

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: June 11, 2013

Reference No.: 2.2c (4)
Action

From: ANDRE BOUTROS
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND ADDENDUM FOR THE SACRAMENTO
CITY COLLEGE LIGHT RAIL STATION PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE OVERCROSSING
PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-13-49)**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and Addendum for the Sacramento City College Light Rail Station Pedestrian/Bicycle Overcrossing Project (project) in the City of Sacramento 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 City of Sacramento (City) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. The project is located in the City and County of Sacramento, just north of Sutterville Road between Freeport Boulevard and 24th Street near the Sacramento City College campus. The project will construct an east-west pedestrian/bicycle overcrossing including ADA compliant ramps that extends east from the lawn area of Sacramento City College, past the parking garage, over the light rail tracks, Union Pacific Railroad main tracks and maintenance yard, to the adjacent Curtis Park neighborhood.

On May 26, 2010, Caltrans determined the project to be categorically excluded from NEPA pursuant to 23 CFR 771.117(c) (3). On January 7, 2010 the City adopted the final MND for the project and found that it would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation. In 2011, an Addendum was prepared to address the addition of project elements including the construction of a bicycle/pedestrian path on the City College campus and utilities relocation in the vicinity of the pedestrian and bicycle bridge. On May 2, 2011, the City approved the Addendum to the previously adopted MND and certified that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to Aesthetics, Cultural Resources, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, and Noise. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to: storage of construction materials to minimize visual impacts, direction of construction lighting away from nearby traffic lanes, incorporation of design features to soften the appearance of the overcrossing structure and to meet the desired visual character for the surrounding area, use of lighting, signage, and paint to minimize reflection; measures to handle inadvertent discovery of cultural resources; designated staging areas for fueling/oil changing during construction, pre-construction mapping of gas pipelines, measures to address the proper handling and disposal of any toxic substances encountered during construction, and pre-construction soil sampling prior to ground disturbance; implementation of construction noise control measures such as restricting construction hours to minimize noise disturbance, and utilizing construction equipment furnished with noise control devices.

On May 13, 2013 the City 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 fully funded through construction, and is estimated to cost \$10,884,319. The project is funded with Local (\$1,350,000), State (\$2,571,319) and STIP-TE (\$6,963,000) funds. Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2013/14.

Attachments

- Resolution E-13-49
- Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 03 – Sacramento County Resolution E-13-49

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Sacramento (City) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - Sacramento City College Light Rail Station Pedestrian/Bicycle Overcrossing Project
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the City 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**, project will construct an east-west pedestrian/bicycle overcrossing including ADA compliant ramps; 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**, the City found that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, the City 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.

Location Map for
City College Light Rail Station
Pedestrian/Bicycle Crossing Project
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