RESOLUTION NO. 2011-4

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTING THE OFFER OF DEDICATION FOR A CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA TO THE CITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CURB RAMPS, A PEDESTRIAN/BIKEWAY CROSSWALK, ABOVE AND UNDERGROUND TRAFFIC SIGNAL EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE BUCHANAN/JACKSON TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, The City has been awarded a Safe Routes to School (SR2S) grant to upgrade the signal located at Buchanan Street and Jackson Street and to implement pedestrian improvements in the vicinity of Ocean View Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, this improvements include such items as a new signal with protected left turns, pedestrian bulb outs, crosswalk improvements, curb ramps, and solar speed feedback signs; and

WHEREAS, in order to implement these improvements, the City needs to acquire right of way from the property owners, which in case of this project, include the Albany Unified School District (AUSD) and the University of California (UC); and

WHEREAS, the City requested the conveyance by the University of California of a certain portion of the property owned by UC fronting Buchanan Street at the Jackson Street intersection, measuring approximately sixteen hundred (1,600) square feet (illustrated in Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, UC agrees to convey the piece of real property to the City; and
WHEREAS, the University concluded that it was in the best interest of UC to convey the property to the City for the purpose of constructing, operating, and maintaining the improvements located within Jackson Street and at the southeast corner of the intersection of Jackson and Buchanan Streets; and

WHEREAS, the improvements, as described above, will improve safety for pedestrians at this intersection, encouraging the use of alternative modes of transportation for the trip to and from school.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That said Offer of Dedication by the UC is hereby accepted.
2. That the City Clerk is directed to record the attached Offer of Dedication together with a certified copy of this resolution in the office of the Alameda County Recorder.

[Signature]
Farid Javandel, Mayor
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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,
this 18th day of January, 2011, by the following votes:

AYES: Council Members Atkinson, Lieber, Thomeen, Wile & Mayor Javandel

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this 20th
day of January, 2011.

[Signature]

JACQUELINE L. BUCHOLZ, CMC
CITY CLERK
EXHIBIT A

Offer of Dedication Parcel for Roadway Purposes (Marin Ave.)

An Offer of Dedication Parcel situated in the City of Albany, County of Alameda, State of California, being a portion of the Regents of University of California (RUC) parcel of land described in a deed recorded February 18, 1928 in Book 1807, Pages 103, in the Alameda County Records, as shown on the Survey Map filed August 5, 1999 in Book 23 of Records of Survey at Pages 84-86 (ROS 1583), in the Alameda County Records, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at southeasterly corner of the parcel of land described in a deed recorded February 25, 1964, RE: 1132 IM: 844, in the Alameda County Records, being distant thereon South 13°10'39" East, 398.17 feet from the Northeasterly corner of said RUC parcel of land (1807 OR 103) as shown on said ROS 1583 (R/S 23, PG. 84-86) said point being the intersection of the southerly Right of Way line (ROW) of Marin Avenue with the westerly ROW of San Pablo Avenue; thence northwesterly along the southerly ROW of Marin Avenue (RE: 1132 IM: 844), along a curve to the right of which the center bears North 11°31'26" East, having a radius of 357.00 feet, through a central angle of 25°17'41", an arc length of 157.61 feet; thence North 53°10'53" West, 140.51 feet to a point of cusp; thence leaving said point and said southerly ROW of Marin Avenue, along a tangent curve to the right in a southeasterly direction, having a radius of 211.00 feet, through a central angle of 15°38'34", an arc length of 56.61 feet to a reverse curve to the left; thence along said reverse curve to the left, having a radius of 194.50 feet, through a central angle of 11°37'31", an arc length of 39.46 feet to a compound curve to the left; thence along said compound curve to the left, having a radius of 413.50 feet, through a central angle of 26°58'02", an arc length of 194.62 feet; thence South 76°07'53" East, 20.78 feet to a point on the westerly ROW of San Pablo Avenue; thence along said westerly ROW of San Pablo Avenue, North 13°10'39" West, 13.92 feet to the Point of Beginning.

CONTAINING 3,443 square feet, more or less.

Signature

[Signature]

Professional Land Surveyor

P.I.S. #7770, Exp. 12/31/11

Date 2-24-10

[Stamp]

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
EXHIBIT B
PLAT MAP
(TO ACCOMPANY LEGAL DESCRIPTION)

BUCHANAN ST. (ROW)

Scale: 1"=30'
BUS STOP EASEMENT
DOC 2003411120

PROPOSED 10' TCE

PROPOSED 20' WIDE OFFER OF DEDICATION PARCEL FOR ROADWAY PURPOSES, AREA "A" TO CITY OF ALBANY, AREA=120 SF.

ALBANY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
APN 066-2692-002-05
re: 3708, im: 866

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NOTE:
UNLESS INDICATED EXISTING EASEMENTS ARE NOT SHOWN HEREON.

PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR
No. PLS 7770
Exp. 12/31/11

8-24-10
DATE

LEPTIAN, CRONIN, COOPER, MORRIS & POORE, INC.
dba LCC, Inc.
Civil Engineering - Land Surveying
930 Estudillo Street
Martinez, California 94553-1620
(925) 228-4218 Fax (925) 228-4638
July 2010 LCC JOB No. 2006.033.52

REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
APN 066-2692-002-06
1807 OR 103
ALBANY, CA

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CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT

Agenda Date: December 13, 2010
Reviewed by: BP

SUBJECT: Buchanan / Jackson Traffic Signal & Intersection Safety Improvements
at Ocean View School

REPORT BY: Aleida Andrino-Chavez, Transportation Planner
Randy Leptien, City Engineer
Ann Chaney, Community Development Director

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

1. Approve 100% Construction Plans for the Buchanan/Jackson Traffic Signal &
Intersection Safety Improvements at Ocean View School, and;
2. Authorize the City Clerk to Advertise for Bids (Contract #10-22), contingent upon receipt
of, and Council acceptance of, the Offer of Dedication and Temporary Construction
Easement (TCE) from the University of California.

Note: It is anticipated that a minor changes may need to be made to the plans submitted herein.
However, any changes would not be substantive and would not affect the basic design.

BACKGROUND

In 2007, the City received a $293,760 grant from Caltrans’ Safe Routes to School program to
make improvements around Ocean View School to enhance pedestrian safety and improve the
walking route to this school. Key features of the project include:

- New traffic signal with protected left turn arrows at all four legs of Buchanan Street and
  Jackson Street intersection.
- Pedestrian countdown devices.
- Bulbouts at the southwest corner (next to school) and northwest corner of the
  Jackson/Buchanan intersection.
- New ADA compliant curb ramps at all four Buchanan/Jackson intersection corners.
- New ADA compliant curb ramps at the southeast and southwest corners of
  Madison/Solano Avenue intersection.
- Two solar speed feedback signs along Buchanan Street between San Pablo and Pierce
  Street.
- Crosswalk striping marking the route to Ocean View School at:
o Pierce, Fillmore, Taylor, Cerrito and Jackson streets on north side of Buchanan St.
o Both sides of Solano Avenue from Pierce Street to Jackson Street

On September 12, 2009, the City Council approved the 35% design plans for this project prepared by AECOM Engineering, with the addition of dedicated left turn lanes at Jackson Street. This action was in response to an appeal of a Traffic & Safety Commission’s decision approving the 35% plans. It was acknowledged that adding the dedicated left turn lanes would result in removal of four parking spaces in the 900 block of Jackson Street north of Buchanan, and approximately seven angled parking spaces on Jackson Street south of Buchanan (across from Ocean View Elementary School).

**DISCUSSION**

Construction is scheduled to begin immediately after school ends in June 2011. In order to construct the project, an Offer of Dedication and Temporary Construction Easement (TCE) are needed respectively from the University of California and the Albany Unified School District. This is because portions of the project will be built on land owned by UC and AUSD.

The AUSD Board approved both the Offer of Dedication and TCE, and on October 14, 2010, the Albany City Council accepted the Offer. City staff expects to receive UC’s Offer of Dedication and TCE approval before the end of the year. Acceptance of the Offer, by the City Council, will be necessary before the City can advertise for construction bids. Both City and UC staffs are confident the processing of these documents will occur in the next several weeks, and in January the item will be placed on the City Council agenda for acceptance.

The portion of land being dedicated by AUSD and UC is located on Jackson Street immediately abutting the intersection with Buchanan Street (see attached aerial photo). This land area consists of street pavement, sidewalk, and above and underground utilities directly related to the traffic signal and operating equipment. Because of this, both agencies recognize that it is more appropriate for the City to own and maintain this land.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT**

The project will bring increased safety to the area around Ocean View School. Safer routes to school encourage students, and their families, to walk to school and other nearby destinations (e.g., Ocean View Park), thereby reducing carbon emissions. The project dovetails with the Buchanan Bicycle and Pedestrian Path project which will provide an alternative means of travel to driving.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The Engineer’s Estimate for construction of the Buchanan/Jackson Traffic Signal & Intersection Safety Improvements including contingencies is $303,000. It is hoped that the lowest responsible bid will be approximately 10% lower than this amount, or approximately $273,000. In the event that the low bid is higher than the Engineer’s Estimate before contingencies, Council authorization will be necessary.
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If the lowest responsible bid is less than the Engineer’s Estimate, it is possible the project can be built under budget. If this is the case, savings first would be shown in Measure F 2006 funding, followed by Measure F 2002 funding.

**Attachments**

- 100% Plans by AECOM
- Enlarged Plan of Intersection improvements
- Engineer’s Estimate
- Aerial photo showing Offer of Dedication and Temporary Construction Easement areas