

## M e m o r a n d u m

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: May 18-19, 2016

Reference No.: 2.2c (6)  
Action

From: SUSAN BRANSEN  
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING  
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PLACER STREET  
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-16-30)**

**ISSUE:**

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Placer Street Improvement Project (Project) in Shasta County and approve the project for future consideration of funding?

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Redding (City) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. The project will re-pave and re-stripe Placer Street from Highland Avenue to Thompson Avenue, with roadway widening in certain locations. Improvements include adding an eastbound through lane between Cumberland Drive and Pleasant Street, a center turn lane from Wisconsin to Cumberland Drive, auxiliary turn lanes, delineated and buffered bicycle lanes, curb, gutter and sidewalks with ADA ramps, pedestrian safety lighting, enhanced pedestrian crossings, and irrigated landscape.

On January 17, 2012, the City 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 less than significant levels relate to biological resources. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to: requires completion of a survey for roosting bats and safe eviction of any nonbreeding bat hibernaculum; construction restrictions limiting work to occur February through July to avoid the nesting season of raptors and migratory birds; and the preservation of trees greater than 6 inches in diameter.

An Addendum was filed on March 6, 2013 to downsize the project on account of reduced federal funding; however, the impacts requiring mitigation remain the same. On March 21, 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 \$5,306,558 and is fully funded through construction with Active Transportation Program (ATP) Funds (\$2,295,157) and Local Funds (\$3,011,401). Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2015/16.

Attachments

- Resolution E-16-30
- Project Location

# CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 02 – Shasta County Resolution E-16-30

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Redding has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
  - Placer Street Improvement Project
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the City of Redding 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 repave and re-stripe Placer Street from Highland Avenue to Thompson Avenue, with some roadway widening in some locations. Improvements include adding an eastbound through lane between Cumberland Drive and Pleasant Street, a center turn lane from Wisconsin to Cumberland Drive, auxiliary turn lanes, delineated and buffered bicycle lanes, curb, gutter and sidewalks with ADA ramps, pedestrian safety lighting, enhanced pedestrian crossings, and irrigated landscape; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the project is located on Placer Street from the western city limit to Highland Avenue; and
- 1.5 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, the Redding City Council found that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation; and
- 1.7 **WHEREAS**, the Redding City Council approved the Mitigated Negative Declaration.
- 2.1 **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.