

Memorandum

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To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: March 26, 2015

Reference No.: 2.2c (3)
Action

From: WILL KEMPTON
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE CROSS ALAMEDA TRAIL – JEAN
SWEENEY OPEN SPACE PARK PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-15-14)**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Cross Alameda Trail – Jean Sweeney Open Space Park Project (project) in Alameda County and approve the project for future consideration of funding?

RECOMMENDATION:

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

BACKGROUND:

The City of Alameda (City) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. The project is located in the City of Alameda between Webster Street and Sherman Street. The project will construct a bicycle and pedestrian trail as an off street Class 1 trail through the Jean Sweeney Open Space Park and a Class III bikeway facility along Atlantic Avenue between Constitution Way and Webster Street.

On July 15, 2014, the Alameda City Council adopted the final MND for the project and found that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation.

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to biological resources, transportation and traffic, cultural resources, air quality, and noise. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to: implement measures to avoid or limit dust during construction; limit construction activities from September to January to avoid the breeding and nesting season for birds; implement protective measures prior to construction to minimize impacts for bat roosting sites; coordinate with the City's wetland ecologist to identify wetland delineation and protect state and/or federal jurisdictional wetlands; implement measures to avoid direct and indirect impacts to protected trees; contact a qualified archeologist if prehistoric or historic period archeological resources are encountered during construction for appropriate handling; involve an

archeologist and other specialized professionals during construction in the event cultural resources or human remains are discovered; obtain a qualified environmental professional prior to obtaining a grading or building permit to remediate all contaminated sites; provide a truck route plan to minimize impacts to the neighborhoods; and limit heavy truck movements to hours approved by the Public Works Department.

On February 4, 2015, 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.

The project is estimated to cost \$2,521,000 and is fully funded through construction with Active Transportation Funds (\$2,231,000) and Local Funds (\$290,000). Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2015/16.

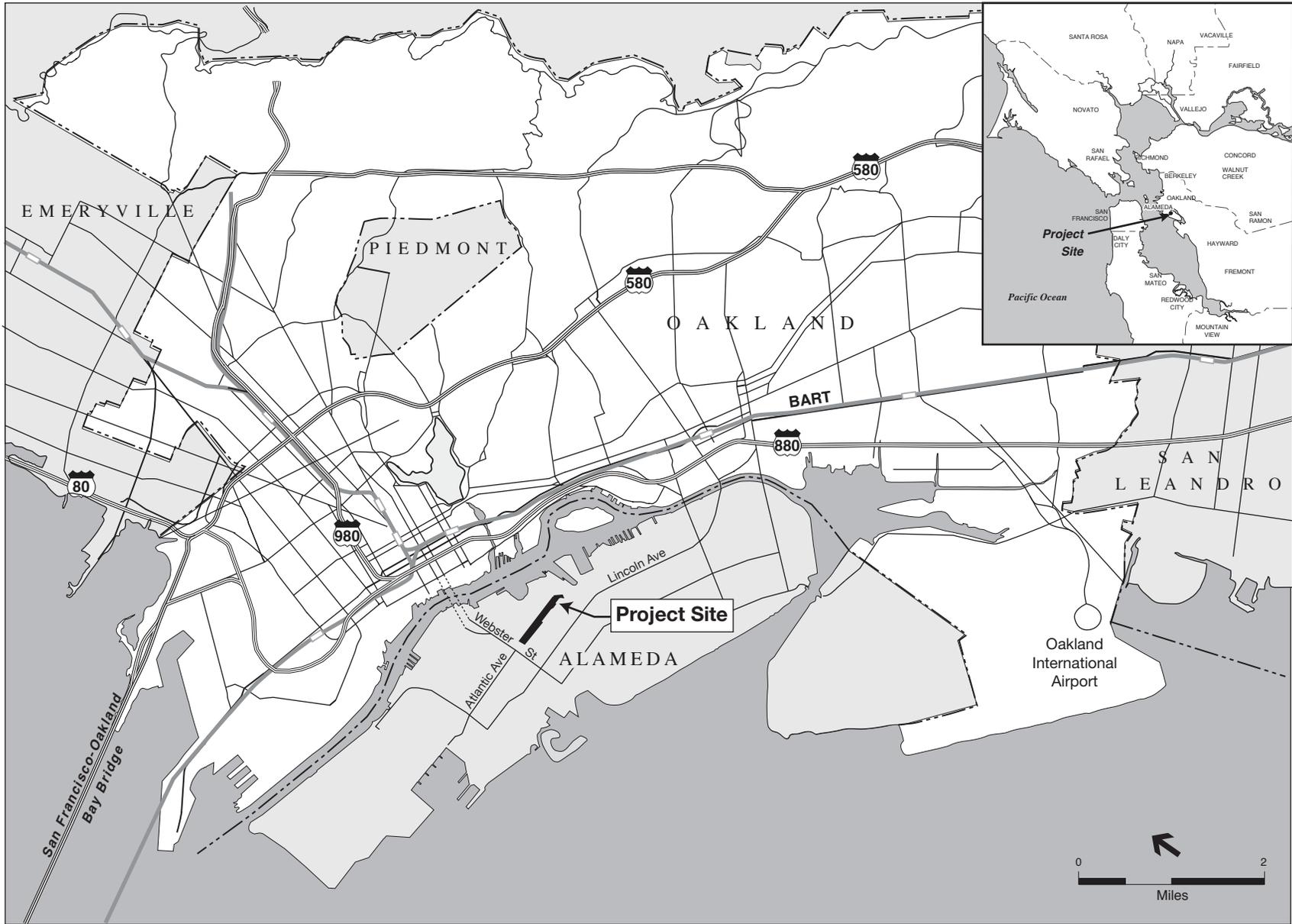
Attachments

- Resolution E-15-14
- Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 04 – Alameda County Resolution E-15-14

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Alameda has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- Cross Alameda Trail – Jean Sweeney Open Space Park
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the City of Alameda has certified that the Mitigated Negative Declaration has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines; and
- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, the project will construct a bicycle and pedestrian trail as an off street Class 1 trail through the Jean Sweeney Open Space Park and a Class III bikeway facility along Atlantic Avenue between Construction Way and Webster Street; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.5 **WHEREAS**, the City of Alameda found that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, the City of Alameda approved the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration.
- 2.1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby accept the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration and approves the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.



SOURCE: ESA, 2014

Sweeney Park . 140118

Figure 2-1
Regional Location