

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-42

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ALBANY TO JOIN THE BAY AREA TRAILS COLLABORATIVE

WHEREAS, the City of Albany's 2012 Active Transportation Plan identifies the importance of a citywide network of accessible trails and bicycle and pedestrian routes, supporting walking and biking as safe, viable modes of transportation throughout the City and region; and

WHEREAS, the Bay Area Trails Collaborative (BATC), an initiative of the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC), is dedicated to developing a 2,600-mile regional trail network across the San Francisco Bay Area, of which the San Francisco Bay Trail and Ohlone Greenway—both of which run through Albany—are key components; and

WHEREAS, the vision and mission of BATC align with the City's goals to enhance active transportation infrastructure, improve public health, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and strengthen regional connectivity through sustainable mobility options; and

WHEREAS, membership in BATC will provide the City with valuable opportunities to advocate for regional and state trail funding, collaborate with trail professionals and agencies across the Bay Area, and receive technical assistance to support high-priority trail and active transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, BATC membership is free of charge, and all participation in funding proposals or legislative advocacy will comply with established Albany City Council Procedures & Policies; and

WHEREAS, BATC membership offers additional benefits including public recognition on the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy website, access to technical resources,

promotional support for local trail initiatives, and enhanced coordination on trail policy and funding advocacy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council hereby authorizes the City of Albany to join the Bay Area Trails Collaborative (BATC) beginning in Fiscal Year 2025–26 and directs City staff to undertake the responsibilities and partnerships associated with this membership; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council affirms its support for the regional trail network vision promoted by BATC and encourages continued collaboration to enhance trail connectivity, access, and quality of life for Albany residents and the greater Bay Area community.

on ROBIN D. LÓPEZ, MAYOR



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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,

The 16th day of June, 2025, by the following votes:

AYES: Council Members Hansen-Romero, Jordan, McQuaid, and Miki

NOES: none

ABSENT: Mayor López

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: none

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this

17th day of June, 2025.

Anne Hsu CITY CLERK

Albany is committed to providing a healthy, safe, and accessible city, and strives to lift every voice in our community.