



Legislation Text

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To adopt Richmond Connects, Strategic Plan: A Multimodal Plan for Improving Transportation Equity in Richmond as the official comprehensive transportation plan for the City of Richmond in accordance with Res. No. 2019-R065, adopted Dec. 9, 2019, and Res. No. 2021-R032, adopted Jun. 14, 2021.

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2019-R065, adopted December 9, 2019, the Council expressed the commitment to develop and implement a comprehensive plan to make certain improvements to the City's infrastructure for pedestrian safety; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2021-R032, adopted June 14, 2021, the Council expressed support for achieving equitable transit and mobility for the City's residents; and

WHEREAS, public engagement response was gathered from over 20,000 City residents through telephone town halls, street canvassing, online surveys, emails, community events, and community pop-ups;

WHEREAS, the City's Office of Equitable Transit and Mobility has prepared Richmond Connects, Strategic Plan: A Multimodal Plan for Improving Transportation Equity in Richmond for adoption and implementation as the City's official comprehensive transportation plan for promoting improvements in surface transportation performance and safety; and

WHEREAS, Richmond Connects, Strategic Plan: A Multimodal Plan for Improving Transportation Equity in Richmond provides a holistic list of equity-centered projects and programs to accomplish the adopted vision for equitable transportation including projects and programs for priority investment for the Council and the Department of Public Works to act upon from now through the next ten years; and

WHEREAS, the priorities in Richmond Connects, Strategic Plan: A Multimodal Plan for Improving Transportation Equity in Richmond (1) provide investment direction for a new Lighter/Quicker/Cheaper

program, (2) update the bicycle master plan, and (3) provide projects that may be eligible for grant application and funding from various local, regional, and national funding programs; and

WHEREAS, Richmond Connects, Strategic Plan: A Multimodal Plan for Improving Transportation Equity in Richmond includes projects eligible for all types of funding programs and is easily sorted by investment need category to align funding programs with a grant-specific type of project; and

WHEREAS, Richmond Connects, Strategic Plan: A Multimodal Plan for Improving Transportation Equity in Richmond is an equity-centered, community-based, climate resilience plan that is based on data that defines equity-centered transportation needs for the purpose of creating equitable solutions that redress past injustices and remove remaining barriers, all in alignment with the goals of the City of Richmond's Equity Agenda, the City's Master Plan entitled "Richmond 300: A Guide for Growth," and other City initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Richmond that the Council adopt the Richmond Connects, Strategic Plan: A Multimodal Plan for Improving Transportation Equity in Richmond as the official comprehensive transportation plan for the City of Richmond in accordance with Resolution No. 2019-R065, adopted December 9, 2019, and Resolution No. 2021-R032, adopted June 14, 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

That the Richmond Connects, Strategic Plan: A Multimodal Plan for Improving Transportation Equity in Richmond, a copy of which is attached to this resolution, is hereby adopted in accordance with Resolution No. 2019-R065, adopted December 9, 2019, and Resolution No. 2021-R032, adopted June 14, 2021, as the official comprehensive transportation plan for the City of Richmond.