

RESOLUTION NO. 26-4967

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MURRIETA, CALIFORNIA, DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO NEGOTIATE AND PURCHASE ALL RIGHT-OF-WAY REAL PROPERTY INTERESTS, INCLUDING FEE TITLE, AND EASEMENTS, NECESSARY FOR THE CITY OF MURRIETA'S INTERSTATE 215 KELLER ROAD INTERCHANGE PROJECT AS AUTHORIZED HEREIN

WHEREAS, the City of Murrieta (City) is authorized to acquire any real property or interest therein needed for state highway purposes per Streets and Highway Code 113; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the City's Interstate 215 Keller Road Interchange Project will require acquisition of real property, potential relocation of various businesses and/or residences, and the relocation of various utilities; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of property and utility relocation are on a critical path to meet state and federal grant funding deadlines; and

WHEREAS, as a recipient of state and federal funds, the City is required to conduct real estate acquisition and relocation activities in adherence with applicable federal, state, and local regulations, including the following:

- 49 CFR Part 24, Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition for Federal and Federally Assisted Programs, and The Uniform Act, Public Law 91-646, as amended
- California Code of Civil Procedure sections 1230.010 to 1273.050 (Eminent Domain Law)
- California Government Code 7267, et. seq.
- California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 6, Subchapter 1
- Caltrans Right-of-Way Manual; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans will have oversight and quality assurance responsibilities over the right of way process. This includes concurrent reviews of the appraisals, offer packages, and settlement documents; and

WHEREAS, streamlining the Right-of-Way and Utility Coordination approval process through the Director of Public Works in consultation with the City Manager and the City Attorney's office will ensure timely responses to property owners, and preserve the project right of way schedule.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MURRIETA, CALIFORNIA DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The recitals above are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. That the City hereby delegates authority to the Director of Public Works, after consultation with the City Manager and City Attorney, to negotiate and purchase all and all real property interests, including Fee Title, Easements and Leases, necessary for the City's Interstate 215 Keller Road Interchange Project including executing Certificates of Acceptance, Right of Way Certifications, Utility Agreements, and to comply with all applicable legal requirements obligations associated with the purchases as follows:

- ☐ Delegate approval authority to the Director of Public Works up to a city of Murrieta's Council - approved budget amount for right of way and utility agreements and amendments.
- ☐ The city of Murrieta's Council approves all right of way and utility agreements and amendments on an individual basis.
- ☒ Delegate approval authority to the Director of Public Works for all right of way and utility related items up to an City Council approved budget amount except for Purchase and Sales Agreements greater than \$1 Million. The City Council approves all right of way and utility agreements and amendments greater than \$1 Million.

Section 3. The City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to proceed with the acquisition of all such properties described in Section 2 above and to execute all documents on behalf of the City, including execution of all related escrow, closing, and similar documents which are necessary to finalize the acquisitions necessary for the Interstate 215 Keller Road Interchange Project.

Section 4. The City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to accept, for and on behalf of the City all deeds and grants conveying any interest in or easement upon real property to the City and to consent to their recording.

Section 5. That the Director of Public Works is authorized to make administrative changes, as needed, to ensure that this Resolution is implemented in the most efficient and cost-effective manner possible.

Section 6. That the City of Murrieta will be using the Caltrans Right-of-Way Manual, with minor exceptions approved by the Director of Public Works, as the project right of way manual for the Interstate 215 Keller Road Interchange Project where applicable.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of August, 2026.

Jon Levell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristal McDonald, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Tiffany Israel, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE)§
CITY OF MURRIETA)

I, Cristal McDonald, City Clerk of the City of Murrieta, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 26-4967 was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Murrieta at the regular meeting thereof, held on the 18th day of August, 2026, and was signed by the Mayor of the said City, and that the same was passed and adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Cristal McDonald, City Clerk