RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BANCROFT AVENUE BIKEWAY PHASE III PROJECT, FROM 66TH TO 82ND AVENUES, AND REDUCING TRAVEL LANES WHERE APPROPRIATE FROM FOUR (4) THROUGH LANES AND LEFT-TURN POCKETS TO TWO (2) THROUGH LANES AND LEFT-TURN POCKETS, AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ($160,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Bancroft Avenue Bikeway project meets the goals of the City's Bicycle Master Plan to provide safe and direct bicycles access to key areas and on key corridors in Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the Bicycle Master Plan recommends Class II (signed, striped) bicycle lane on Bancroft Avenue as part of the City's bikeway network; and

WHEREAS, the Bancroft Avenue Bikeway has been completed except for the section between 66th and 82nd Avenues, leaving a one-mile gap; and

WHEREAS, construction of the Bancroft Avenue Bikeway between 66th and 82nd Avenues will require the reduction of travel lanes from four (4) through lanes to two (2) through lanes and left-turn pockets, except at the intersections of 66th Avenue, Havenscourt Boulevard, 67th Avenue and 73rd Avenue, where the bike lanes will be dropped to ensure adequate vehicular level of service (LOS) and retain diagonal parking; and

WHEREAS, funds totaling $25,000.00 is available within the Metropolitan Transportation Commission TDA Article 3 Fund (2162), Traffic Services Organization (30262), and Project (C289210); and

WHEREAS, the Bancroft Avenue Bikeway Phase III project is contingent on a grant award approved by Council on May 16, 2006 (Resolution #79900) which authorized the City to apply for, accept and appropriate $135,000.00 in FY 06/07 TDA Article 3 funds to construct the project to be deposited to TDA Article 3 Fund (2162), Traffic Engineering Organization (92246), and Project (C289220), to be established; and

WHEREAS, City Council has directed staff to prepare reports for their approval when bicycle projects require the reduction of parking or travel lanes on a roadway; and
WHEREAS, the Bancroft Avenue project area from 66th to 82nd Avenues has been studied for feasibility and long-term transportation impacts of the bikeway, and the project is designed to have insignificant long-term impacts; and

WHEREAS, the project has been determined to be categorically exempt pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15301, Class 1 (c), changes in the traffic and parking regulations where such changes do not result in more than a negligible increase in the use of the street; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council authorizes the Bancroft Avenue Bikeway Phase III project from 66th to 82nd Avenues by reducing the travel lanes from four (4) through lanes to two (2) through lanes with left-turn pockets except at the intersections of 66th Avenue, Havenscourt Boulevard, 67th Avenue and 73rd Avenue, where the bike lanes will be dropped.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, JUL 18 2006, 2006

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
AYES – BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, AND PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE – 8

NOES – 0

ABSENT – 0

ABSTENTION – 0

ATTEST:
LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
Of the City of Oakland, California