RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - ____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BRUNO ADOPTING THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PLAN

WHEREAS, in 2016, the City Council adopted the Walk 'n Bike Plan which gathered information from the public on the barriers, obstacles and challenges to walking and biking in the city; the needs and concerns of local pedestrians and cyclists; specific problem areas and locations; and ideas and suggestions for improving locations, with themes emerging as especially important areas of concern and as key focus areas for improvements regarding children and school routes; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Bruno Safe Routes to School Plan would serve to address some of Walk 'n Bike Plan's key focus areas by making it safer and more accessible to walk, bicycle and/or take transit or carpool, with the overall goal to make San Bruno a healthier, safer, more sustainable, and environmentally sound community, with improved air quality and less traffic congestion, by reducing the number of school-related automobile trips; and

WHEREAS, to complete the Safe Routes to School Plan the City was awarded grant funding in the amount of \$248,929 with a \$32,251 local match requirement by the California Department of Transportation Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program to prepare the City's Safe Routes to School Plan; and

WHEREAS, in February 2021, the City issued a Request for Proposals and retained professional consultant services with Alta Planning + Design who began preparation of the Safe Routes to School Plan in November 2021; and

WHEREAS, key community engagement consisted of three community workshops, online stakeholder surveys, an interactive website where drafts of the Safe Routes to School Plan were published for review and public comment, a presentation to the Technical Advisory Committee, a presentation to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, a presentation to the Traffic, Safety and Parking Committee, an informational presentation to the San Bruno Park District School Board, and a City Council study session on January 10, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Safe Routes to School Plan identifies infrastructure and non-infrastructure recommendations to address findings from key data elements (i.e., collision analysis, walking audits, and engagement efforts) collected during plan development, and prioritizes infrastructure recommendations (for each school, as well as overall) that highlight the importance of walking, bicycling, and other forms of active transport to school, while providing the City with a plan to achieve those highlights; and

WHEREAS, this project meets criteria set forth in State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guideline Section 15262 "Planning and Feasibility Studies" which can be used for projects or actions involving only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which the agency has not approved, adopted or funded and does not require preparation of an Environmental Impact Report, but does require consideration of environmental factors; and where the exceptions listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15003.2 would not apply. Therefore, the City Council is taking action to accept the Safe Routes to School Plan which qualifies as a "planning and feasibility study," as no actual implementation or construction will occur as a result of the Safe Routes to School Plan's adoption. When actual implementation or construction is proposed in the future as part of a project subject to CEQA, environmental

review will be conducted at that time. Therefore, the project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 "Planning and Feasibility Studies," and none of the potential exceptions to the use of this Categorical Exemption apply to this project. This project has no potential to cause a significant effect on the environment and therefore also qualifies for a Categorical Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b) (3) "Review for Exemption"; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution will serve as City adoption of the Safe Routes to School Plan. It will not include any action related to implementation, funding, or physical construction. When actual implementation or construction is proposed in the future as part of a City-initiated project, more detailed analysis, funding identification, and project-level environmental review will be conducted, as needed, at that time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council adopts the Safe Routes to School Plan.

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I hereby certify that foregoing **Resolution No. 2023 - ____** was introduced and adopted by the San Bruno City Council at a regular meeting on February 14, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers:
NOES: Councilmembers
ABSENT: Councilmembers:

Lupita Huerta, City Clerk