

**RESOLUTION NO. 112-20 (CM)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE URGING THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE ON THE SANTA CRUZ BRANCH RAIL LINE**

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) is the owner of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line and is currently conducting a Transportation Corridor Alternatives Analysis to determine how best to use the existing rail corridor to provide additional travel options for Santa Cruz County residents, businesses and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, developing, operating and maintaining passenger rail service between north and south Santa Cruz County and connecting to Monterey County will:

- Increase commute options for all County residents including hospitality workers living in Watsonville;
- Relieve traffic on State Route 1 and existing County and City roadways;
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, developing passenger rail service that is compatible with freight rail service will allow existing freight service in Watsonville to continue and allow the RTC to meet its obligation to maintain a rail line that is accessible to freight; and

**WHEREAS**, developing the proposed Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network or Rail Trail in a manner that is compatible with passenger rail service was previously supported by the Watsonville City Council through approval of Resolution No. 141-14 (CM), approved on October 14, 2014.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:**

That the City Council of the City of Watsonville urges the RTC to support the start of Phase 1 in South County for the development, operation and maintenance of passenger rail service along the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line that is compatible with existing and future freight rail service and with development of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network and connects with Monterey County.

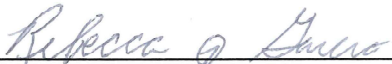
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The foregoing resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Watsonville, held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2020, by Member Hernandez, who moved its adoption, which motion being duly seconded by Member Hurst, was upon roll call carried and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: **Coffman-Gomez, Estrada, Gonzalez, Hernandez, Hurst, Parker, García**

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: **None**

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: **None**

  
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Rebecca J. García, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk


June 25, 2020  
Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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City Attorney

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I, Beatriz Vázquez Flores, City Clerk of the City of Watsonville, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 112-20 (CM) was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the Watsonville City Council at a meeting thereof held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2020, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of said Resolution.

  
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Beatriz Vázquez Flores, City Clerk

Date June 25, 2020