

GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
SUPPORTING AN OC STREETCAR EXTENSION

WHEREAS, nearly 30 percent of Orange County's population reside in the Cities of Santa Ana, Garden Grove, and Anaheim ("Cities"), and over 25 percent of Orange County jobs are in the Cities;

WHEREAS, increasing population and employment growth in the region and Orange County emphasize the critical need to improve infrastructure and expand travel options;

WHEREAS, better access to jobs offers new opportunities for residents to continue to live, work, and thrive in Orange County;

WHEREAS, the City strongly desires to improve access to jobs in central Orange County by strengthening public transportation systems;

WHEREAS, Harbor Boulevard is a critical public transportation corridor used by residents and workers for access to jobs and schools throughout central Orange County;

WHEREAS, the Orange County Transportation Authority ("OCTA") will soon complete the OC Streetcar that will extend the reach of Metrolink service by connecting the Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center to a new transportation hub near Harbor Boulevard and Westminster Avenue in the cities of Santa Ana and Garden Grove;

WHEREAS, the OC Streetcar will greatly benefit commuters throughout the county who work in historic downtown Santa Ana and Civic Center, one of the largest employment centers in Orange County;

WHEREAS, OCTA completed a study in 2018 that considered, among other options, extending the OC Streetcar north on Harbor Boulevard to the Anaheim Resort area to connect to job centers in Santa Ana, Garden Grove, and Anaheim; and

WHEREAS, the City believes an OC Streetcar extension should move forward as expeditiously as possible to provide community benefits, improve public transportation services, and capture future state and federal funds for project implementation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City strongly desires an extension of the OC Streetcar, and requests that OCTA provide funding to advance

appropriate project development efforts for an OC Streetcar extension to the Anaheim Resort area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City is committed to complementary street improvements and land uses that that will further strengthen potential ridership and state/federal funding opportunities for an OC Streetcar extension.