

CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW
RESOLUTION NO.
SERIES 2023

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW
AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 18575, TEMPORARILY DESIGNATING FOR
EXCLUSIVE USE BUS-ONLY LANES ALONG CHARLESTON ROAD, FROM LANDINGS DRIVE TO
SHORELINE BOULEVARD, PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE SECTION 21655.5
AND FINDING THE RESOLUTION TO BE EXEMPT FROM THE
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT UNDER
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS TITLE 14, SECTION 15301

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2021, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 18575 temporarily designating bus-only lanes along Charleston Road, from Landings Drive to Shoreline Boulevard, for exclusive use by High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) meeting the definition of a “bus,” as defined in the California Vehicle Code Section 233; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved the temporary designation 24 hours per day, seven days per week, for a one-year period commencing upon initial use of the HOV bus-only lanes, which began operations on February 11, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the North Bayshore Precise Plan, adopted in 2014 and amended in 2017, designates portions of Charleston Road as a transit boulevard, establishing transit as a high-priority mode for this street and to support fast and reliable transit service (Charleston Transit Boulevard); and

WHEREAS, the Charleston Transit Boulevard will provide permanent dedicated bus-only lanes, which is expected to be completed by 2025; and

WHEREAS, unless amended by the City Council, Resolution No. 18575 will terminate February 11, 2023, resulting in the bus-only lanes being reopened to all vehicular traffic; and

WHEREAS, California Vehicle Code Section 21655.5 authorizes local authorities, with respect to highways under their jurisdiction, to permit exclusive or preferential use of highway lanes for HOVs; and

WHEREAS, the engineering estimate of the effect of the exclusive-use lanes on safety, congestion, and highway capacity remains applicable and unchanged from the determinations made in Resolution No. 18575, finding that conversion of the lanes to bus-only along Charleston Road does not result in any anticipated adverse safety impacts; may help manage a potential increase in congestion by encouraging more employees to use transit instead of single-occupancy

vehicles; and may increase the person-carrying capacity of the roadway even though the number of vehicles eligible to use the bus-only lanes will be reduced; and

WHEREAS, initial monitoring reports of the bus-only lane operations and congestion levels indicate the temporary designation of the bus-only lane is successful in improving transit operations along Charleston Road; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to extend the designation for the temporary bus-only lanes until the permanent replacement of the temporary lanes by the Charleston Transit Boulevard designated bus lanes; and

WHEREAS, as authorized by Resolution No. 18575, the Public Works Director would continue to have the authority, in the Public Works Director's discretion, to temporarily suspend or terminate the bus-only lane as needed to address congestion management and public health and safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, the temporary HOV bus-only lanes along Charleston Road are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301, Existing Facilities, which categorically exempts operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities, including transit improvements, such as bus lanes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: that the City Council of the City of Mountain View hereby amends Resolution No. 18575 to extend the temporary designation of the bus-only lanes for exclusive use for HOVs, as set forth in Resolution No. 18575 and pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 21655.5, beyond a one-year period and designate that the temporary bus-only lanes remain in place until the lanes are permanently replaced by the Charleston Transit Boulevard designated bus lanes; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the temporary designation of the bus-only lanes remains subject to the Public Works Director's delegated authority as set forth in Resolution No. 18575, in that the Public Works Director has the authority, in the Public Works Director's discretion, to temporarily suspend or terminate the bus-only lanes as needed to address congestion management and public health and safety concerns; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the City Council hereby finds the Resolution categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines, Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 15301, Existing Facilities.

Except as amended set forth herein, Resolution No. 18575 shall remain in full force and effect.

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