

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: March 25, 2020

From: MITCH WEISS, Executive Director

Reference Number: 2.2c.(7), Action

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Subject: **Approval of Project for Future Consideration of Funding – Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Sunburst Avenue Widening Project (Resolution E-20-24)**

Issue:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Sunburst Avenue Widening Project (Project) in San Bernardino 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 County of San Bernardino (County) is the California Environmental Quality Act lead agency for the Project. The Project will widen Sunburst Avenue, constructing two new Class II bike lanes on both sides of the avenue. The Project is located on Sunburst Avenue, from the terminus of the existing Class I bike path north 1.5 miles to Calle Los Amigos, in the unincorporated community of Joshua Tree, San Bernardino County.

On December 17, 2019, the San Bernardino Board of Supervisors adopted a 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 biological and cultural resources, geology, and tribal resources. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to, conduct a pre-construction survey to determine impacts on the Burrowing Owl, employ a qualified archaeologist for

monitoring excavation activities if prehistoric resources are discovered, prepare a Paleontological Resource Impact Management Plan if excavations will exceed three feet in depth, and conduct Cultural Sensitivity Training prior to construction activities.

On February 20, 2020, 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 \$1,118,000 and is fully funded through construction with Active Transportation Program Funds.

Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2020-21.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Resolution E-20-24
- Attachment B: Notice of Determination
- Attachment C: Project Location Map

**CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding**

**8 – San Bernardino County
Resolution E-20-24**

- 1.1 WHEREAS, the County of San Bernardino (County) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the Sunburst Avenue Widening Project (Project) in San Bernardino County; and
- 1.2 WHEREAS, the County has certified that the Mitigated Negative Declaration has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines; and
- 1.3 WHEREAS, the Project is located on Sunburst Avenue, from the terminus of the existing Class I bike path north 1.5 miles to Calle Los Amigos, in the unincorporated community of Joshua Tree, San Bernardino County; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS, the Project will widen Sunburst Avenue, constructing two new Class II bike lanes on both sides of the avenue; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS, on December 17, 2019, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors found that the proposed Project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation; and
- 1.6 WHEREAS, on January 17, 2019, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.7 WHEREAS, on February 20, 2020, 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 California Transportation Commission (Commission); and
- 1.8 WHEREAS, the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration.
- 2.1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission does hereby accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration and approves the above-referenced Project for future consideration of funding.

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: California Transportation Commission
Attn: Jose Oseguera
1120 N Street, MS 52
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Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code.

Project Title: Sunburst Avenue Widening Project

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State Clearinghouse Number	Lead Agency Contact Person	Area Code/Telephone

Project Location (include county): The project is located on Sunburst Avenue, from the terminus of the existing Class I bike path north 1.5 miles to Calle Los Amigos, in the unincorporated community of Joshua Tree, San Bernardino County.

Project Description: The project will widen Sunburst Avenue, constructing two new Class II bike lanes on both sides of the avenue.

This is to advise that the California Transportation Commission has approved the above described project on

(Lead Agency/ Responsible Agency)

March 25-26, 2020, 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 was 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: 825 E. 3rd Street, San Bernardino, CA 92410

MITCH WEISS		Executive Director California Transportation Commission
<i>Signature (Public Agency)</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Title</i>

Date received for filing at OPR:



Class I Bike Path
SH 62 to 0.5 mile north

Class II Bike Lane
SH 62 to Calle Los Amigos

LOCATION MAP

County Road # 778825

