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To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: October 19-20, 2016

Reference No.: 2.2c.(4)
Action

From: SUSAN BRANSEN
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE U.S. HIGHWAY 101 BICYCLE
AND PEDESTRIAN OVERCROSSING PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-16-79)**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the U.S. Highway 101 Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing Project (Project) in San Mateo County and approve the Project for future consideration of funding?

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Commission accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration and approve the Project for future consideration of funding.

BACKGROUND:

The City of East Palo Alto (City) is the CEQA lead agency for the Project. The Project will construct a Class I Pedestrian/Bicycle Overcrossing Structure over U.S. Highway 101 to provide a direct connection between the south side and north side of U.S. Highway 101 in East Palo Alto. Improvements will also include a sidewalk, bicycle signage, striping along West Bayshore Road and a new pedestrian crossing will be added at Newell Avenue.

On March 14, 2016, the City of East Palo Alto Planning Commission adopted the final Mitigated Negative Declaration 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 less than significant levels relate to aesthetics, air quality, biological and cultural resources, geology/soils, hydrology, noise and traffic impacts. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to: limit the intensity of lighting to reduce “spillover” glare, control dust onsite with water or non-toxic chemical stabilizers, conduct pre-construction/pre-disturbance surveys for nesting birds, preserve existing vegetation, adopt a construction noise reduction plan and limit construction activities to night hours outside peak travel times to minimize traffic impacts. On September 1, 2016, the City confirmed that the preferred alternative set forth in the final environmental document is consistent with the Project scope of work and programming by the Commission.

The Project is estimated to cost \$9,800,000 and is fully funded through construction with Local Funds (\$1,200,000) and Active Transportation Program Funds (\$8,600,000). Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2016/17.

Attachments

- Resolution E-16-79
- Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 4 – San Mateo County Resolution E-16-79

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the City of East Palo Alto has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - U.S. Highway 101 Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing Project
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the City of East Palo Alto has certified that the Mitigated Negative Declaration has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines; and
- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, the project will construct a Class I Pedestrian/Bicycle Overcrossing Structure over U.S. Highway 101 to provide a direct connection between the south side and north side of U.S. Highway 101 in East Palo Alto; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the project is located in East Palo Alto and would cross U.S. Highway 101, approximately 2,100 feet south of the University Avenue overcrossing of U.S. Highway 101, and approximately 4,500 feet north of the Oregon Expressway/Embarcadero Road Overcrossing; and
- 1.5 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission of the City of East Palo Alto found that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation; and
- 1.7 **WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission of the City of East Palo Alto approved the Mitigated Negative Declaration.
- 1.8 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration and approves the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To: Office of Planning and Research
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Sacramento, CA 95814

From: California Transportation Commission
Attn: Jose Oseguera
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Sacramento, CA 95814
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Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code.

U.S. Highway 101 Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing Project
Project Title

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State Clearinghouse Number	Lead Agency Contact Person	Area Code/Telephone

Project Location (include county): The project is located in East Palo Alto and would cross U.S. Highway 101, approximately 2,100 feet south of the University Avenue overcrossing of U.S. Highway 101, and approximately 4,500 feet north of the Oregon Expressway/Embarcadero Road Overcrossing.

Project Description: The project will construct a Class I Pedestrian/Bicycle Overcrossing Structure over U.S. Highway 101 to provide a direct connection between the south side and north side of U.S. Highway 101 in East Palo Alto.

This is to advise that the California Transportation Commission has approved the above described project on (Lead Agency/ Responsible Agency)

October 19-20, 2016 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project (will/ will not) have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. A Mitigated Negative Declaration were prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures (were/ were not) made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. Mitigation reporting or monitoring plan (was / was not) adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations (was / was not) adopted for this project.
6. Findings (were/ were not) made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The above identified document with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at: 1960 Tate Street, East Palo Alto, CA 94303

SUSAN BRANSEN

Signature (Public Agency)

Date

Executive Director
California Transportation Commission

Title

Date received for filing at OPR:

Figure 1-1. Regional Location

