

RESOLUTION NO. 4486

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF REDLANDS ENDORSING A
POLICY OF PLANNING FOR LIGHT RAIL
TRANSPORTATION AND RECREATIONAL
TRAIL SYSTEMS ALONG SANTA FE
RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Redlands recently adopted a comprehensive open space, conservation and recreation element to the Redlands' General Plan to ensure that parklands and open space are preserved, conserved and enhanced for the benefit of Redlands' citizens; and

WHEREAS, among the many goals identified in the open space, conservation and recreation element of the Redlands' General Plan is the goal to develop riding, hiking and bicycle trails as linkages between open space areas throughout the City of Redlands; and

WHEREAS, a further goal of the open-space, conservation and recreation element is to develop recreational uses in urban areas which provide for the enjoyment of the historical and scenic qualities of such areas; and

WHEREAS, the rapid rate of growth in communities surrounding Redlands has burdened the existing transportation systems in and around Redlands causing the need for the development of new, economical and more efficient transportation alternatives; and

WHEREAS, similar to other cities within California, this City Council recognizes that the development of a light rail transportation system within Redlands may be a viable alternative means of providing economical and efficient transportation throughout the Redlands area; and

WHEREAS, with the possible sale of the Santa Fe railway spur in Redlands, this City Council further recognizes that it may have a unique opportunity to plan and develop a light rail transportation system, and walking and bicycle trails, along the Santa Fe Railroad right-of-way existing in a historic and scenic area of downtown Redlands; and

WHEREAS, the City's open space Committee and Parks Commission both favor the Council's adoption of a policy pursuing light rail and trail systems development along the Santa Fe right-of-way;

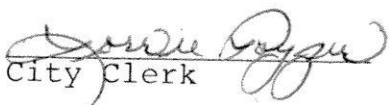
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Redlands that it hereby endorses and encourages the City and its staff to pursue a policy which will explore the possibilities for establishment of a light rail transportation system and recreational walking and bicycle trails along the Santa Fe Railroad right-of-way in downtown Redlands.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 7th day of March, 1989.



Mayor, City of Redlands

ATTEST:



City Clerk