

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-044

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE
AFFIRMING THE CITY OF ELK GROVE'S COMMITMENT TO HELPING THE STATE
OF CALIFORNIA AND THE SACOG REGION REACH ITS 19 PERCENT
GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION GOAL THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
GREEN MEANS GO PILOT PROJECT (NO CEQA REVIEW REQUIRED)**

WHEREAS, the City of Elk Grove is a member of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG); and

WHEREAS, the region faces an ambitious state-mandated per capita greenhouse gas reduction target of 19 percent by 2035 for the upcoming Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Elk Grove is committed to helping the Sacramento region meet this greenhouse gas reduction target while at the same time providing additional housing and transportation choices and advancing economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, SACOG and its member local governments must work in partnership with the state in order to support housing and transportation projects that will help the region and the state achieve environmental goals; and

WHEREAS, the Green Means Go pilot project will be a meaningful and measurable effort to catalyze and advance projects and programs that accelerate infill housing, travel options, and electric vehicle deployment; and

WHEREAS, the Green Means Go Sacramento regional pilot program will create immediate funding pipelines to launch projects; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted a Climate Action Plan (CAP) with specific measures under the Transportation Alternatives and Congestion Management (TACM) category that support infill development, travel options such as Pedestrian and Bicycle Travel, Public Transit Car Sharing, and Electric Vehicle (EV) deployment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Elk Grove urges SACOG to continue its efforts to secure implementation funding in the state budget; and

WHEREAS, the California Environmental Quality Act (Section 21000, et. seq. of the California Public Resources Code, hereafter CEQA) requires analysis of agency approvals of discretionary "projects." The definition of a project under CEQA specifically excludes "government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact to the environment." (CEQA Guidelines, § 15378(b)(4));

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elk Grove hereby finds that adoption of this resolution requires no further environmental review under CEQA based upon the following finding:

Finding: No further environmental review is required because the activity does not constitute the approval of a "project" under CEQA.

Evidence: While the proposed Green Means Go pilot would provide funding towards physical improvements that facilitate infill development or otherwise address reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, all that is presently occurring is the development of a funding source for these potential improvements. Specific improvements have not been identified and, therefore, no specific funding is being allocated to specific project(s). Should the Green Means Go pilot be funded, CEQA would be triggered on those individual projects/improvements at that time. Therefore, adoption of the proposed resolution is not the approval of a project under CEQA and no further environmental review is required. (CEQA Guidelines, § 15378(b)(4).)

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council affirms the City of Elk Grove's commitment to helping the State of California and the SACOG region reach its 19 percent greenhouse gas reduction goal through implementation of the Green Means Go pilot project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Elk Grove this 13th day of March 2019




STEVE LY, MAYOR of the
CITY OF ELK GROVE

ATTEST:


JASON LINDGREN, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


JONATHAN P. HOBBS
CITY ATTORNEY

**CERTIFICATION
ELK GROVE CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2019-044**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO) ss
CITY OF ELK GROVE)

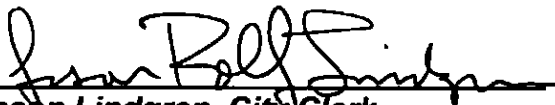
I, Jason Lindgren, City Clerk of the City of Elk Grove, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Elk Grove at a regular meeting of said Council held on March 13, 2019 by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: *Ly, Hume, Nguyen, Suen*

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: *None*

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: *None*

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: *Detrick*


**Jason Lindgren, City Clerk
City of Elk Grove, California**