RESOLUTION NO. 2026-88

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT NO. 24014 FOR A GRANT AND ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH ADMINISTERING STATE AGENCY UPON AWARD, RENAMING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT NO. 24014 AS THE UPTOWN SOLANO AVENUE EQUITABLE ACCESS PROJECT, AND APPROPRIATING GRANT FUNDS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT NO. 24014, IF AWARDED

WHEREAS, The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (Senate Bill 1, Beall) was passed by the California State Legislature and signed into effect by the Governor in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) established the Local Partnership Program (LPP), which provides local and regional agencies that have passed transportation-specific sales tax measures, developer fees, or other imposed transportation fees with formulaic allocations of funds annually to fund road maintenance and rehabilitation and other transportation improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, Albany was confirmed to be eligible for the LPP due to the City's Sidewalk and Street & Storm Drain parcel taxes; and

WHEREAS, The LPP also includes distributions of funds through a Competitive Program for more traditional grant-based allocation; and

WHEREAS, In December 2019, the Council approved a settlement agreement to resolve injunctive relief claims made under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in two lawsuits. The settlements included a commitment to provide accessible curb ramps in the Solano Avenue commercial district by December 2029; and

WHEREAS, while the City is currently in planning for a major streetscape project along Solano Avenue within the same general limits as this project, the streetscape project is not expected to be completed in the timeframe committed to in the settlements; and

WHEREAS, the curb ramp replacements required by the settlement are thus not related to an alteration of pedestrian facility such as occurs with paving projects and was therefore included in the Fiscal Year 2025 – Fiscal Year 2029 Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Plan as a discrete improvement titled "Upper Solano Avenue Curb Ramp Project"; and

WHEREAS, staff are forecasting a budget gap with current CIP No. 24014 allocations and LPP grant funds would fill the funding gap between the current CIP allocation and the updated construction cost estimate; and

WHEREAS, project nominations for this grant program are prioritized based upon a number of criteria including: accessibility, air quality and greenhouse gases, community engagement, economic development, job creation and retention, and cost effectiveness, deliverability, and safety; and

WHEREAS, work proposed under the Uptown Solano Avenue Equitable Access Project (CIP No. 24014) has alignements with both City and grant priorities, including project schedule falling within the grant requirements, the ability of the project to meet requirements associated with state funding, and project funding needs; and

WHEREAS, the Active Transportation Plan (ATP) refers to the section of Solano Avenue between Masonic Avenue and Tulare Avenue as "Uptown Solano." For consistency with this naming conventions and to provide increased attention on the social equity benefits of curb ramp installation along a major corridor, Staff are proposing to rename CIP No. 24014 as the "Uptown Solano Avenue Equitable Access Project."; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that that the Albany City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to submit a grant application for the Uptown Solano Avenue Equitable Access Project and enter into a grant agreement with the administering State agency upon award of grant, rename CIP No. 24014 as the Uptown Solano Avenue Equitable Access Project, and appropriating grant funds to the Uptown Solano Avenue Equitable Access Project (CIP No. 24014), if awarded.

PEGGY McQUAID, MAYOR

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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, the 16th day of November, 2026, by the following votes:

AYES:	Council Members Hansen-Romero, Jordan, López, Miki, and Mayor McQuaid
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAINED:	None
RECUSED:	None

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this 17th day of November, 2026.

Anne Hsu
CITY CLERK