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RESOLUTION 20xx-xxx

RESOLUTION COMMITTING TO FULLY FUND THE MARINA WAY REALIGNMENT AND FIRST POINT OF REST RECONFIGURATION IN NATIONAL CITY, IF NEEDED, AS A CONDITION OF ALLOCATING FUNDING FROM THE CALIFORNIA PORT AND FREIGHT INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM, ADMINISTERED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CALTRANS)

WHEREAS, the San Diego Unified Port District (“District”) is a public corporation created by the Legislature in 1962 pursuant to Harbors and Navigation Code Appendix I (“Port Act”); and

WHEREAS, the 2022-2023 California state budget included \$1.2B in one-time port and freight infrastructure (PFIP) funding to ease supply chain congestion and increase goods movement capacity in the state; and

WHEREAS, staff submitted a request for \$35.5M in capital construction funds for the National City Balanced Freight Project at National City Marine Terminal (NCMT); and

WHEREAS, the funds requested in the application would be used to pay for various projects within NCMT, including, but not limited to, the realignment of Marina Way and the reconfiguration of the First Point of Rest project at the NCMT; and

WHEREAS, in July, District staff was notified that the above grant application was successful; and

WHEREAS, since that time, staff has worked with CALTRANS, the agency tasked with administering the program, to confirm the project’s budget and implementation milestones ahead of formalizing the award acceptance with the Board of Port Commissioners in 2024.; and

WHEREAS, District staff has outstanding grant applications totaling an additional \$14.2M in capital funding from the US Department of Transportation’s Reconnecting Communities Program, and CALTRANS’ Reconnecting Communities Highway-to-Boulevard (H2B) programs; and

WHEREAS, if the applications are successful, together, these programs would likely fully fund the reconfiguration of the First Point of Rest to expand Pepper Park, and the realignment of Marina Way; and

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WHEREAS, the confirmed award and outstanding applications are broken out as follows:

Reconnecting Communities Funding Programs				
Project Element	Funding Source			
	California Port and Freight Infrastructure Program (funded)	US DOT Reconnecting Communities Program (outstanding application)	CALTRANS Reconnecting Communities H2B (outstanding application)	Port of San Diego (funded) match
Pepper Park Expansion and Reconfiguration	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 5,000,000.00	\$ 5,000,000.00	
Marina Way Realignment	\$ 6,800,000.00	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 1,200,000.00	
Mobility Connection (FRANC)				\$ 400,000.00
Small Business Infrastructure				\$ 1,000,000.00
	\$ 8,800,000.00	\$ 8,000,000.00	\$ 6,200,000.00	\$ 1,400,000.00

WHEREAS, the current PFIP grant schedule requires that the Marina Way realignment and First Point of Rest Reconfiguration project elements begin the construction bid process in mid-2026; and

WHEREAS, to remain on schedule with CALTRANS’ funding allocation process for the PFIP program and secure the PFIP grant funds for Marina Way and the First Point of Rest, CALTRANS staff has requested that the Port adopt a resolution agreeing to fully fund the First Point of Rest Reconfiguration and Marina Way Realignment project elements if outstanding grant applications are unsuccessful; and

WHEREAS, this resolution confirms the Port’s commitment to these two project elements, including consideration of budgeting future grant or District funds for these project elements in future budgets; and

WHEREAS, funding may be budgeted over multiple fiscal years based on final project schedules; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is a requirement to proceed with finalizing the PFIP grant agreement and accepting grant funds at a future Board of Port Commissioners meeting; and

WHEREAS, District staff will continue to aggressively seek grant funding from multiple sources to fund as much of the estimated remaining \$14.2M necessary to complete the Marina Way realignment and reconfiguration of the First Point of Rest to expand Pepper Park as possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Port Commissioners hereby commits to fully funding the Marina Way realignment and First Point of Rest reconfiguration in National City, if needed, as a condition of allocating funding from the California Port and Freight Infrastructure Program), administered by the California Department of Transportation.

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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:
GENERAL COUNSEL

By: Assistant/Deputy

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, this 5th day of December 2023, by the following vote: