

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (N.C.S.)

HARDEN PARKWAY PATH AND SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

WHEREAS, in December 2022, the City Council approved by Resolution No. 22533 a Safe Routes to Schools Plan over a three-year process involving extensive community outreach and public engagement; and

WHEREAS, Harden Parkway and McKinnon Street both have bicycle lanes and sidewalks but have safety concerns that need to be addressed to encourage higher levels of cycling and walking; and

WHEREAS, a temporary pop-up demonstration, in April 2022, found that the majority of respondents wanted to see changed made permanent. A CSUMB study analyzed the influence of student behavior with the pop-up demonstration and found that over pedestrian traffic increased during the month the temporary demonstration was installed; and

WHEREAS, The Salinas Safe Routes to Schools Project includes a 0.77-mile multi-use path with a road diet on Harden Parkway from El Dorado Drive to Regency Circle. The new configuration will transform a 4-lane roadway to a 2-lane roadway with a roundabout at McKinnon Street, 2-way bike path separated by a planted median, accessible sidewalks and stormwater improvements.; and

WHEREAS, the Project was analyzed to study the impacts it would have based on CEQA criteria and was found to have minimal impacts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salinas has determined that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (Section 15301, Class 1(c)) because the project proposes minor operations and alterations of an existing City street; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Salinas City Council approves Harden Parkways Path and Safe Routes to School Project; and

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that the Salinas City Council finds the Project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301, Class 1(c).

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27th day of January, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

Dennis Donohue, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia M. Soratos, City Clerk