

Memorandum

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To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: January 22, 2015

Reference No.: 2.2c (3)
Action

From: SUSAN BRANSEN
Interim Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND ADDENDUM FOR THE EL CAMINO
AVENUE PHASE 2 STREET AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
(RESOLUTION E-15-04)**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and Addendum for the El Camino Avenue Phase 2 Street and Sidewalk Improvement Project (project) in Sacramento County and approve the project for future consideration of funding?

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission accept the MND and Addendum and approve the project for future consideration of funding.

BACKGROUND:

The County of Sacramento (County) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. The project is located on El Camino Avenue between Watt Avenue and Verna Way in the unincorporated Sacramento County. The project will implement Class II bicycle and pedestrian facilities and other improvements on El Camino Avenue including: sidewalk and walkway construction, improvements to existing signalized and un-signalized intersections, installation of bicycle lanes, transit stops, and other improvements to benefit bicycle and pedestrian access and safety.

On September 14, 2010, the County adopted the final MND and found that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation. In July 2012, an Addendum was prepared due to a project modification to construct additional storm drain improvements along El Camino Avenue which were not identified within the project scope in the previously adopted MND. On September 25, 2012, the County adopted an Addendum to the September 14, 2010 MND and certified that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment. On September 14, 2011 Caltrans determined that this project is categorically excluded from NEPA pursuant to 23 CFR 771.117(c)(3).

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to Public Services, Transportation/Traffic, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, and Hazards/Hazardous Materials. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to: development of a bus route control plan, development of a general traffic control plan, development of a school district bus traffic control plan, implementation of optimized traffic signal timing at various intersections, oak tree replacement plantings, pre-construction nesting surveys and measures to minimize or avoid impacts to nesting birds, measures to address the inadvertent discovery of cultural resources, and pre-construction soil/groundwater testing for hazardous materials as well as implementation of remediation measures as needed.

On November 18, 2014, the County confirmed that the preferred alternative set forth in the final environmental document is consistent with the project scope of work programmed by the Commission.

This project is being constructed in phases. Phase 1 improvements (Ethan Way to Watt Avenue) were completed in September 2013. Phase 2 will include improvements from Watt Avenue to Verna Way.

Phase 2 is estimated to cost \$1,922,800, and is fully funded through construction with Local (\$231,000) and Active Transportation Program (\$1,691,800) funds. Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2014/15.

Attachments

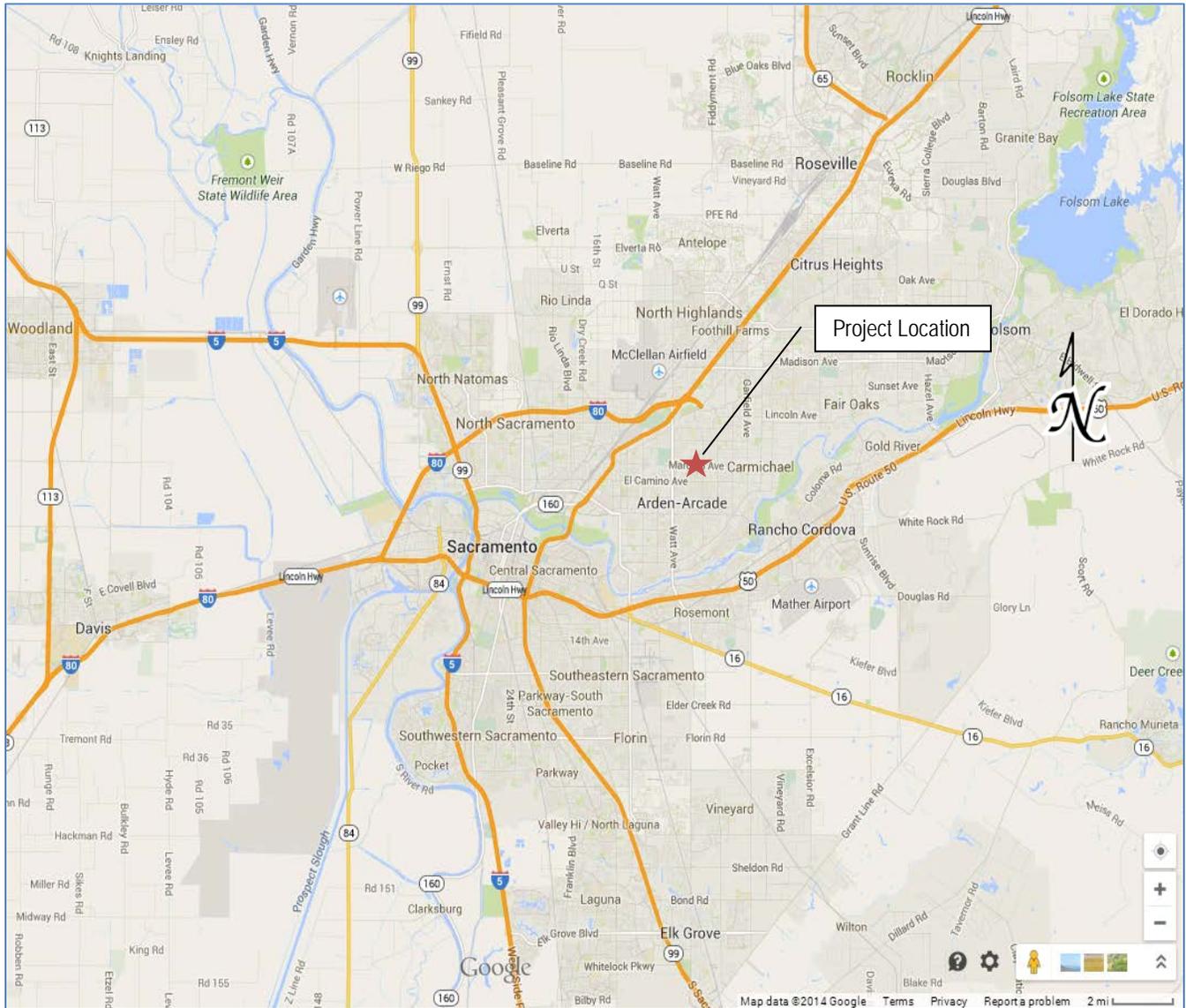
- Resolution E-15-04
- Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, Sacramento County has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - El Camino Avenue Phase 2 Street and Sidewalk Improvements Project.
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, Sacramento County has certified that the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum have been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines for its implementation; and
- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, the project will implement Class II bicycle and pedestrian facilities and other improvements on El Camino Avenue including: sidewalk and walkway construction, improvements to existing signalized and un-signalized intersections, installation of bicycle lanes, transit stops, and other improvements to benefit bicycle and pedestrian access and safety; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum; and
- 1.5 **WHEREAS**, Sacramento County found that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, Sacramento County approved the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum.
- 2.1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby accept the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum and approve the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.

VICINITY AND LOCATION MAP



The proposed project is located in the Sacramento Region, north east of the City of Sacramento downtown area.