

RESOLUTION NO. 00-36

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILL VALLEY  
ENDORING A FEASIBILITY STUDY TO DETERMINE WHETHER  
REESTABLISHING THE ALTO TUNNEL FOR PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE USE  
REPRESENTS A PRUDENT PROJECT IN FURTHERANCE OF THE MARIN  
COUNTY BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN**

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**WHEREAS**, it is the intention of the County of Marin to establish a "North-South Bikeway" for the use of bicycles and pedestrians, one possible aspect of which is to re-establish use of the Alto Tunnel ("the Tunnel"); and

**WHEREAS**, a portion of the Tunnel and the multi-use path leading to/from the Tunnel are located in the City of Mill Valley ("the City") and would substantially impact the City and its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing the many benefits to Marin County and its various communities and residents, including Mill Valley, which might result from the use of the Tunnel for bicycle and pedestrian travel, the City considers that a feasibility study should be undertaken to analyze the various factors involved in reestablishing the Tunnel,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City endorses the proposal of the County of Marin to conduct a feasibility study to analyze the various effects that re-establishing the Tunnel would have on Marin County in general and the City in particular. In endorsing the feasibility study, the City is not assuming any financial responsibility for the cost thereof and does not commit to conform to any conclusions reached by the study. The City recommends that the study carefully consider specific issues, including but not limited to:

1. The manner in which the Tunnel construction, operations and maintenance costs will be financed, along with identification of possible funding, and a cost/benefit analysis be prepared utilizing these cost figures;
2. The extent to which the Tunnel and the approaches thereto can be constructed and maintained so as to be non-invasive to the privacy and safety of the neighboring residents during both construction and operation;
3. Analysis of the Tunnel Structure including seismic safety of the Tunnel and adjoining properties;
4. Analysis of the likely ongoing costs of maintenance, lighting and security and the impact of these costs on the City;


5. The extent to which construction of the Tunnel is likely to delay or diminish completion of the specific local and regional projects benefiting the City and surrounding areas, as listed in the Marin County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan;
6. Evaluation of the adequacy of the current multi-use path in Bayfront Park for the expected increased volume of bike riders, and users of the Park.
7. Evaluation of the effect of the Tunnel on the existing and anticipated traffic congestion problems in Marin County in general and the City in particular;
8. Whether reestablishment of the Alto Tunnel might result in its use in connection with train service in Southern Marin County (which would be counter-productive to bicycle and pedestrian use); and
9. Evaluation of whether alternatives to the Tunnel, including the improvement of the existing route on Camino Alto, the path adjacent to U.S. Highway 101, and other possible north/south routes, may contribute sufficient improvement to bicycle/pedestrian travel and traffic flow without the addition of the Tunnel.
10. Proposed schedule for design, funding, construction and opening.
11. Identification of the environmental impacts of the proposed tunnel on the surrounding areas, including the need for any possible easement or property acquisition.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Mill Valley on the 4th day of December, 2000, by the following vote:

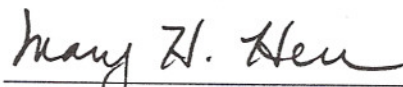
**AYES:** Councilmembers Raker, Solem Swanson, Waldeck, Mayor Fisco.

**NOES:** None.

**ABSENT:** None.

  
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Dennis P. Fisco, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Mary H. Herr, City Clerk