

Resolution No. 2021-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS SUPPORTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A SUB-REGIONAL LOCAL TRAVEL NETWORK (LTN) BY THE CITIES OF THE SOUTH BAY THAT WILL PROMOTE, ENCOURAGE AND FACILITATE SAFE TRAVEL OF ZERO-EMISSION SLOW-SPEED VEHICLES WITHIN AND BETWEEN THE SOUTH BAY CITIES AND FURTHER THE SOUTH BAY'S GOALS FOR AN IMPROVED, SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT QUALITY OF LIFE.

WHEREAS, Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-79-20 states that the climate change crisis is happening now, impacting California in unprecedented ways, and affecting the health and safety of too many Californians; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Order further states that Californians must accelerate actions to mitigate and adapt to climate change, and more quickly move toward a low-carbon, sustainable and resilient future; and

WHEREAS, the California Legislature enacted Senate Bill 375 (SB 375: Steinberg, 2008) to encourage integrated land use and transportation planning that supports air quality and public health goals and emphasizes reductions in vehicle miles traveled and emissions by promoting alternatives to driving, such as practical walking, biking, zero-emission vehicles and innovative transit options; and

WHEREAS, the promotion and use of slow-speed, zero-emission vehicles for short-trips is a critical and key Land-Use and Transportation strategy of the South Bay's Sub-regional Climate Action Plan for reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and GHG emissions (January 2018); and

WHEREAS, the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) Board of Directors approved the South Bay Sustainable Strategy (SBSS) in September 2010 which calls for the need to identify and implement mobility alternatives to address congestion reduction and lifestyle enhancement goals; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) requirements for the South Bay cities will require about 35,000 new households before 2030 which will add approximately 60,000 more vehicles to the area's congested streets significantly increasing vehicle trips and therefore expanding the need to reduce the vehicles miles travelled of South Bay trips; and

WHEREAS, the SBCCOG and its member cities have demonstrated their leadership and commitment to support these efforts by implementing local strategies such as the implementation of a Neighborhood Electric Vehicles (NEV) demonstration project, a program that demonstrated the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, air pollution, and congestion relief on the major streets as well as satisfying over 70% of daily trips; and

WHEREAS, the majority of South Bay trips are less than 3 miles, a robust neighborhood electric vehicle project using slow-speed, zero-emission vehicles on safe roads will reduce the cost of

mobility for residents with their significantly lower purchase price and operation and maintenance costs while significantly reducing vehicle related emissions and reliance on imported oil: and

WHEREAS, the Local Travel Network, as designed, will not remove any travel lanes but will establish a network of slow-speed, low-stress streets that, with relatively low-cost street treatments and wayfinding signage, will support the safe use of the growing market of personal zero-emission micromobility modes;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Bay Cities Council of Governments supports the findings of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments' Route Refinement Study for the implementation of a sub-regional Local Travel Network that will provide safe routes for slow-speed, zero-emission vehicles throughout the South Bay; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Bay Cities Council of Governments Board of Directors directs South Bay Cities Council of Government staff to work with all South Bay cities to draft and introduce a South Bay Neighborhood Electric Vehicle (NEV) Network Plan for review and adoption by the State Legislature if required; said NEV Network Plan, being a critical first step for the implementation of the Local Travel Network; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Bay Cities Council of Governments Board of Directors directs staff to work with the South Bay cities to promote, coordinate, and facilitate the implementation of a sub-regional Local Travel Network, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Bay Cities Council of Governments strongly recommends that the cities of the South Bay review, approve, and proceed to implement the Local Travel Network within their respective cities to provide a network of safe, slow-speed streets that will lower vehicle miles traveled, decrease GHG emissions and reduce the cost of mobility thereby enhancing the quality of life for South Bay residents.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 27th day of May 2021.

Olivia Valentine
Chair

ATTEST:

SBCCOG Board Secretary