

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (N.C.S.)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SALINAS CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTING THE EAST LAUREL DRIVE AND SAINT EDWARDS TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATION AND INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS, CIP PROJECT NO. 9268, FOR MAINTENANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY**

**WHEREAS**, On September 4, 2018, the City Council awarded the East Laurel Drive and Saint Edwards Traffic Signal Installation and Intersection Improvements, CIP Project No. 9268, to Monterey Peninsula Engineering (MPE); and

**WHEREAS**, The City completed a Pedestrian Enhancement Study in December 2016, which identified the need to make improvements to the East Laurel Drive corridor to improve safety for the general public. One of the items listed as crucial was to provide a traffic signal at the intersection of East Laurel Drive and Saint Edwards Drive to allow pedestrians and vehicles to safely cross East Laurel Drive; and

**WHEREAS**, the project included: installation of a new traffic signal, modifications to an existing median island and landscape on East Laurel Drive, installation of a continuous flashing beacon for advance warning of traffic signal, installation of a new MST bus shelter, installation of ADA-compliant pedestrian access ramps and sidewalk, installation of new pedestrian light poles, and associated devices and improvements; 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), and Section 15302 (c), because the project proposes a modification to an existing facility at the intersection of East Laurel Dr. and St. Edwards Dr., adjacent median island, sidewalks, and street and pedestrian lighting, of which it involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use; and

**WHEREAS**, the project was substantially completed in September of 2018;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Salinas City Council accept this project for maintenance and responsibility.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 13th day of August 2019, by the following vote:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**APPROVED:**

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Joe Gunter, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk