RESOLUTION NO. 7084

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AN ADDENDUM TO THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PICO RIVERA REGIONAL BIKEWAY PROJECT (CIP NO. 21280)

WHEREAS, in 2015 the City of Pico Rivera (the "City") was awarded a Federal grant under Cycle 2 of the Active Transportation Program (ATP), the goals of which are to increase the proportion of trips accomplished by biking and walking in the local community, increase safety and mobility, advance the active transportation efforts of regional agencies to achieve greenhouse gas reduction, and enhance public health;

WHEREAS, the City applied for and was successfully awarded the competitive Urban Rivers Grant (URG) through the State Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$1,801,615 to serve as the City's local match for the construction phase of the project;

WHEREAS, the project consists of a 1.5-mile bicycle access facility that will add a connection (bicycle/pedestrian bridge) over the San Gabriel River, Class IV bike path along Mines Avenue from the Rio Hondo Channel to the San Gabriel River, a new bridge structure located approximately 2,600 feet north of Mines Avenue spanning the San Gabriel River, and Class I and II bike lanes along Dunlap Crossing Road from the San Gabriel River to Norwalk Boulevard (the "Project");

WHEREAS, an IS/MND was prepared for the Project pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, as amended, and mitigation measures are included in the MND to reduce environmental impacts to below the level of significance as part of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program;

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2019, the IS/MND and a Notice of Intent to Adopt an IS/MND for the Pico Rivera Regional Bikeway Project was mailed to the State Clearinghouse, to agencies affected by the project, and published in the Whittier Daily News in accordance with CEQA requirements;

WHEREAS, the IS/MND was released for a 30-day public review period which began May 14, 2019 and ended on June 12, 2019;

WHEREAS, on May 16 and May 30, 2019, City staff held two public outreach meetings at the Rivera Park Auditorium to present the Project to residents and businesses, as well as receive public comments of the proposed conceptual design for the project; and

WHEREAS, the IS/MND was approved by City Council on June 25, 2019 (the "MND"); and

WHEREAS, Section 15164 of the State CEQA Guidelines authorizes the City Council adopt an addendum to a previously approved mitigated negative declaration if the City Council makes one or more of the following findings:

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Finding 1. Minor technical changes or additions to the original project are necessary;

Finding 2. None of the following conditions described in Section 15162 of the State CEQA Guidelines calling for preparation of a subsequent negative declaration have occurred; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pico Rivera, as lead agency, has prepared an Addendum ("Addendum") to the MND to evaluate the potential environmental impacts that could result from minor modifications to the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Addendum was prepared pursuant to the requirements of State CEQA Guidelines Section 15164.

NOW, THEREFORE, **BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Pico Rivera as follows:

SECTION 1. The City Council finds that the above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein as part of the findings.

SECTION 2. The City Council further finds, based on the above recitals and staff report, the following:

A. The Addendum contains a complete and accurate reporting of the environmental impacts associated with the Project and has been completed in compliance with the State CEQA Guidelines.

B. Only minor technical changes or additions have been made to the Project and none of the conditions set forth in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 requiring a subsequent negative declaration have occurred.

C. Pico Rivera Regional Bikeway Project is consistent with the City of Pico Rivera General Plan's Circulation Element Goals and Policies 5.1, 5.3, and 5.4 and the Health Community Element Goals and Policies 10.2 and 10.3.

D. The Addendum prepared for the Project reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the City Council of the City of Pico Rivera.

E. All environmental impacts of the Project are found to be below a level of significance and there is no substantial evidence in the record supporting a fair argument that the Project will have a potentially significant effect on the environment.

SECTION 3. The City Council hereby approves and adopts the Addendum to the MND prepared for the Project. A copy of the Addendum, Final IS/MND, and all other materials constituting the record of proceedings are located in the Public Works Department in City Hall located at 6615 Passons Boulevard, CA 90660.

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<u>SECTION 4</u>. In accordance with the CEQA Guidelines, the MND was prepared and circulated for a period of not less than 30-days pursuant to CEQA Guideline § 15105(b) and an Addendum to the MND was subsequently prepared in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines Section 154164. The City Council adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program and found that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment and that the approval of the Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the City of Pico Rivera City Council's independent judgment and analysis. The full record is available for review in the Public Works Department.

<u>SECTION 5</u>. The City Council further authorizes the City Manager to execute all documents reasonably necessary and appropriate to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

<u>SECTION 6.</u> In the event that any portion of this resolution is deemed invalid or is unenforceable, such provision shall be severable from the remainder and that the remainder of the resolution shall be given full force and effect.

SECTION 7. The City Clerk shall attest to the passage of this resolution and it shall thereupon be in full force and effect.

APPROVED AND PASSED this 9th day of June, 2020

Gustavo V. Camacho, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Arhold M. Alvarez-Glasman, City Attorney

ATTEST:

Anna M. Jerome, City Clerk

AYES:Elias, Sanchez, Tercero, CamachoNOES:SalcidoABSENT:NoneABSTAIN:None