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## STAFF REPORT

**Date:** June 30, 2014  
**To:** City Council  
**From:** Bryan Montgomery, City Manager

Approved and Forwarded to City Council:

  
Bryan H. Montgomery, City Manager

**SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution of Support for the James Donlon Extension Project**

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### Summary and Background

The proposed James Donlon Boulevard Extension, formerly known as the Buchanan Road Bypass, will provide an alternative access route between the communities of eastern Contra Costa County and central Contra Costa County (Concord, Clayton and Walnut Creek.)

This new 1.71 mile two-lane roadway in the undeveloped hills south of Pittsburg will connect James Donlon Boulevard in Antioch (an existing four-lane road) with Kirker Pass Road in unincorporated Contra Costa County (also a four-lane road). It is designed as an expressway with a 60 mph speed. The bypass is anticipated to carry more than 36,000 vehicles per day, and will bring congestion relief to Buchanan Road, a route of regional significance that is located in Pittsburg.

Since 1991, the bypass project has been part of the Regional Transportation Plan. It is an important component of the Route 4 East Corridor Major Investment Study's (MIS) long-term strategy completed in 1999. The bypass is also identified in TRANSPAN's East County Action Plan and CCTA's Comprehensive Transportation Project List.

For more than two decades, new homebuyers in East Contra Costa County have contributed funds for construction of the bypass through fees paid to the East Contra Costa Regional Fee and Financing Authority (ECCRFFA). The project represents a commitment made to residents of this City and the rest of the region. After 23 years, however, the road remains unbuilt.

The City of Pittsburg is the lead agency for this project. However, all communities in the East Contra Costa County region work together to increase traffic safety for residents, improve the quality of life, and reduce carbon emission by reducing gridlock and promoting more efficient automobile travel. Construction of this project will represent delivery on a promise made to residents of East County..

The attached resolution will formally voice the City Council's support for the James Donlon Boulevard Extension, and provide encouragement for the City of Pittsburg to move the project forward within all applicable environmental laws and regulations.

**Fiscal Impact**

None to this action

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the Resolution of Support for the James Donlon Extension Project

**Attachments**

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKLEY  
VOICING CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE  
JAMES DONLON BOULEVARD EXTENSION PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the James Donlon Boulevard Extension Project, formerly known as the Buchanan Road Bypass, will provide an alternative east-west access route to link the communities of eastern Contra Costa County to central Contra Costa County; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed new 1.71 mile two-lane roadway south of Pittsburg is anticipated to carry more than 36,000 vehicles per day, and will bring congestion relief to Buchanan Road, a route of regional significance for eastern Contra Costa County, including for many residents of the City of Oakley; and

**WHEREAS**, Since 1991, the bypass project has been part of the Regional Transportation Plan and is identified in the Route 4 East Corridor Major Investment Study's (MIS) long-term strategy, TRANSPAN's East County Action Plan and CCTA's Comprehensive Transportation Project List; and

**WHEREAS**, For more than two decades, new homebuyers in East Contra Costa County have contributed funds for construction of the bypass through fees paid to the East Contra Costa Regional Fee and Financing Authority (ECCRFFA); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakley joins other communities in East Contra Costa County region to work together for transportation projects that increase traffic safety for residents, improve quality of life, and reduce gridlock by promoting more efficient automobile travel.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Oakley does hereby 1) express its continued support for the James Donlon Boulevard Extension Project and 2) offer encouragement to the City of Pittsburg as lead agency for the project to move the project forward within all applicable environmental laws to keep a promise made to residents of east Contra Costa County and 3) authorizes the City Manager to communicate the purpose of this resolution to other agencies as appropriate.

The foregoing resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Oakley held on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June 2014 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

**APPROVED:**

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Randy Pope, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Libby Vreonis, City Clerk