

Memorandum

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To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: May 18-19, 2016

Reference No.: 2.2c (7)
Action

From: SUSAN BRANSEN
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE LAGUNA CREEK TRAIL
PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-16-31)**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Laguna Creek Trail Project (Project) in Sacramento 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 Elk Grove (City) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. The project will construct a new bike/pedestrian path from Camden Park/Lake to Beckington Drive, add bike lane striping on Beckington Drive including a new ADA access ramp and a new bike/pedestrian path from Beckington Drive to the existing Whitehouse Creek path adjacent to MacDonald Park.

On January 27, 2016, 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, aesthetics, cultural resources and noise abatement. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to: requires surveys to determine special-status plants, avoidance of western pond turtle habitat, limits construction activities to the driest time of the year, provides proactive measures to prevent the disturbance of burial sites and limits construction hours to minimize noise levels.

On April 15, 2016, the City of Elk Grove 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 \$791,000 and is fully funded through construction with State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Funds (\$500,000), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Funds (\$199,000) and Local Funds (\$92,000). Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2015/16.

Attachments

- Resolution E-16-31
- Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 03 – Sacramento County Resolution E-16-31

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Elk Grove has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- Laguna Creek Trail Project
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the City of Elk Grove 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 new bike/pedestrian path from Camden Park/Lake to Beckington Drive, add bike lane striping on Beckington Drive including a new ADA access ramp and a new bike/pedestrian path from Beckington Drive to the existing Whitehouse Creek path adjacent to MacDonald Park; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the project is located on Camden Park/Lake, which is north of Bond road on Laguna Creek, south of Alistair Way between State Route 99 and Elk Grove Florin Road; 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 Elk Grove City Council found that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation; and
- 1.7 **WHEREAS**, the Elk Grove 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.