasing transit facility and bus stop improvements and replacing diesel buses with zero-emission buses, with no increase in service will likely be exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061, the commonsense exemption; and

WHEREAS, the City of Petaluma has previously delegated authority to execute these documents and any amendments thereto to Peggy Flynn, City Manager, or her designee; and

WHEREAS, the City of Petaluma wishes to implement the following TIRCP project(s) listed above.

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

1. Declares the above recitals to be true and correct and are incorporated herein as findings of this Resolution.

2. The proposed action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as purchasing one zero-emission bus to replace an existing diesel bus, with no increase in service is exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061, the commonsense exemption, and CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 which exempts minor alterations to existing operations. The bus stop improvements and transit facility improvements are exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (repair of existing facilities) and 15303 (construction of small structures).

3. Agrees that the fund recipient must comply with all conditions and requirements outlined in the Certification and Assurances document and applicable statutes, regulations, and guidelines for all TIRCP-funded transit projects.

4. Hereby authorizes the submittal of the following project nomination(s) and allocation request(s) to the Department in FY 22/23 through FY 26/27 TIRCP funds:

Project Name: Transit Facility Improvements (Electrification) – Phase 2
Amount of TIRCP funds requested: $940,000.
Short description of the project: This project will replace 10 diesel and gasoline fixed route and paratransit/micro transit buses, which will have reached the end of their useful life, with zero-emission buses in FY 23/24.

Project Name: Bus Stop Improvements
Amount of TIRCP funds requested: $412,000.
Short description of the project: The project will provide bus stop improvements throughout Petaluma in the form of more bus shelters, benches, trash cans, concrete accessibility, and passenger waiting pads, solar security lighting, maps, etc.

Project Name: Bus Fleet Replacement and Electrification
Amount of TIRCP funds requested: $1,728,000.
Short description of the project: This project provides fleet replacement and expansion for fixed routes and paratransit services to offer more service and meet growing demand.

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 15th day of May 2023, by the following vote:	Approved as to form:
		_____
		City Attorney
AYES:		
NOES:		
ABSENT:		
ABSTAIN:		
ATTEST:	_____	_____
	City Clerk	Mayor