

1 **C.C. RESOLUTION NO. 20-XX**

2 **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**
3 **HERMOSA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE NORTH SCHOOL**
4 **NEIGHBORHOOD TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

5 **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH, CALIFORNIA,**
6 **DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

7 **SECTION 1.** The passage of the Measure S school bond in June 2016 created the Measure
8 S School Facilities Project which includes the reconstruction of North School and
9 revitalization/modernization of the School District's two current schools.

10 **SECTION 2.** To comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the
11 School District prepared an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the North School
12 Reconstruction Project and took action to certify the Final EIR and approve the project on January
13 9, 2019.

14 **SECTION 3.** Following certification of the Final EIR by the School Board, the City and
15 School District representatives met as a team to collaborate on the conditions to be included in a
16 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). On February 27, 2019 the Memorandum of
17 Understanding was approved by both the City Council and School Board memorializing the
18 commitment of both parties to work together collaboratively to safely manage transportation,
19 traffic, and student loading and unloading activities, primarily through the development of a
20 Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan (NTMP) for the streets and neighborhood surrounding
21 North School.

22 **SECTION 4.** A draft of the NTMP was released in January 2020 and was presented to the
23 City Council, School Board, and the community for initial feedback and discussion ahead of
24 formal action by the City Council and School Board. Community feedback on the January 2020
25 Draft NTMP was solicited through February 28, 2020. A revised draft NTMP was presented to the
26 City's Public Works Commission in July 2020 and in August and September additional analysis
27 was conducted on the revised draft NTMP by City and School District Staff. The additional
28 analysis resulted in minor changes to the NTMP documented in the October 2020 NTMP.

1 **SECTION 5.** An Addendum to the North School Reconstruction Project Final EIR was
2 prepared to confirm that the minor revisions to the traffic and circulation measures studied in the
3 EIR would not create new or increased environmental impacts than what was already identified in
4 the project EIR. The NTMP Implementation and the measures contained within the plan, which is
5 in itself a mitigation measure from the EIR, would not result in any additional significant impacts
6 nor would it substantially increase the severity of previously identified significant impacts in
7 comparison to the Approved Project. In several impact areas, the NTMP Implementation would
8 reduce the severity of transportation and traffic related impacts identified in the EIR, although they
9 would not be reduced to a less than significant level.

10 **SECTION 6.** The City Council of the City of Hermosa Beach hereby finds and determines
11 that the above recitals are true and correct and serve as the basis, in part, for the actions of the City
12 set forth below.

13 A. The City Council of the City of Hermosa Beach hereby approves and adopts the North
14 School Neighborhood Transportation Management Plan that identifies near- and long-
15 term recommendations to manage transportation, traffic, and student loading and
16 unloading activities for the streets and neighborhood surrounding North School.

17 B. The City Council hereby finds that adoption and implementation of the NTMP is
18 consistent with the certified North School Reconstruction Project Final EIR, and the
19 Addendum prepared and considered by the Hermosa Beach City School Board and that
20 the NTMP Implementation would not result in any additional significant impacts nor
21 would it substantially increase the severity of previously identified significant impacts
22 in comparison to the Approved Project. The City of Hermosa Beach plays a unique role
23 in this document in that the City was not designated as a lead or responsible agency
24 when the EIR was prepared and certified, as it is not approving or constructing the
25 underlying school project. The NTMP and the measures contained within the NTMP, is
26 a CEQA mitigation measure of the school project aimed at eliminating or reducing
27 environmental impacts to the extent feasible. Nevertheless, the NTMP was created in
28 partnership with the School District (lead agency) and accordingly, the City Council

1 should memorialize its approval of the NTMP. The addendum demonstrates that the
2 NTMP implementation (mitigation measure) will not result in any additional significant
3 impacts nor would it substantially increase the severity of previously identified
4 significant impacts in comparison to the Approved Project. Thus, the school district as
5 lead agency relied on the Addendum in deciding to approve the NTMP. While the city
6 is not required by law to be an approval body of the NTMP, the City is a partner with
7 the District in the NTMP and for that reason approves the plan. CEQA does not
8 squarely address this unique role. According, the City relies on the Addendum and the
9 record as a whole, in its approval of the NTMP. The addendum provides evidence that
10 NTMP implementation will not create new or worse impacts than those already
11 identified in the EIR for the underlying project. To the extent that the City's decision to
12 approve the NTMP mitigation measure is a discretionary decision that requires a CEQA
13 finding separate and apart from reliance on the Addendum, this action is also exempt
14 from CEQA under CEQA Guideline 15061(b)(3). There is no evidence in the record
15 that adoption and implementation of the NTMP (a mitigation measure of the underlying
16 project) will create a significant impact to the environment. The record as a whole
17 shows that the measures in the NTMP enhance public safety and traffic flow at North
18 School and by its nature as a mitigation measure, is intended to reduce impacts to the
19 extent feasible.

- 20 C. The City of Hermosa Beach, in conjunction with the Hermosa Beach City School
21 District, will utilize the NTMP to implement near-term recommendations prior to the
22 opening of the school for in-person student instruction, and further consider the
23 implementation of long-term recommendations following evaluation of the
24 effectiveness of the actions through the Adaptive Management Program process
25 detailed in the NTMP.
- 26 D. The City Council authorizes the City Manager or her designees to oversee plan
27 implementation, updates, evaluation, and make minor modifications to the plan.
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VOTE: AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 27th day of October, 2020.

PRESIDENT of the City Council and **MAYOR** of the City of Hermosa Beach, California

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Clerk

City Attorney