



Legislation Text

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Report regarding a resolution approving and executing the Second Amendment to and Restatement of the Joint Powers Agreement Establishing the Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance (*Ashley Crociani, Policy Analyst*)

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City of South San Francisco continue its membership in the Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance (“Alliance”) with the approval and execution of the Second Amendment to and Restatement of the Joint Powers Agreement establishing the Alliance.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The Alliance was established in 2000 to assist the public and private sectors in the County of San Mateo with reducing traffic congestion and air pollution. The Alliance was originally created through a Joint Powers Agreement (“JPA”) among 15 cities in the County.

In 2005, the County of San Mateo along with the Towns of Atherton and Hillsborough became members of the Alliance. To accomplish this, all 15 then current members together with the three new members approved and executed a First Amendment to and Restatement of the Joint Powers Agreement establishing the Alliance. The amended JPA provided for the addition of the new members and revised and made more flexible the committee structure of the Alliance.

Now, 16 years later, the City of Menlo Park and the Town of Portola Valley desire to join the Alliance and staff understands that the Town of Woodside may also consider membership. To facilitate adding these new members, the Alliance Board of Directors at its meeting on September 16, 2021, reviewed the proposed Second Amendment to and Restatement of the Joint Powers Agreement establishing the Alliance and approved it for presentation to both current and new members for approval and execution. In addition to increasing the membership of the Alliance, this Second Amendment (a) updates and refreshes the first section of the original JPA on "Purpose" to reflect the Alliance's recently adopted Mission and Vision Statements as set forth in its Strategic Plan and (b) clarifies that the Alliance has developed a new brand and has become known to the public as "Commute.org."

The addition of the three new members will not change the services for any existing members, including South San Francisco. Services are already provided to the residents and employers in Woodside, Portola Valley, and Menlo Park, but up to this point the municipalities themselves have not been members.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no required financial commitment to join or to continue as a member agency of the Alliance. C/CAG does have fees for members and a portion of those fees are awarded to Commute.org to perform Congestion Relief Programming.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This falls under “Quality of Life - Build and Maintain a Sustainable City” portion of the strategic plan.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve the enclosed “A Resolution of the City of South San Francisco Approving the Second Amendment to and Restatement of the Joint Powers Agreement Establishing the Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance.”
2. Authorize the Mayor and City Council to Execute the Second Amendment to and Restatement of Joint Powers Agreement Establishing the Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance and the City Clerk to attest to this document.

Attachment:

1. Second Amendment to and Restatement of Joint Powers Agreement Establishing the Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance