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Public Works Order No: 206674

REQUESTING AND RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND \$2,400,000 FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION’S CLEAN CALIFORNIA LOCAL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM TO UPGRADE FACILITIES ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM IN SUPPORT OF THE SOUTH OF MARKET STREET TREE NURSERY PROJECT, AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING PUBLIC WORKS TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH CALTRANS REGARDING PROJECT CONSTRUCTION AND IMPLEMENTATION

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works Bureau of Urban Forestry (“BUF”) has collaborated with the California Department of Transportation (“Caltrans”) on the South of Market Street Tree Nursery project, which would convert a highly visible blighted parcel at the 5th Street and State Highway Route 80 interchange, between Harrison and Bryant Streets, into an active tree nursery, education center, and operations yard (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, The Project includes a proposed 14,000 square foot nursery site that receives ample sunlight and contains utility connections, making it a desirable site for growing trees and introducing greenery to the surrounding South of Market neighborhood, which lacks trees and open space; and

WHEREAS, While developing the San Francisco Urban Forest Plan and the Central SOMA Plan, the City identified the Project site and associated challenges and developed concepts that resulted in the proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans and Public Works collaborated on the concept of the Project and formulated a Project budget under which Caltrans would work with the City to construct and install the necessary structures and infrastructure, install utility connections, and install public art, as described in the Legislative Package (defined below); and

WHEREAS, Thereafter, Caltrans submitted a proposal to the Clean California Local Enhancement Program to fund the Project (“Proposal”); and

WHEREAS, On November 22, 2021, Caltrans, the Lead Agency for the Project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.), issued a notice of exemption, attached as Exhibit 1, which determined that the Project constitutes a Class 1 Categorically

Exempt project under Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Section 15301 of the California Code of Regulations; and

WHEREAS, On or about November 30, 2021, Caltrans approved the Proposal (attached as Exhibit 2, as approved); and

WHEREAS, Caltrans and Public Works have negotiated a cooperative agreement under which Caltrans would be the Project sponsor responsible for establishing the scope of the Project and securing the financial resources to fund the Project construction, and the City, acting by and through Public Works, would be responsible for managing the scope, cost, schedule, and quality of the Project construction and the related plans, specifications, and estimates (the “Cooperative Agreement,” attached as Exhibit 3); and

WHEREAS, In compliance with the requirements of Administrative Code Section 10.170-1, the Department shall transmit this Order to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors along with the following documents: (1) the Caltrans notice of exemption (Exhibit 1); (2) the approved Proposal (Exhibit 2); (3) the Cooperative Agreement (Exhibit 3); (4) the proposed resolution signed by the Department, the Mayor or the Mayor’s designee, and the Controller, attached as Exhibit 4; (5) the associated Grant Information Form, attached as Exhibit 5; and (6) a cover letter to the Clerk of the Board substantially conforming to the specifications of the Clerk of the Board (together with the Order and all referenced exhibits, the “Legislative Package”); and

WHEREAS, The Department has reviewed the contents of the Legislative Package; therefore, it is hereby:

REQUESTED and RECOMMENDED, That the Board of Supervisors approve the proposed resolution and authorize the Department of Public Works to enter into the Cooperative Agreement on behalf of the City, and to authorize the Department and the Clerk of the Board to take further actions, as may be deemed necessary by the Grantor before the Department may accept and expend the grant funds for the Project, as set forth in the Legislative Package.

It is so ordered.

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Interim Director