RESOLUTION NO. 2019-77

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL TO AMEND THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN TO INCORPORATE KAINS AVENUE AND ADAMS STREET STREET BICYCLE FACILITIES

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; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the City Council authorized the preparation of the Adams Street & Kains Avenue Traffic Calming & Bikeway Study; and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2017, the City Council reviewed the completed study and requested that the Traffic and Safety Commission develop a recommendation for a pilot program of the project; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2018, the Traffic & Safety Commission reviewed the pilot program design and proposed timeline and metrics, received public comment, and approved the following recommendation to the City Council:

a. Approve designs for the Kains and Adams Bikeway and Traffic Calming Pilot Project with the inclusion of refinements discussed during the Traffic & Safety Commission meeting; and

b. Set the duration of the pilot program for one year; and
c. Direct staff and the Traffic & Safety Commission to draft potential legislation for consideration by State Legislators who represent the City of Albany to allow contraflow parking on Kains Avenue and Adams Street; and

d. Establish a temporary policy suspending enforcement against contraflow parking pending resolution of legislation at the State level; and

e. Direct staff to pursue inclusion of a four-way stop at the intersection of Kains Avenue and Brighton Avenue.

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

1. Find that the proposed amendments to the Active Transportation Plan are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15304 “Minor Alterations to Land”, which exempts the creation of bicycle lanes on existing rights-of-way.

2. Fully incorporate into the ATP Kains Avenue as a two-way bicycle route from the Berkeley City limit to the El Cerrito City Limit, and

3. Fully incorporate into the ATP Adams Street as a two-way bicycle route from Clay Street to Buchanan Street; and

4. Amend Project #6 in the ATP to incorporate by reference the “Kains Avenue and Adam Street Bikeway and Traffic Calming” plans prepared by Parisi Transportation Consulting presented to the City Council on September 16, 2019; and

5. Amend Project #10 in the ATP to incorporate by reference the “Kains Avenue and Adam Street Traffic Calming” plans prepared by Parisi Transportation Consulting presented to the City Council on September 16, 2019.

6. Direct incorporation of the project into the next update to the Capital Improvement Plan as a pilot with a duration of one year.

Rochelle Nason, Mayor
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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,

The 16th day of September, 2019, by the following votes:

AYES: Council Members Maass, Pitch and Mayor Nason

NOES: Council Members Barnes, McQuaid

ABSENT: none

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: none

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this
17th day of September, 2019.

Eileen Harrington
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

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