

RESOLUTION NO. 24-__

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA RECEIVING AND FILING A PRESENTATION ON THE PROPOSED RANDOLPH CORRIDOR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROPOSED BIKE FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS CONCEPT, APPROVING CONCEPT PLAN ALTERNATIVE B1 AND AUTHORIZING STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE DESIGN

WHEREAS, the Metro Active Transportation Strategic Plan was published in 2016 and included two categories of possible projects identified within it including First-Last Mile and Corridor projects and within the Corridor component, the Randolph MAT Corridor project was the top ranked project for possible Measure M investment; and

WHEREAS, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG) reached out to the Cities of Commerce, Huntington Park, Bell, and the County of Los Angeles to gauge their interest in potentially receiving a grant based on a competitive process (i.e. Measure M Metro Active Transportation (MAT) Program – Cycle 1 Letter of Interest) beginning with an application submittal; and

WHEREAS, in February 2020, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) released its "Call for Projects" for Active Transportation Cycle 1 Funding which prompted the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG) to initiate a project with the cities of Commerce, Bell, Huntington Park, and LA County (MAT Team) to develop an active transportation corridor along Randolph Street between the City of Commerce and LA County; and

WHEREAS, the MAT Team selected the City of Commerce as the lead agency and in March 2020, the Commerce City Council adopted a Resolution supporting the City's participation in Metro's Cycle I Active Transportation (MAT) Grant opportunity and authorized the City Manager to execute funding documents for the Randolph Corridor Active Transportation Project; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2020, City of Commerce submitted a grant application for the Project and in January 2021 was awarded a \$6,703,891 MAT Grant (Measure M Funds) with Metro's Funding Agreement associated with the MAT Grant effective on June 15, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Project will provide high quality mobility improvements to residents and businesses of the Cities of Commerce, Bell, Huntington Park and parts of Los Angeles County and includes pedestrian improvements and bike lanes connecting the Los Angeles River with various landmark destinations; and

WHEREAS, the Randolph Corridor begins at the eastern terminus in the City of

Commerce and extends west along the corridor through the City of Bell and Los Angeles County to the western corridor terminus in the City of Huntington Park; and

WHEREAS, the Project length is approximately 6.8 miles with 2.34 miles in the City of Commerce and based on the City having approximately 34.3% of the total length, a proportional amount of total budget of \$1.9 million of the overall \$6.704 million was allocated to the City for the Project's active transportation improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Project has an estimated three (3) year schedule through Fiscal Year 2025/2026. The project timeline includes the following scope of work: Planning/Conceptual, Environmental, Design Engineering, and the Construction Phases with the design phase expected to take 9-12 months to complete; and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2023, the City Council through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process approved a Professional Services Agreement with Southstar Engineering & Consulting, Inc. to provide Project Management Services to work with the cities and county during planning, environmental, design and construction phases; and

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2023, the City Council through a RFP process approved a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with GHD, Inc. to provide Professional Planning, Environmental, Design, and Construction Engineering Support Services for the Project and subsequently, a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was established for regular monthly collaborations between the corridor jurisdictions and to provide recommendations and guidance to the team; and

WHEREAS, in September 2023, GHD, Inc. commenced the Planning Phase of the Project and held regular meetings to understand and incorporate project elements that are eligible for reimbursement via the MAT funding agreement; and

WHEREAS, the technical team worked with each jurisdiction to develop active transportation concept maps and have been provided to the respective agencies for their review and approval; and

WHEREAS, the proposed active transportation studies for Commerce resulted in five (5) Alternatives (see attached) which were presented by GHD, Inc. to the City Council.

WHEREAS, staff recommends the City Council authorize Alternative B1 which involves construction of a new wide sidewalk level two-way shared bike and pedestrian pathway adjacent to the railroad on the southside of Randolph Street.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE
DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE AND DETERMINE AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Commerce hereby finds and declares that the foregoing recitals are true and correct, and incorporates them herein as findings and as a substantive part of this Resolution.

Section 2. That the City Council approves the proposed Randolph Corridor Active Transportation Bike Facilities Improvements Concept Plan Alternative B1 and authorizes staff to proceed with the design.

Section 3. Authorize the Mayor to execute this Resolution for and on behalf of the City of Commerce.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take full force and effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 26th day of March 2024.

Hugo A. Argumedo, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lena Shumway, City Clerk