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A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO INITIATING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLAN.

WHEREAS, the City Council may initiate a community plan amendment by resolutions pursuant to the General Plan Land Use and Community Planning Element Policy LU-D.9, which recognizes the ability of the City Council to initiate a General Plan and community plan amendment when direction is received through a vote of the City Council without demonstration of meeting the initiation criteria to prepare a plan amendment; and

WHEREAS, on September 29, 2014, the City Council held a public hearing to consider initiating an amendment to the UPC, on file in the Office of the City Clerk as Document No. RR-309237; and

WHEREAS, the current University Community Plan (UCP) and original Environmental Impact Report (Original EIR) No. 86-0278 was adopted and certified on July 7, 1987 (R-268789), and the UCP Transportation Element was based on the traffic studies performed in the Original EIR; and

WHEREAS, the North University City (North UC) Public Facilities Financing Plan (PFFP) was adopted on April 12, 1988 (R-270740), and the listed transportation thresholds were based on the North University City Public Facilities Phasing Plan (RR-270741); and

WHEREAS, the North UC PFFP was last updated on June 26, 2012 (R-307508), and the transportation thresholds were last updated based on a focused transportation study dated October 9, 1997 that does not reflect the most recent development patterns and traffic impacts; and results in a need to prepare a new traffic study to evaluate the need for the remaining

uncompleted transportation projects, including but not limited to Genesee Avenue Widening and Regents Road Bridge; and

WHEREAS, the majority of all planned transportation projects have been completed and the resultant traffic conditions and average daily trips (ADTs) counts are different than as anticipated in the 1997 transportation study, as measured by subsequent project-specific environmental studies; and

WHEREAS, the impacts of the Caltrans North Coast Corridor Project (providing for additional connectivity from North UC to I-5); the Mid-coast Corridor Project (providing for light rail connection between North UC and Old Town, and certain UCSD Circulation Improvements within North UC were not evaluated in the 1997 transportation study; and

WHEREAS, various development projects have been approved for the University City
Community Plan area which have analyzed, pursuant to CEQA, the direct and cumulative
impacts of development without the construction of Genesee Avenue Widening and the Regents
Road; and

WHEREAS, the Genesee Avenue Widening and Regents Road projects (identified as CIP projects S-00852 and S-00729) are on hold due to a variety of technical, environmental, and community concerns relating to issues such as right-of-way acquisition and construction of improvements in Rose Canyon; and

WHEREAS, the Regents Road Bridge requires permits from United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), and EIR comment letters from SFWS/CDFW strongly urged the City to remove the project from the UCP, and EIR comments from the RWQCB indicated permits would be difficult to obtain. Additionally, the City committed in 1998 to preserve the Regents Road area of Rose Canyon in perpetuity as a condition of a State

Habitat Conservation Grant, which would require an action of the State Legislature to remove; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, the Councilmember for the District, and the University

Community Planning Group support the initiation of an amendment to the UCP to analyze and update the transportation facilities necessary to serve existing and future development in

University City in accordance with the General Plan Land Use and Community Planning

Mobility Element Policies; and

WHEREAS, the City Council expects that as part of any community plan amendment process that the North UC PFFP and South UC Public Facilities Summary shall be amended in accordance with General Plan Policy LU-D.2., which states that an amendment to a public facilities financing plan shall be processed concurrently with amendments to a Community plan, should the plan amendment result in a demand for public facilities that is different from the adopted Community plan and public facilities financing plan; and

WHEREAS, funding from developer contributions, specifically the University Towne Center Master Planned Development Permit No. 4103/Site Development Permit No. 293783, Condition 118, a contribution of \$500,000 toward the preparation of a mobility plan for the University Community area, has been identified for the purpose of developing the scope of work and costs for the technical and environmental analyses required to complete the CPA; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that it hereby initiates an amendment to the University Community Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following issues shall be evaluated as part of the UCP amendment process:

- 1. Implementation of General Plan Goals into the UCP, especially as they relate to the vision, values and City of Villages strategy and the provision of public facilities.
- 2. Consideration that UCP amendments could provide additional community benefit and public facilities towards achieving long term community goals.
- 3. Consideration of the impacts of removal of the Genesee Avenue Widening and Regents Road Bridge projects from the UCP.
 - 4. Consideration of any additional issues identified through the amendment process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with General Plan Policy LU-D.11., the City Council acknowledges that the initiation of a plan amendment in no way confers adoption of the plan amendment; that neither staff nor Planning Commission is committed to recommend in favor or denial of the proposed amendment, and that the City Council is not committed to adopt or deny the proposed amendment.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of ____SEP_29_2014

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