

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCED, CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING A CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD COMMUNITY PLANNING AND CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT FOR THE CONNECT SOUTH MERCED SAFETY AND MOBILITY PLANNING PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE GRANT AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Merced, as Lead Applicant, submitted a grant application on February 10, 2026, to the California Air Resources Board (“CARB”) Community Planning and Capacity Building (Planning): 2025 Request for Applications for the Connect South Merced Safety and Mobility Planning Project, and,

WHEREAS, the California Air Resources Board awarded grant funding through its Community Planning and Capacity Building Grant Program for the Connect South Merced Safety and Mobility Planning Project; and,

WHEREAS, the Community Planning and Capacity Building Grant Program is administered by CARB’s designated Statewide Planning and Capacity Building Administrator and focuses on increasing transportation equity through funding for planning activities as part of California Climate Investments, which uses Cap-and-Invest dollars to fund projects that reduce harmful emissions, protect public health, strengthen local economies, and support natural environments; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Merced agrees to comply with all Planning Grant Program requirements and the requirements stated in the grant agreement; accept grant funds from CARB through the Planning and Capacity Building Administrator; and allocate and authorize the amount of \$499,725.60 committed as resource contributions for the project, as described in the grant application and stated in the grant agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Merced agrees to work with the Planning and Capacity Building Administrator to amend the grant agreement when necessary and consistent with the grant agreement and Planning Grant Program requirements to adapt to project and community needs and lessons learned during grant implementation; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Merced desires to accept the grant funding and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to sign the forthcoming grant agreement and related documents.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCED DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE, FIND, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the City Council hereby accepts grant funding in the amount of \$499,725.60 from the California Air Resources Board Community Planning and Capacity Building Grant Program for the Connect South Merced Safety and Mobility Planning Project and

authorizes the City Manager, or designee, to sign the forthcoming grant agreement and any related documents necessary to receive and administer the grant funding.

SECTION 2. That the City Council authorizes the allocation and use of \$499,725.60 in committed resource contributions for the project, consistent with the grant application and grant agreement requirements.

SECTION 3. That the City Council authorizes the City Manager, or designee, to work with the Planning and Capacity Building Administrator to amend the grant agreement as necessary and consistent with program requirements to address project implementation needs.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Merced at a regular meeting held on the ____ day of _____, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

(signatures on next page)

APPROVED:
MATTHEW SERRATTO, MAYOR

Mayor

ATTEST:

D. SCOTT MCBRIDE, CITY CLERK

BY: _____
Assistant / Deputy City Clerk

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


CRAIG J. CORNWELL, City Attorney