

**CITY OF OJAI
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 21-11**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF OJAI, CALIFORNIA SUPPORTING THE CITY OF OJAI'S
REQUEST FOR FEDERAL FUNDING IN AN AMOUNT OF \$440,000, WITH A
REQUIRED TWENTY PERCENT CITY MATCH OF \$110,000, FOR THE PURCHASE
OF AN ELECTRIC POWERED TROLLEY AND RELATED ELECTRIC CHARGING
INFRASTRUCTURE**

WHEREAS, the office of Congresswoman Julia Brownley has requested that the City of Ojai submit projects for funding appropriations consideration in the upcoming Fiscal Year 2022 infrastructure legislation under the Member-Directed Community Funded Projects Process; and

WHEREAS, projects eligible for funding must be already listed as eligible projects under the Federal Transportation Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, the Ojai Trolley Service qualifies as an eligible project under the Federal Transportation Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, public transit is recognized as a primary polluter because of the frequent starts and stops, larger engine size, and continuous operation from early morning until late in the day; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, has made the replacement of this service with an electric trolley and electric charging station infrastructure a priority to reduce the production of greenhouse gases, as well as reduce noise; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution 21-08, approving the 2021 Legislative Platform on March 9, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the funding of the Ojai Trolley Service is consistent with the goals of the legislative platform to improve environmental quality within the City of Ojai; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of the allocation of federal funding, the City must provide a 20 percent funding match; and

WHEREAS, the expected City matching funds are estimated to be \$110,000 for the electric trolley and electric charging station infrastructure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Ojai that:

SECTION 1. Recitals. The City Council hereby determines that the foregoing findings are true and correct and incorporates them herein by reference.

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SECTION 2. Authorization. The City Council hereby authorizes City staff to take all necessary steps to complete the application for federal funding. Staff are further authorized to continue to monitor other funding opportunities for electric trolley and electric charging station infrastructure, provided that matching funds not to exceed 25 percent of the total funding allocation or a maximum of \$200,000.

SECTION 3. Environmental Determination. This proposed action is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and CEQA regulations (14 California Code Regulations §§ 15000, et seq.) because it does not involve any commitment to a specific project which could result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment; and constitutes an organizational or administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.


SECTION 4. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

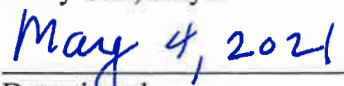
SECTION 5. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

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PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 13th day of April, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: Blatz, Francina, Haney, Stix, Weirick
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None



Betsy Stix, Mayor


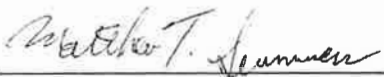
Date signed

ATTEST:



Gail Davis, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Matthew Summers, City Attorney