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RESOLUTION #08-69

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL ENDORSING
ALAMEDA COUNTY ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION CAMPAIGN**

WHEREAS, Alameda County's Countywide Bicycle Plan and Countywide Strategic Pedestrian Plan include the following goals that support active transportation:

- Increase the number and percentage of walking trips with the intention of reducing motor vehicle use, preserving air quality, and improving public health.
- Improve pedestrian safety, especially for the young, elderly, and disabled.
- Ensure that essential pedestrian destinations throughout Alameda County - particularly public transit - have direct, safe and convenient pedestrian access.
- Complete the San Francisco Bay Trail and paved inter-jurisdictional East Bay Regional Park District trail systems that serve populated areas in Alameda County.
- Maximize the amount of funding for pedestrian projects, programs and plans in Alameda County, with an emphasis on implementation,
- Create and maintain an inter-county and intra-county bicycle network that is safe, convenient and continuous.
- Increase the potential for bicycle transportation by closing gaps in existing bikeways.
- Encourage policies and actions that foster bicycling as a mode of travel, and;

WHEREAS, nearly half of all trips for personal transportation in the United States are three miles or less in length, and thirty percent of all trips in the San Francisco Bay Area are one mile or less making biking and walking a healthy alternative for a significant portion of daily trips, and;

WHEREAS, bicyclists and pedestrians represent 9% of all personal trips nationwide (14% in Alameda County), and 14% of all traffic fatalities in the United States (over 23% in Alameda County), yet receive less than 1% of all federal road spending; and;

WHEREAS, the above disparity indicates an opportunity to produce a substantial shift to these healthy, non-motorized transportation modes; and

WHEREAS, federal legislation, SAFETEA-LU, in 2005 created the Non-motorized Transportation Pilot Program for the construction of a network of non-motorized transportation infrastructure facilities in four urban communities to demonstrate the extent to which bicycling

1 and walking can carry a significant part of the transportation load and play a major role in
2 transportation solutions; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the four communities were selected to each receive grants of \$25 million over four
4 years to participate in the Non-motorized Transportation Pilot Program; and

5 **WHEREAS**, a national non-profit multi-modal transportation advocacy organization, the Rails-
6 to-Trails Conservancy, is leading a national campaign to expand this program in the next federal
7 transportation reauthorization to include at least 40 communities, with \$50 million per
8 community over six years, to promote "active transportation" (walking, biking and access to
9 transit) for mobility; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Alameda County joined this effort to expand the federal program, called the 2010
11 Campaign for Active Transportation, and seeks to be one of the communities to receive \$50
12 million; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, an Alameda County Active Transportation Plan was developed in 2008 with the
15 input of a Steering Committee, Community Advisory Committee, Technical Advisory Committee
16 and Organizing Committee, representing all areas of the county; and

17 **WHEREAS**, this Active Transportation Plan, which will benefit the entire county, will create
18 active transportation opportunities for kids, commuters and community by investing in three
19 priority areas:

- 20 1. Advancing pedestrian and bicycle access to transit,
- 21 2. Connecting communities with urban greenway, and
- 22 3. Inspiring the community to walk and bike through education and promotion programs.

23 **WHEREAS**, the overarching goal of this Plan is to increase the number of people walking,
24 biking and using public transit in Alameda County from 22% today, to 30% by 2016; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, The City of Albany adopted a policy to reduce the carbon emissions to levels and
27 projects that increase walking and biking have the potential to achieve this goal; and

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29 **WHEREAS**, Albany's topography is mainly leveled offering the ideal environment for
implementing pedestrian and bicycle projects; and

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WHEREAS, The City of Albany is centrally located offering great opportunities for walking and bicycling to work, school and to connect with major regional trail systems, such as the Bay Trail; and include

WHEREAS, Alameda County showed its tremendous support for active transportation in 2000 when 81.5% of voters approved a \$100 million investment in improving walking and biking as part of the passage of a twenty year local sales tax measure (Measure B); and

WHEREAS, in 2006 Alameda County adopted a Countywide Strategic Pedestrian Plan, a Toolkit for Improving Walkability in Alameda County, and a Countywide Bicycle Plan; and


WHEREAS, the East Bay Regional Park District Master Plan, as updated in 2007, encompasses an extensive system of multi-use trails in Alameda County; and

WHEREAS, municipalities in Alameda County continue to plan and develop active transportation infrastructure to:

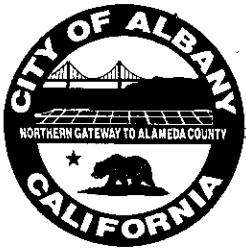
- Create safe transportation routes
- Promote healthy lifestyles
- Invigorate the sense of community
- Promote economic diversity and vitality
- Improve air quality
- Relieve motorized traffic congestion
- Improve the efficiency of transportation infrastructure
- Decrease dependency on carbon fuels
- Reduce the burden of infrastructure maintenance

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Albany strongly supports and endorses Alameda County's participation in the 2010 Campaign for Active Transportation which has a goal of doubling federal funding for trails, walking and biking in the next federal transportation reauthorization and attracting \$50 million of this funding to Alameda County to implement its Active Transportation Plan.

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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,

this 20th day of October, 2008, by the following votes:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this 21st
day of October, 2008.


JACQUELINE L. BUCHOLZ, CMC
CITY CLERK

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