

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE SALINAS CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH FARALLON DESIGN, INC. FOR DESIGN AND INSTALLATION OF THE SKYWAY BOULEVARD/EAST ALISAL STREET ROUNDABOUT MONUMENT

WHEREAS, in November 2019, the City Council accepted the Alisal Vibrancy Plan (AVP) through Resolution No. 21731 as a strategic planning document intended to guide infrastructure, beautification, placemaking, mobility, public safety, and neighborhood revitalization efforts within the Alisal community; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the City was awarded \$2,147,958 of Clean California Local Grant Program (CCLGP) funding for the Alisal Greening, Beautification and Safety Project, and the Clean California grant supports the implementation of the AVP by funding several infrastructure and beautification projects; and

WHEREAS, the scope of work for the Alisal Greening, Beautification and Safety Project includes the installation of a new artistic monument in the Skyway Blvd./Alisal St. roundabout to further enhance the roundabout through installation of a gateway monument feature that reflects the identity, cultural character, and visual vibrancy of the surrounding community.; and

WHEREAS, in the spring of 2026, the City released a Request for Proposals for the Skyway Blvd./East Alisal St. Roundabout, with an application period from February 6, 2026, through March 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City received three proposals in response to the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Skyway Blvd./Alisal St. roundabout Monument project, and proposals were evaluated by a selection committee comprised of members of the AVP Implementation Committee and City staff from Library and Community Services, the Airport, and the Public Works department, and selection was based on a scoring criteria identified in the RFP, which included items such as artistic quality, alignment with the project vision, project feasibility, durability and maintenance considerations, experience with similar public art projects, and overall implementation approach; and

WHEREAS, following review and scoring, the selection committee determined that Farallon Design, Inc.'s proposal best aligned with the City's vision and project goals; and

WHEREAS, funding for the Skyway Blvd./East Alisal St. Roundabout Monument project will be primarily through the Clean California Beautification Grant Program, with remaining project costs supported through the Alisal Vibrancy Plan Capital Improvement Program budget; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salinas has determined that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (Section 15301-Existing Facilities, Class 1, and Section 15304 – Minor Alterations to Land, Class 4) because the project proposes

landscaping improvements to an existing public road roundabout. Noise created by the construction will take place during daylight hours and will be of short duration. Additionally, current operations of the public facilities shall not be affected as the proposed scope of work is entirely within the center of the roundabout.

Furthermore, the project does not qualify for any of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions found at CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 because the improvements are limited to installation of new artwork and landscaping within an existing public road roundabout, and will not contribute to significant or cumulative impacts to the environment, nor will it affect any scenic highways, hazardous waste sites, or historic resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Salinas that the City Manager is authorized to execute an Agreement for Services with Farallon Design, Inc. for the design and installation of the Skyway Blvd./East Alisal St. roundabout Monument, with a maximum compensation amount not to exceed \$700,000.00.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 30th day of June 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

Dennis Donohue, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia M. Soratos, City Clerk