

RESOLUTION NO. 16196

A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY TO ESTABLISH A PEDESTRIAN MALL ON BROADWAY BETWEEN JEFFERSON AVENUE AND MAIN STREET

WHEREAS, pursuant to Vehicle Code section 21101(e), the City of Redwood City (City) temporarily closed segments of Broadway on the 2000 block and on Redwood Creek, to allow for outdoor dining during the COVID-19 pandemic as shown on the attached **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, the City found that the temporary closure of these streets has added to the vitality and vibrancy of Downtown Redwood City; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to retain these street closures and pedestrian zones beyond the end of COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City declares its intention to establish a pedestrian mall on segments of the 2000 block of Broadway and Redwood Creek. The pedestrian mall will be located on three street segments. One segment between Redwood Creek and Main Street and the other segment between Redwood Creek and Jefferson Avenue and the third on Redwood Creek between the Main Street parking lot and the Marshall Garage, as shown on **Exhibit B**; and

WHEREAS, the Pedestrian Mall Law of 1960 (Streets and Highways Code Section 11000 et. seq.) authorizes municipalities to close one or more city streets, or portions thereof, on which vehicular traffic is or is to be restricted in whole or in part and which is or is to be used exclusively or primarily for pedestrian travel; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to prohibit vehicular traffic on the proposed pedestrian malls except for emergency and utility maintenance vehicles which shall be allowed access at all hours, and trash vehicles during limited hours; and

WHEREAS, the City will make improvements to the proposed pedestrian malls in the form of installing planters, bollards, and/or gates to limit vehicular access and restriping the roadway which will be financed by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City does not intend to form an assessment district at this time to pay for the proposed improvements but may consider the formation of such an assessment district in the future to pay for additional improvements that may be contemplated at a later date; and

WHEREAS, the City will hold a duly noticed public hearing on April 15, 2024 to hear protests and objections to the establishment of the proposed pedestrian malls and to review any claims of damages from those holding any legal or equitable interest in any

real property which might suffer legal damage by reason of establishment of the proposed pedestrian malls.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY, CALIFORNIA, HEREBY RESOLVES THAT:

SECTION 1. The City Council finds that above recitals are accurate, constitute findings in this matter, and are hereby incorporated into this reference.

SECTION 2. The City Council finds that:

a. The City Council has reviewed the DTPP SEIR and has considered the information therein, prior to acting upon or approving the pedestrian mall.

b. Based on substantial evidence in the record, the pedestrian mall is within the scope of impacts previously analyzed in the Downtown Precise Plan Subsequent Environmental Impact Report ("DTPP SEIR"). The mitigation measures and Statement of Overriding Considerations associated with certification of the EIR address the any potential environmental effects. All applicable mitigation measures and the Statement of Overriding Considerations are hereby reconfirmed and readopted.

c. As set forth in CEQA Guidelines sections 15162 (Subsequent EIRs and Negative Declarations) and 15163 (Supplement to an EIR), the pedestrian mall will not result in any new environmental effects, or a substantial increase in the severity of any environmental impact, or require new mitigation measures beyond those identified in the DTPP SEIR.

d. In addition, the pedestrian mall is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15301. The proposed pedestrian mall would involve improvements on existing highways and streets with negligible or no expansion of use and the addition of protective exclusive pedestrian space, pedestrian crossing, street trees and other similar alterations Accordingly, these improvements are categorically exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines section 15301, which exempts projects that consist of improvements to existing highways and streets with negligible or no expansion of use.

SECTION 3. The City Council determines that the public interest and convenience require the establishment of a pedestrian mall, and that vehicular traffic will not be unduly inconvenienced.

SECTION 4. Pursuant to the Pedestrian Mall Law of 1960 (California Streets and Highways Code Section 11000 et seq.), the City Council declares its intention to establish a pedestrian mall. The pedestrian mall will be located on two street segments of the 2000 block of Broadway. One segment is located between Redwood Creek and Main Street and the other segment is located between Redwood Creek and Jefferson Avenue, as

shown on **Exhibit B**. Vehicular through-traffic shall remain available on the intersecting streets of Redwood Creek and Main Street.

SECTION 5. The City Council proposes to adopt an ordinance prohibiting vehicular traffic on the proposed pedestrian mall except for emergency and City maintenance vehicles which shall be allowed access at all hours, and any vehicles when approved through the issuance of an encroachment permit. Any access provided through an encroachment permit will include days and hours restrictions as a condition of the permit.

SECTION 6. The City intends to make improvements to the proposed pedestrian mall in the form of bollards, planters, or other traffic-blocking devices and will be responsible for financing those improvements. Additional improvements will include restriping of the roadway within and adjacent to the closure area and signal timing adjustments at the adjacent signalized intersections.

SECTION 7. The City's general fund will be the source of funds used to pay damages, if any, allowed or awarded to any property owner by reason of the establishment of the pedestrian mall. The City's general fund will also be the source of funds for the improvements made to the pedestrian mall.

SECTION 8. The City Council will hold a public hearing on April 15, 2024, at 6 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at the Redwood City, City Hall Council Chambers, 1017 Middlefield Road, Redwood City, California, or via a remote public meeting, where the City Council will hear protests and objections to the establishment of the proposed pedestrian mall. Any and all persons having any objections to the establishment of the proposed pedestrian mall may file a written protest with the City Clerk of the City of Redwood City at any time not later than 6 p.m. on April 15, 2024.

SECTION 9. Notice is hereby given that any person owning or having any legal or equitable interest in any real property which might suffer legal damage by reason of the establishment of the proposed pedestrian mall may file a written claim for damages with the City Clerk at any time not later than 6 p.m. on April 15, 2024. Such a claim must describe the real property as to which the claim is made, must state the exact nature of the claimant's interest therein, must state the nature of the claimed damage thereto, and must state the amount of the damages claimed. Failure to file such a written claim within the time provided shall be deemed a waiver of any claim for damages or compensation and shall operate as a bar to any subsequent action seeking to prevent the establishment of the proposed pedestrian mall or to recover damages on account of such establishment. Furthermore, the filing of such a claim shall operate as a bar in any subsequent action to the recovery of any damages or compensation in excess of the amount stated in such claim.

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Passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Redwood City at a
Joint City Council/Successor Agency Board/Public Financing Authority Meeting
thereof held on the 8th day of January 2024 by the following votes:

AYES: Eakin, Howard, Martinez Saballos, Sturken, Vice Mayor
Espinoza-Garnica, and Mayor Gee

NOES: None

ABSENT: Aguirre

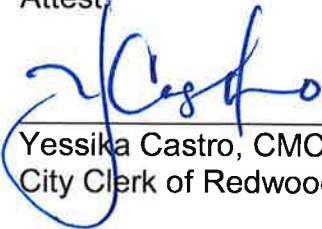
ABSTAINED: None

RECUSED: None



Jeff Gee
Mayor of the City of Redwood City

Attest:



Yessika Castro, CMC, CPMC
City Clerk of Redwood City

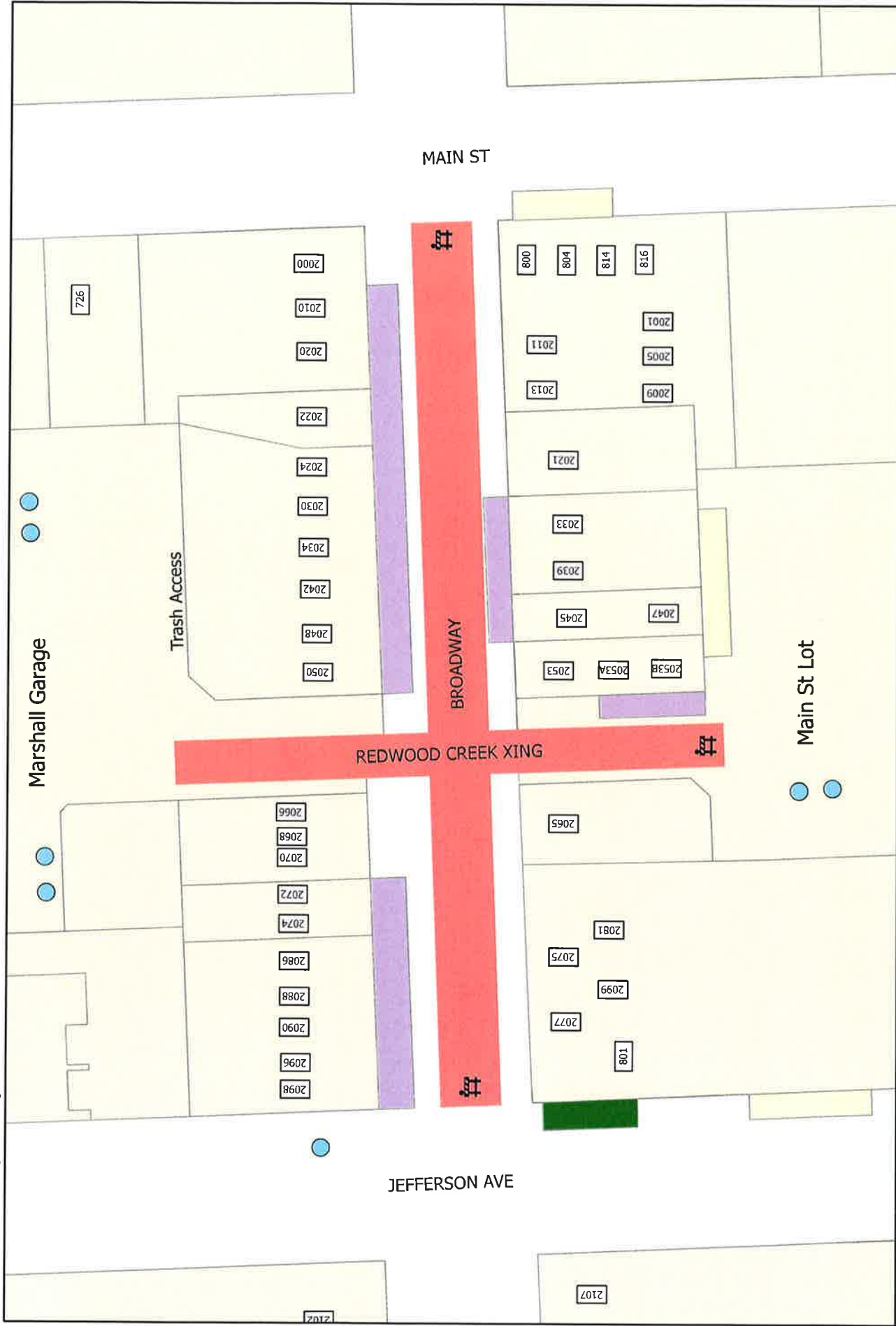
I hereby approve the foregoing resolution this
9th day of January 2024.



Jeff Gee
Mayor of the City of Redwood City

Existing Temporary Street Closure

Exhibit A



Legend:

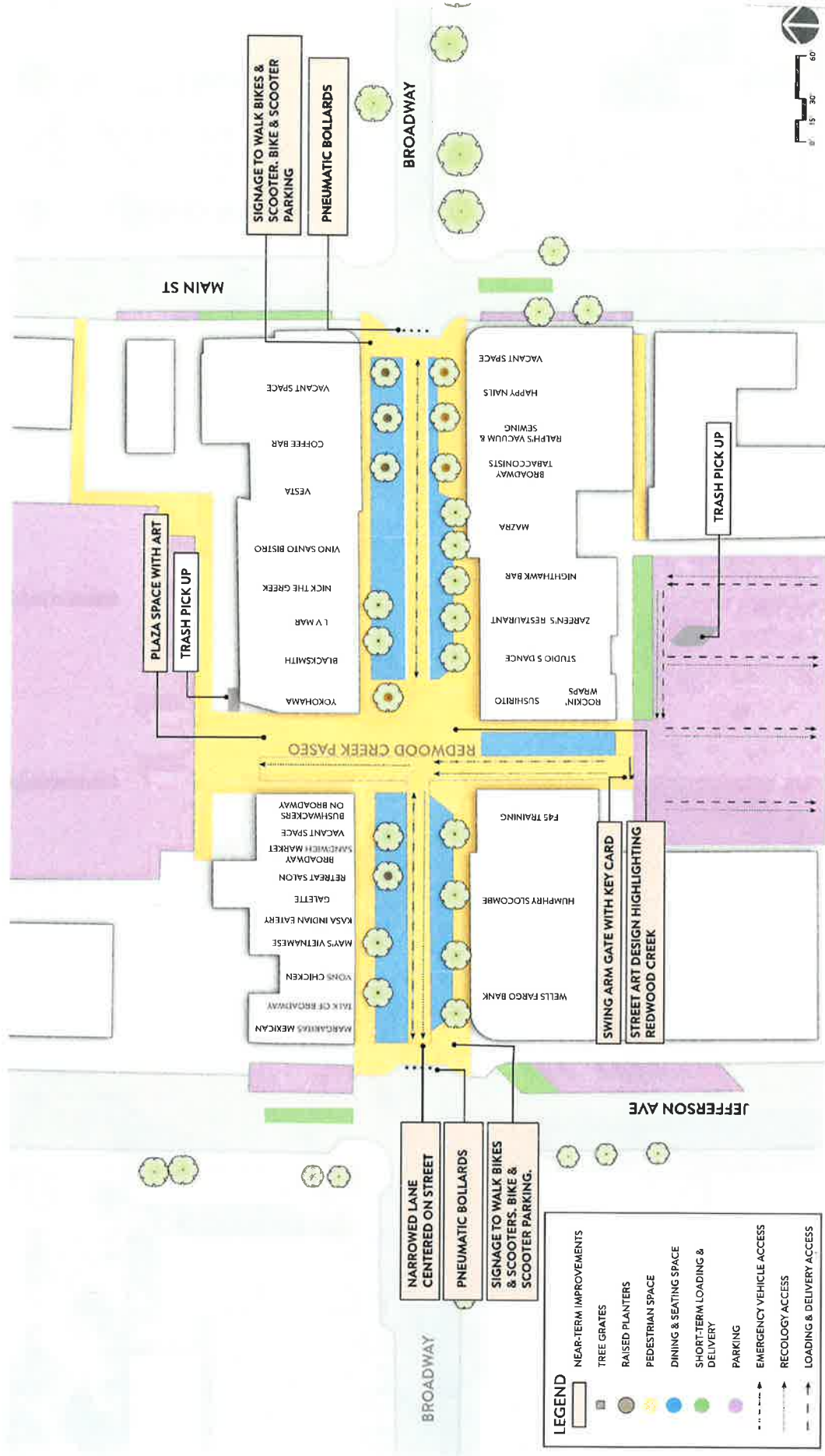
- ADA Parking (Blue circle)
- Parklets (Purple shaded area)
- 20 Minute Parking (Green shaded area)
- Loading Zone (Yellow shaded area)
- Barricades (Black icon)
- Closed Roads (Red shaded area)

Scale: 0 25 50 100 Feet

North Arrow (N)

RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE - HYBRID OPTION

Exhibit B



REDWOOD CITY - BROADWAY PEDESTRIAN MALL CONCEPT

DECEMBER 12, 2023

11770 REDWOOD CITY CENTER DRIVE, REDWOOD CITY, CA 94061

