SUMMARY

The Albany Hill Access Improvements Project (Project) involves design and construction of trail improvements to the Albany Hill Park including construction of a ADA compliant trail from the parking area at the end of Taft Street to the summit. City staff has completed the plans, specifications, estimate (PS&E) and CEQA review for the Project. The proposed project is included in the Capital Improvement Program. On November 8, 2018, the Parks and Recreation Commission recommended that the project design be presented to Council for design approval and call for bids. Staff requests that Council approve the project design and authorize a Call for Bids for the Project.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:
1. Receive a presentation regarding monarch butterfly from Dr. Stuart Weiss of Creekside Science
2. Adopt Resolution 2019-12:
   a. Approving the project design and CEQA Categorical Exemption
   b. Approving a Call for Bids for Albany Hill Access Improvements Project (C19-43)

BACKGROUND

In 2012, Council adopted the Albany Hill Creekside Park Master Plan which included recommendations to 1) improve the existing trail system to improve safety, access, and circulation; 2) repair existing amenities including benches, viewing areas, and signage and 3) construct a pedestrian bridge across Cerrito Creek at Belmont Avenue. The 2016-2020 CIP approved the Project and established Measure R as a funding source. Included as an attachment to this Staff Report is a high-level status update of Measure R funds. In April 2018, Council approved a design contract with Restoration Design Group (RDG) to prepare design drawings, specification and a construction cost estimate for the project (Resolution No. 2018-39). This work is largely complete.
During the design process, the Project was presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission five times to solicit feedback on specific project elements including trail material for the summit path. Several materials were considered including colored concrete, a boardwalk, stabilized decomposed granite, and several permeable pavement surfaces. Materials selection considered several factors that addressed functionality such as slip resistance, erosion resistance, durability, permeability, cost effectiveness, and aesthetic value/context sensitivity.

RDG, when considering all the performance factors, recommended colored concrete as the preferred trail material above all other options including a raised boardwalk. The raised boardwalk option is significantly more expensive to construct and maintain than colored concrete and has greater ADA compliance issues due to the nature of the materials which reduces the level of service. The perceived aesthetic benefit of a boardwalk over concrete is outweighed by the loss of functionality and the significant cost difference. Parks and Recreation Commissioners commented that there would be additional visual impact due to a required handrail to the boardwalk path. Staff agrees with RDG’s recommendation.

The project design has also been reviewed by the City’s monarch butterfly expert, Dr. Stuart Weiss of Creekside Science. Dr. Weiss’s review of the project concluded that the project would not impact sensitive butterfly habitat on Albany Hill.

The Parks and Recreation Commission also provided design feedback on planned tree removal and potential impacts to Monarch butterfly habitat. Staff incorporated their comments into the design by adding the installation of bird boxes and the use of protective fencing around valuable monarch habitat to the construction documents.

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**DISCUSSION**

The project scope as presented includes trail improvements on the existing trail system between Madison and Jackson and between Jackson and Taft; ADA parking at the Taft Street turnaround, a new ADA Summit trail; and improvements to park entrances at Madison, Jackson and Taft. The project also includes selected tree removals and a new fire hydrant and buried water line to provide fire water service near the summit of the hill and selected tree removals. The Albany Fire Department requested both scope additions.

The Project initially included steps near the intersection of Taft and Hillside Ave to provide access to the summit from the south. These steps would replace the existing informal trail and steps. During the design, the team discovered that the proposed location of the steps is within the 11-acre privately owned parcel on Albany Hill. Consequently, the steps were deleted from this contract. However, the design was advanced such that the steps could be incorporated into a future development proposal of the 11-acre parcel.
The pedestrian bridge across Cerrito Creek which was included in the Albany Hill Creekside Park Master Plan is not included in this contract, although an estimate of the project cost is included in the attached Measure R funding update.

The estimate project cost for this contract is as follows:

- Professional Services: $150,000
- Construction: $971,000
- Contingency: $119,000
- Project Total: $1,240,000

**ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE:**

This project consists of park improvements and minor alterations of land and is determined to be categorically exempt under CEQA.

**SUSTAINABILITY**

The project would benefit the community by making Albany Hill more accessible. The project is consistent with the City’s Strategic Plan Element 3.2.A to prioritize Albany Hill projects. The proposed improvements promote the use of City owned open space as well as residents’ health and wellness.

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

The budget for this project (CIP 41009) was appropriated by Council as part of the City’s Capital Improvement Program last updated on March 19, 2018 (Resolution 2018-36). The following table details the approved budget and funding sources for this project:

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As of December 6, 2018, $158,976 have been incurred from the approved Albany Hill Access Improvements budget. The contract recommended for award in this Staff Report is within the approved budget and no adjustments are needed.
As detailed in the attached Measure R funding update, the projected cost of future planned elements including new steps on lower Taft Street and a Pedestrian/Bike bridge across Cerrito Creek at Belmont Avenue exceed the available budget within Measure R.

**Attachments:**
1. Project Design Drawings
2. CEQA Notice of Exemption
3. Resolution 2019-12
4. Measure R Summary
TAFT TO JACKSON TRAIL (RE-ALIGNED):

- 11,250 SF CLEAR AND GRUB (25' TRAIL CORRIDOR PER O.R. DIRECTION)
- 500 LF TREE AND VEGETATION PROTECTION FENCING
- 500 LF STRAW WATTLES
- ≤12 TREE REMOVALS (ASSUMED APPROX. 24'-30' DBH EUCALYPTUS)
- 450 LF EARTHEN TRAIL WITHIN 25' WIDTH TRAIL CORRIDOR, FINAL LAYOUT BY O.R.
- 150 LF PLACED LOGS
- 30 LF LOG SEATING
- 75 TRAIL STEPS
- 2 DRAIN DIPS, FINAL LAYOUT BY O.R.
- 300 LF OBLITERATE (E) TRAIL (USE FILL FROM PROJECT TO MATCH ADJACENT GRADES)

JACKSON TO MADISON TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS (NO RE-ALIGNMENT):

- HAND WORK ONLY - NO MACHINERY WITHIN THIS AREA

- 1,500 SF CLEAR AND GRUB UNDER O.R. DIRECTION IN THE FIELD
- REMOVE APPROX. (45) TIMBER STEP TREADS, 10 SIGNS AND FOOTINGS
- 1,500 SF SURFACE GRADING (BY HAND) AT (5) SWITCHBACKS, TRAIL STEPS, AND NORTH SPUR AREA
- (45) 1/8 TON BOULDERS AND (45) 1/16 TON BOULDERS AT (5) SWITCHBACKS, LAYOUT BY O.R.
- 125 TRAIL STEPS, LAYOUT BY O.R.
- 50 LF RAIL FENCE, LAYOUT BY O.R.
- 100 LF PLACED LOGS, LAYOUT BY O.R.
- BLOCK SOCIAL TRAILS WITH CLEARED WOODY DEBRIS PER O.R. DIRECTION

BMX AREA:

- 100 CY PLACE PROJECT SOILS AND COMPACT IN LIFTS PER O.R DIRECTION TO RE-NATURALIZE TOPOGRAPHY. TRUCK ACCESS TO BMX AREA VIA PIERCE STREET PER O.R. DIRECTION.

NOTES:

1. PLANS SHOW GENERAL LOCATIONS OF TRAIL AND OTHER EARTHWORKS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SWITCHBACKS, DRAIN DIPS, TIMBER STEP TREADS, FOOTBRIDGES AND FILL LOCATIONS. FOR BIDDING PURPOSES ONLY. FINAL LAYOUT SHALL BE DETERMINED IN THE FIELD BY O.R.

2. GENERAL NOTES ON TRAIL GRADING AND DRAINAGE: ALL TRAILS WILL BE DIRECTED IN THE FIELD BY O.R. TO NATURALIZE TOPOGRAPHY USING EXCESS SITE SOILS. DRAIN DIPS WILL BE DIRECTED IN THE FIELD BY O.R.

3. SEE PLANS FOR ADDITIONAL TRAILHEAD IMPROVEMENTS AT Taft Avenue Turnaround, Jackson Avenue Turnaround and Madison Street End.

4. CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE STAGING PLAN, INCLUDING VEHICLE STORAGE LOCATIONS, VEHICLE REFUSING LOCATIONS, MATERIALS STORAGE LOCATIONS, WASTE STORAGE LOCATIONS, CONSTRUCTION ENTRY/EXIT LOCATIONS, FOR O.R. REVIEW AND APPROVAL PRIOR TO STARTING ANY SITE WORK.

5. PRESERVE NATIVE PLANTS PER O.R. DIRECTION IN THE FIELD.
Clear and grub for new timber stairs; see layout and grading.

Provide tree protection fencing around all trees to remain within L.O.W., typ.

Trees to be removed; typ.

Grind all stumps within L.O.W. to below 8" of finish grade.

Remove wood posts and footings along back of sidewalk.

Provide continuous tree & vegetation protection fencing along northwestern edge of limit of work, layout by O.R.

Remove wood stairs and relocate signage.

Remove wood stairs and salvage.

Provide straw wattles as shown adjacent to proposed stair.

See sheet T-2 for Taft to Jackson trail work.

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CONFORM TO REALIGNED TAFT TO JACKSON TRAIL, SEE SHEET T-2.

PAINT CURB RED, APPROX. 50 LF

BICYCLE RACK

LOG SEATING

SHEET T-2 FOR JACKSON TO MADISON TRAIL INFORMATION.

 LOG SEATING, LAYOUT BY O.R.

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EXISTING SIDEWALK, CURB AND GUTTER TO REMAIN

CONFORM TO EXISTING TRAIL

17 RISERS
TS 229.6
BS 221.6

16 RISERS
TS 221.5
BS 213.5

CONFORM TO REALIGNED TAFT TO JACKSON TRAIL, SEE SHEET T-2.
FOOTBRIDGE OVER SWALE, 12'-0" LENGTH
APPROX ELEVATION 40.5'

TIMBER STAIR (O.T. HARDWARE)
14 RISERS
TS ±47.5
BS ±40.5

RE-INSTALL SIGNAGE PER O.R. DIRECTION AND CITY STANDARDS

SITE BOULDER, LAYOUT BY O.R.

BICYCLE RACK

CONFORM TO EXISTING TRAIL

PLACED LOG

LAYOUT AND GRADING LEGEND

--- 90% SET

--- 1" = 10'-0"

--- ES

--- PR, KB

--- PR, ES

--- SUMMIT ADA TRAIL

--- 4" CONCRETE / 4" BASE COURSE

--- SEE SPECIFICATIONS FOR COLOR REQUIREMENTS

--- PER CITY OF ALBANY STANDARDS

--- COLOR PER CITY OF ALBANY STANDARDS

--- VARIOUS CONCRETE PAVING

--- 8" CONCRETE / 8" BASE COURSE

--- COLOR PER CITY OF ALBANY STANDARDS

--- CONCRETE PAVING/CURB/GUTTER

--- PER CITY OF ALBANY STANDARDS

--- COLOR PER CITY OF ALBANY STANDARDS

--- VEHICULAR CONCRETE PAVING

--- 6" CONCRETE / 6" BASE COURSE

--- COLOR PER CITY OF ALBANY STANDARDS

--- AGGREGATE PAVING

--- CROSSWALK
TIMBER STAIR, 11 RISERS BS 318.0 BS 312.5

6" CONCRETE CURB, TYPE B. TAPER ENDS AT 45° TO MEET EXISTING.

VEHICULAR CONCRETE PAVING AT ADA PARKING STALL AND CROSSWALK. PROVIDE ADA STRIPING AND SIGNAGE PER MUTCD STANDARDS. PAVING SLOPES IN STALL AND CROSSWALK SHALL NOT EXCEED 2%.

RELOCATE VEHICULAR GATE 4-FT FROM BACK OF SIDEWALK.

SIDEWALK, TYPE 2. PROVIDE 16 LF ROLLED CURB AT FIRE ROAD GATE, 18-IN TRANSITION TO STANDARD CURB, EACH SIDE. ENSURE POSITIVE DRAINAGE THROUGH NEW GUTTER SECTION.

PLACE LOG, TYP. L-3.2 7

REGRADE EARTHEN TRAIL (NON-ADA), APPROX 90 LF.

PLACE LOG, TYP.

SITE BOULDER, TYP.

ADA SUMMIT TRAIL

LOG SEATING

6" CURB BEGIN, STATION 13+00 CONFORM TO (E) SIDEWALK, CURB AND GUTTER.

CONFORM TO (E) GRADES AT LIMIT OF WORK.

PLACE FENCE (SEE L-2.1 FOR EXTENTS).

TAFT TURNAROUND
LOG SEATING (RETAINING). MITER ENDS TO FIT TIGHTLY AROUND CIRCLE.

MOUND APPROX. 25 CY NATIVE SOIL AROUND SITE BOULDERS TO RE-NATURALIZE ELEVATIONAL SUMMIT PER O.R. DIRECTION. NO CHANGE TO FIRE ROAD ELEVATIONS.

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CURB CUT, TYP.

EARTHEN TRAIL, TRAIL LAYOUT BY O.R.

SITE BOULDER, TYP.

ADA SUMMIT TRAIL

7" CURB, END, STATION 450+00.

RADII POINT STATION 4+04 AT PATH CENTERLINE.

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EARTHEN TRAIL, TRAIL LAYOUT BY O.R.
ADo SEARCH TRAIL

CURB, SEE PLANS AND DETAILS.
CURB CUTOVF D-WIDTH, CONTINUE TRAIL CROSST-OHROUGH CURB CUT INTO DRAINAGE TRAIL.
1'-0" TO 1'-0" WIDE, 1'-0" DEEP.
ADo SEARCH TRAIL DRAINAGE

SUMMIT TRAIL DRAINAGE

CONCRETE PAVING OR SLAB, INSTALL.

VEHICULAR CONCRETE PAVING

AGGREGATE PAVING

CROSSWALK
EARTHEN TRAIL

SITE BOULDER

TRAIL STEPS

PLACED LOG
L-3.1

ADJACENT FINISH GRADE.

COMPACTED SUBGRADE, BENCH TO ACCEPT STAIRS.

ADJACENT TIMBER, 3"X8" LENGTH.

COMPACTED BASE COURSE

COMPACTED SUBGRADE

LECTAGON, (ONE SIDE ONLY), PER O.R. DIRECTION IN THE FIELD), 1"-10" STD. STEEL PIPE, (1/16" OD FULLY ROLLED AND JOINTS GROOVED SMOOTH); HOT DIP GALVANIZED. SET CENTER POST FOOTING CENTERED ON TREAD PER O.R. DIRECTION, EMBED POST 14 INCHES INTO FOOTING TYP.

CONCRETE FOOTING, 12" DIAMETER, 30" DEPTH INTO FIRM NATURAL GRADE OR COMPACTED SUBGRADE. SET TOP 2" BELOW FINISH GRADE, MIN. 3" ADJACENT FINISH GRADE. EMBED POST, 3"X6 OR 3"X8 AS SHOWN. 6" LENGTH, CENTERED ON BRIDGE. FASTEN WITH 3" LONG SIMPSON SDWS SCREWS, 4 EACH END INTO FINISH GRAIN OF BEAM.

STEEL CONSTRUCTION HEART REDWOOD. USE GRILLE FOOTING AND END POSTS; CORNER POSTS SHALL BE 6 INCHES REPAIRED AS SHOWN. SPACE 12" O.C. MAX (AS SHOWN ON PLANS). POSTS SHALL BE SECURED OUTSIDE OF DECKING DECK ALONG A SUMMIT TRAIL.

RAILS, CONSTRUCTION HEART REDWOOD. 24" CONTINUOUS ON TRAIL SIDE OF POSTS. RAILS SHALL SPAN 3 FT. MINIMUM WIDTH. INSTALL AT ALTITUDE JOINTS - ONE BUTT JOINT ALLOWED AT EACH POST. WOOD JOINTS AT CORNER POST. EXTEND FASTEN 2 POST AS SHOWN. FASTEN AT EACH END OF EACH BOARD WITH (2) SIMPSON SDWS SCREWS. 3" MAX, 5/8" GAPS. CONCRETE POST FOOTING, 3" X 12" MAX. (AS SHOWN ON PLANS). POSTS AT CORNER POST, 10X10 CONSTRUCTION HEART TIMBER, 10" X 10" MAX. BUTT JOINTS AT C OF POSTS. ADDITIONAL CHECKS AND DRILLED HOLES WITH COPPER-GREEN TREATED FOR GROUND CONTACT. FIELD TREAT ALL WOOD MEMBERS FOR FOOTBRIDGE SHALL BE LOCATED OUTSIDE OF "NO STANDING" POSTS.

CONCRETE POST FOOTING, SLOPE TOP TO DRAIN.

COMPACTED BASE COURSE

COMPACTED SUBGRADE

FOOTBRIDGE

RAIL FENCE

WOOD BOLLARD

WASTE RECYCLED FROM A REDWOOD WINE BARREL.

WASTE RECYCLED FROM A REDWOOD WINE BARREL.

ELEVATION

LONG SECTION - +12' LONG BRIDGE

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SECTION

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PLAN CORNER ENLARGEMENT

LONG ENLARGEMENTS, NOT TO SCALE

ELEVATION

SECTION

SCALE: NTS

L-3.2

14" TYP.

TIMBER STAIR

SIDES, TYP.

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BICYCLE RACK

CAST IN PLACE CONCRETE POST FOOTING, SLOPE TOP TO DRAIN AND TO CONCEAL TIMBER AGGREGATE PAVING. DRIVE UNTIL TOP IS FLUSH WITH TOP OF TIMBER TIMBER STAIR.

WOOD CLOSURE PIECE, 3X6 OR 3X8 AS SHOWN. 4'-0" LENGTH, CENTERED ON BRIDGE. FASTEN WITH 3" LONG SIMPSON SDWS SCREWS, 4 EACH END INTO FINISH GRAIN OF BEAM.

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COMPACTED SUBGRADE

HOLD POST 3/4" CLEAR OF TOP TO DRAIN AND TO CONCEAL TIMBER AGGREGATE PAVING. DRIVE UNTIL TOP IS FLUSH WITH TOP OF TIMBER TIMBER STAIR.

WOOD CLOSURE PIECE, 3X6 OR 3X8 AS SHOWN. 4'-0" LENGTH, CENTERED ON BRIDGE. FASTEN WITH 3" LONG SIMPSON SDWS SCREWS, 4 EACH END INTO FINISH GRAIN OF BEAM.

CONCRETE FOOTING, SET TOP OF FOOTING FLUSH WITH BOTTOM OF PAVING SECTION PRIOR TO PAVING.

BIRCH RACK, EMBED MOUNT. BEDWEEVE.COM BY CUSTOM BUILDING BY WOOD BOLLARDS.

CONCRETE PAVING (SHOWN), OR CONCRETE PAVING

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IN EYEWALL-TYP. TIMBERS, FINAL LAYOUT BY O.R. IN FIELD. LENGTH, 6'-3" TYP., 37'-10" MAX. SCALE; TYPICAL TIMBERS MAY BE SITE MILLED OR PURCHASED FROM GREEN WASTE RECYCLE YARD IN RICHMOND, CA (510) 527-9762.

BEAMS, 2"X12" EACH TIMBER, 30" LENGTH. PRE-DRILLED Holes FOR TIGHT FIT. DRIVES INTO SOIL, UNITS TO TOP IS FLUSH WITH TIMBER.

HANDBLADE, (ONE SIDE ONLY), PER O.R. DIRECTION IN THE FIELD), 1"-10" STD. STEEL PIPE, (1/16" OD FULLY ROLLED AND JOINTS GROOVED SMOOTH); HOT DIP GALVANIZED. SET CENTER POST FOOTING CENTERED ON TREAD PER O.R. DIRECTION, EMBED POST 14 INCHES INTO FOOTING TYP.

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BOTTOM AND TOP LANDINGS, AGGREGATE PAVING, HOLD FLUSH TO ADJACENT FINISH GRADE.

BIRCH RACK, BEDWEEVE.COM BY CUSTOM BUILDING BY WOOD BOLLARDS. (510) 523-9864.

AGGREGATE PAVING (SHOWN), OR CONCRETE PAVING

COMPACTED SUBGRADE OR FIRM, NATURAL SOIL.

1/2" Ø X 8" LONG HDG HEX HEAD LAG BOLTS (WITH HDG WASHER) THROUGH SPACERS.

#6 REBAR, 4'-0" LENGTH, 3" PER ABUTMENT TIMBER. DRIVE UNTIL TOP IS FLUSH WITH TOP OF TIMBER TIMBER STAIR.

IN REBAR, 4'-0" LENGTH, 3" PER ABUTMENT TIMBER. DRIVE UNTIL TOP IS FLUSH WITH TOP OF TIMBER TIMBER STAIR.

TIMBER STEP TREAD, AGGREGATE PAVING, SLOPE TOP TO DRAIN AS SHOWN.

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Notice of Exemption

To: □ Office of Planning and Research  From: City of Albany
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  1000 San Pablo Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95814  Albany, CA 94706

☑ County Clerk
County of Alameda

Project Title:  City of Albany – Albany Hill Access Improvements

Project Location - Specific: Albany Hill is an open space located east of Pierce Street, south of Cerrito Creek, west of the terminus of Taft Street and Jackson Street.

Project Location - City:  Albany  Project Location - County:  Alameda

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The park encompasses 15.6 acres on six city-owned parcels, with easements on two acres of land owned by Bayside Commons Condominiums. The park is surrounded by single-family residences on the east and south, and mid-rise and high-rise condominium developments to the west. To the north is Cerrito Creek and the cities of Richmond and El Cerrito. Next to the park to the west is an additional 11 acres of permanent open space owned by Bayside Commons Condominiums, Bridgewater Condominiums and Gateview Condominiums. A single, undeveloped 11-acre residentially-zone parcel owned by the Golden Gate Hill Development Company is located to the southwest.

Existing access to the site is from the ends of Taft, Jackson and Madison Streets and from Pierce Street via a trail at Bayside Commons. In addition, there are many unofficial trails that access the site from adjacent parcels and streets. A compacted earth fire access road enters the Albany Hill portion of the park (also called Overlook Park) from Taft Street and continues on private land to connect to Hillside, Gateview and Pierce Streets. A similar fire access enters Creekside Park through the Bayside Commons Condominium parking lot and dead ends at the confluence of Cerrito and Middle Creeks. No private vehicles are allowed in the park.

The proposed project involves the following elements:

- Trail improvements at Jackson Street entry including timber steps
- Realignment of the trail from Taft Street to Jackson Street
- Creation of an accessible parking area and pedestrian crosswalk within the existing roadway at the northern terminus of Taft Street
- Creation of an accessible concrete trail from northern terminus of Taft Street to the summit of Albany Hill along what is currently an unimproved emergency access path
- Improvements to trail switchbacks from northern terminus of Jackson Street to the Madison trail
- Improvements to the northern spur of the Madison trail
- Improvements to the entry at northern terminus of Madison Street
- Construction of six-foot long foot bridge over an existing storm water swale north of Madison Street
- Realignment of the trail leading north from the northern terminus of Madison Street

Construction of the project will involve

- clear and grub of 13,000 square feet of vegetation
- Remove 15 eucalyptus trees
- Grading of 1,500 square feet of area to allow the slope of the summit trail to meet accessibility guidelines.
- Placement of logs, boulders, and construction of split-rail fences in various locations
- Use of tree protection measures, straw wattles, and silt fencing throughout during construction
Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City Council of the City of Albany

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Albany Public Works Department

Exempt Status: (check one)

- □ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- □ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- □ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
  X Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1 – CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities); Class 4 – CEQA Guidelines Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land)
- □ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project involves minor alteration of existing public trails on public land. This is a local resident-serving open space facility, and thus a negligible expansion of use is expected. Trees have been selected for removal based on their age, health, wildland fire risk, and impacts on trail improvements. As part of project planning and design, the potential impacts of proposed tree removals and trail construction has been evaluated for potential impacts on monarch butterfly habitat. The conclusion of the analysis is that the proposed tree removals are limited to areas where they will not impact current monarch cluster sites, especially those sites downslope where monarchs seek refuge from winter weather. Although the area of work is located within an area determined by the California Department of Conservation to have the potential of earthquake induced landslides, the small amount of grading is not expected to have a significant impact on potential seismic-related hazards.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Contact for categorical exemption: Jeff Bond 510-528-5769. Contact for project design and construction: Robert Gonzales 510-559-4270

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? □ Yes □ No

Signature: Date: Title: Community Development Director

  X Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at OPR:
  □ Signed by Applicant
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING THE CALL FOR BIDS FOR THE ALBANY HILL
ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Albany’s 2017 Strategic Plan Update includes an objective to enhance open space within the city including prioritizing Albany Hill Projects; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany’s Capital Improvement Plan includes the Albany Hill Access Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, the City has prepared the bid and contract documents necessary to bid the Albany Hill Access Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that the project consists of minor modifications to existing facilities and minor alterations to land and is therefore exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council approves the Albany Hill Access Improvements Project design and CEQA Categorical Exemption and authorizes the City Manager to issue a Call for Bids for the Albany Hill Access Improvements Project.

ROCHELLE NASON, MAYOR
### OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

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<td>Open Space - Albany Hill (Fund 1301)</td>
<td>Supports maintenance activities at Albany Hill as detailed in the Albany Hill &amp; Creekside Park MP. Activities include vegetation management (invasive plant removal/native plant establishment), fire prevention mowing, tree removals and Monarch habitat assessments.</td>
<td>$174,295</td>
<td>$86,698</td>
<td>$87,597</td>
<td>Measure R</td>
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<td>Recreation Play Fields (Fund 1302)</td>
<td>Funds the City's contribution to the Tom Bates Field JPA.</td>
<td>$36,883</td>
<td>$30,000</td>
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<td>Creeks (Fund 1303)</td>
<td>Supports maintenance activities at Cerrito Creek.</td>
<td>$237,183</td>
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<td>Open Space - Albany Hill (Fund 2302)</td>
<td>The Albany Hill Access Improvement project is included in the City's adopted CIP. The overall scope includes trail and access improvements at Albany Hill (including an ADA pathway to the summit) and a pedestrian bridge across Cerrito Creek. The project has been divided into three scopes of work that would be executed independently.</td>
<td>$1,673,000</td>
<td>$1,240,000</td>
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<td>Scope 1 - ADA Path &amp; Trail Improvements</td>
<td>Scope includes trail improvements, ADA path, tree removals and water line/hydrant.</td>
<td>$1,240,000</td>
<td>$150,000</td>
<td>$1,090,000</td>
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<td>Scope 2 - Cerrito Creek Bridge</td>
<td>Scope includes pedestrian bridge over Cerrito Creek at Belmont Street.</td>
<td>$350,000</td>
<td>Schedule TBD</td>
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<td>Scope 3 - Taft Street Steps</td>
<td>Scope includes steps at Taft &amp; Hillside.</td>
<td>$190,000</td>
<td>Schedule TBD</td>
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<td>Recreation Play Fields (Fund 2303)</td>
<td>Measure R fund allocated for Recreation Play Fields have been used to fund improvements at city parks. The projects listed below were reflected in 2018/2019 Engineering Report except for the play field improvement assessment which was added in Nov 2018.</td>
<td>$314,496</td>
<td>$26,354</td>
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<td>CIP 41001 - Peggy Thompson PSP</td>
<td>Funding contributed to construction of the park</td>
<td>$26,354</td>
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<td>CIP 41002 - Ocean View Park Drainage Improvements</td>
<td>Funding contributed to construction drainage improvements at the ball field.</td>
<td>$3,180</td>
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<td>CIP 41006 - Bocce Courts</td>
<td>Scope includes construction of a bocce court at Ocean View Park.</td>
<td>$50,000</td>
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<td>This project is in design. Additional funding may be needed based on final construction estimate.</td>
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<td>CIP 41011 - Memorial Park Tennis Court LED Light Conversion</td>
<td>Scope includes upgrading the tennis court lights at Memorial Park to LEDs.</td>
<td>$25,000</td>
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<td>Work will begin in early January 2019.</td>
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<td>CIP 41012 - Peggy Thomson PSP - Play Field Improvement</td>
<td>Scope includes evaluating improvements (including natural grass and synthetic turf) to the field at Peggy Thomson Park.</td>
<td>$22,500</td>
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<td>Work is in progress.</td>
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<td>Creeks (Fund 2304)</td>
<td>This is the fourth phase of the Codornices Creek Restoration project. The scope includes a bicycle and pedestrian shared use path from 8th-10th Streets, linking to the trail completed in third phase, and minor vegetation management.</td>
<td>$648,644</td>
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<td>CIP 41003 - Codornices Creek Phase IV</td>
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<td>$950,000</td>
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1. Opening balance is base on the 2018/19 Engineering Report and includes expected revenue for FY17/18 and FY18/19
2. Expenditures in FY17/18 reflect actuals plus encumbrances.