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CONSENT CALENDAR

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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Sophie Hahn  
Councilmember Kriss Worthington

Subject: Creation and Adoption of a Transit Streets Cooperative Agreement with the Alameda-Contra Costa (AC) Transit District

RECOMMENDATION:

Refer to the City Manager the Creation and Adoption of a Transit Streets Cooperative Agreement with the Alameda-Contra Costa (AC) Transit District.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with the City of Berkeley's "transit first" policy and dedication to multi-modal complete streets, it is essential Berkeley have cooperative agreements with major city partners. The Transit Streets Cooperative Agreement this item intends to create and adopt is inspired by Oakland's highly successful Transit Street Agreement from 2007.

The purpose of the agreement is to enable AC Transit and the City of Berkeley to better communicate and work collaboratively on all projects that may potentially impact either the City or AC Transit. Improved coordination between AC Transit and Berkeley reinforces and acknowledges the key role of transit in sustaining and improving the City's economy. Additionally, bus transit is often a primary mode of transportation for the elderly and persons with lower incomes; improving the effectiveness of coordination between the City and AC Transit will benefit those with the most need. Finally, increased communication will create opportunities to implement and expand mass transit that utilizes environmentally sustainable technologies. An efficient, dependable and safe bus transit system is not only an integral part of the transportation system, but it is also vital to the welfare of Berkeley and its residents.

For more information, please see the Oakland Transit Street Agreement:  
<http://clerkwebsvr1.oaklandnet.com/attachments/16140.pdf>

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Minimal; staff time.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

This agreement supports Berkeley's Environmental Sustainability Goals and has no negative impacts.

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