

Commission on Community Investment and Infrastructure

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2013

**Adopted June 4, 2013**

APPROVING, CONSISTENT WITH THE TRANSBAY STREETSCAPE AND OPEN SPACE CONCEPT PLAN AND PURSUANT TO THE TRANSBAY IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT, THE CONCEPTUAL DESIGNS FOR THE TRANSBAY UNDER-RAMP PARK PROJECT; TRANSBAY REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

WHEREAS, The Transbay Redevelopment Project Area (the "Project Area") was adopted in 2005 with the purpose of redeveloping 10 acres of property owned by the State of California (the "State-owned parcels") in order to generate funding for the Transbay Joint Powers Authority ("TJPA") to construct the new Transbay Transit Center (the "TTC"); and,

WHEREAS, The Transbay Redevelopment Project Area Implementation Agreement (the "Implementation Agreement") is an enforceable obligation that requires the Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure ("OCII"), as the Successor Agency (the "Successor Agency") to the former San Francisco Redevelopment Agency (the "Former Agency"), to among other things, "execute all activities related to the implementation of the Transbay Redevelopment Plan, including but not limited to, activities related to major infrastructure improvements." (Section 2.1 (d) of the Implementation Agreement at p. 4) On April 15, 2013, the California Department of Finance ("DOF") determined "finally and conclusively" that the Implementation Agreement, along with other Transbay-related documents, is an enforceable obligation that will not require additional DOF review in the future, although expenditures under the Implementation Agreement are subject to continuing DOF review; and,

WHEREAS, In June 2011, the Former Agency entered into an agreement with CMG Landscape Architecture ("CMG") to complete design documents for select elements of the 2006 Transbay Streetscape and Open Space Concept Plan ("Concept Plan") including the underutilized areas under the off-ramps. CMG and ARUP as the engineering sub-consultant ("Design Team") are responsible for creating conceptual designs for the open space along Essex Street between Folsom and Harrison Streets and the areas under the TJPA bus ramp and Caltrans Folsom/Fremont off-ramp between Folsom and Howard Streets and along Clementina Street between Essex and First Streets (collectively "Under-Ramp Park" or "Park"); and,

WHEREAS, Through a series of public workshops and Transbay Citizens Advisory Committee ("CAC") meetings, as well as extensive research and analysis, the Design Team prepared detailed conceptual designs for the Park ("Park Conceptual Designs"). Staff is seeking the Commission's approval of the designs, so that the Design team can begin preparing schematic design documents for the Park in anticipation of the start of construction in 2015; and,

WHEREAS, Approval of the Under-Ramp Park Conceptual Designs will allow for the completion of feasibility and planning studies for portions of the Transbay Streetscape and Open Space Plan. These activities would have no resultant significant impacts on the physical environment, and are exempt from the

California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15262; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, Based on the Department of Finance's Final and Conclusive Determination (April 15, 2013) that the Implementation Agreement is an enforceable obligation, this Commission, hereby approves the conceptual designs for the Transbay Under-Ramp Park; Transbay Redevelopment Project Area, substantially in the form lodged with the City Attorney, acting as counsel to OCII.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Commission at its meeting of June 4, 2013.

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Commission Secretary