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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, RECEIVING THE OLD FIG GARDEN COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION STUDY

WHEREAS, in 1919 Jesse Clayton Forkner and local entrepreneur Wylie M. Giffen subdivided a portion of the J.C. Forkner Fig Gardens north of the City of Fresno marketed as the "Garden Home Tract;" and

WHEREAS, the Garden Home Tract melded the advantages of city living with the cultivation of Kadota figs on one-acre residential farms; and

WHEREAS, the Forkner Giffen Fig Gardens Subdivisions, now known as "Old Fig Garden" or "Old Fig," along with additional residential tracts, are a county island surrounded by the City of Fresno; and

WHEREAS, this residential neighborhood has a rural bucolic quality with an eclectic mix of architect-designed and modest homes set within a mature urban forest; and

WHEREAS, Old Fig Garden is in marked contrast to the City of Fresno with its adjacent arterial class streets slated for intensification and potential mid-rise infill development; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 Fig Garden Homeowners' Association members met with staff from the office of Fresno County Supervisor Susan Anderson, and other Fresno County and City of Fresno staff to discuss how best to coordinate the transportation and commercial needs of the City of Fresno's urban corridors while preserving the character

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of this historic County island; and

WHEREAS, in a first-ever collaborative effort, representatives of the four groups prepared a grant application to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for a Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant to coordinate resolution of these potentially competing needs; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2011, Caltrans awarded a grant of \$297,000 to the County of Fresno, with the Fig Garden Homeowners' Association, the Fresno Council of Government and City of Fresno as sub-recipients of the grant; and

WHEREAS, through a competitive process the Project Steering Committee, including representatives from each of the recipients and sub-recipients of the grant, chose consultants Community Design and Architecture (CDA) to prepare the various technical studies; and

WHEREAS, CDA and the Project Steering Committee developed a Vision Statement, met with stakeholders and held three public charettes with neighborhood county and city residents and business owners to assess community needs; and

WHEREAS, in February 2013 the "Old Fig Garden Community Transportation Study" ("Study") was finalized by CDA following a review by the Project Steering Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Study provided a series of recommendations for a multimodal transportation framework, designs for street improvements, and addressed traffic calming, safe routes to school, pedestrian and bicycle accommodation and context-appropriate urban design transitions from the residential neighborhood to the adjacent transportation corridors; and

WHEREAS, the Caltrans Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant also funded a tree inventory of the Old Fig Garden area, which was incorporated in the Study; and

WHEREAS, as part of the project the City of Fresno preservation staff prepared a historic context for the Old Fig Garden, an Architectural Style Guide, and poster, all of which were disseminated to local and state libraries and schools; and

WHEREAS, On April 10, 2013, the Fig Garden Homeowners' Association Board unanimously accepted and approved "this extraordinary study," supported the proposal and endorsed further collaboration with the City of Fresno and County of Fresno in the pursuit of grants to fund specific tasks outlined in the study.

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2014, the Council of the City of Fresno was presented with the Study, received a presentation by staff, and provided opportunity for public comment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. The Council of the City of Fresno hereby recognizes the collaborative efforts of the Fig Garden Homeowners Association, the County of Fresno, and the Fresno Council of Government to prepare the Study with the City of Fresno; and for the Caltrans grant which made the research possible.
2. The Council of the City of Fresno hereby officially receives the Study on behalf of the City of Fresno.
3. The Council of the City of Fresno desires to preserve the character of the Old Fig Garden and directs City of Fresno staff to consider the Study when

planning for future transportation and commercial needs of the City's urban corridors within the Old Fig Garden Community Transportation Area as appropriate.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, YVONNE SPENCE, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the

_____ day of _____, 2014.

AYES :
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Mayor Veto: _____, 2014
Council Override Vote: _____, 2014

YVONNE SPENCE, CMC
City Clerk

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Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

BY: _____
Shannon L. Chaffin, Sr. Deputy City Attorney