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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(13) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Council File Number: 22-0002-S42

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: On May 11, 2022 NoHo NC voted unanimously to support CF 22-0002-S42 to streamline the approval of desperately needed active transportation and transit projects, asks the legislature and our state legislators to approve SB 922, and asks the City Council to advocate for it.

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Senate Bill: [922](#)

Title: California Environmental Quality Act: Exemptions: Transportation-related Projects

Position: Support

Council File: [22-0002-S42](#)

Title: SB 922 (Wiener) / Sunset Date Elimination / Statutory Exception / Transportation Projects

Position: Support

Summary:

The NoHo Neighborhood Council supports this call to streamline the approval of desperately needed active transportation and transit projects, asks the legislature and our state legislators to approve SB 922, and asks the City Council to advocate for it.

Under the state's current environmental review regime, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) has been weaponized to delay, cancel, and drive up the taxpayer expense of projects for better transit, biking, and walking—while failing to consider the environmental harms and risks of our present transportation status quo. However, this bill would exempt a set of specified active transportation and transit projects from the onerous and ultimately inequitable CEQA process. While

some of these projects are currently exempt, the exemption will expire next year without passage of SB 922.

Such projects will save lives and reduce traffic injuries and crashes. They will reduce emissions, pollution, and their resultant ill health effects. And they will improve access and mobility for all Angelenos, especially those who rely on public transit and active transportation. Removing roadblocks to these projects is vital.

For these reasons, NoHo NC urges support for and passage of SB 922 without delay.

CC: California State Senator Henry Stern

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