

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: March 25, 2020

From: MITCH WEISS, Executive Director

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Subject: Approval of Project for Future Consideration of Funding – Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Rincon Multi-Use Trail Project (Resolution E-20-25)

Issue:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Rincon Multi-Use Trail Project (Project) in Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties, 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 Carpinteria (City) is the California Environmental Quality Act lead agency for the Project. The Project will construct a multi-use pedestrian and bicycle Class I path connecting Carpinteria Avenue to Rincon County Beach Park. The Project is located on a plateau between the coastal mountains and the Pacific Ocean at the Ventura/Santa Barbara County line.

On January 17, 2020, the Carpinteria Planning Commission 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 aesthetics, air quality, biological and cultural resources, geology, hazardous materials, land use, and noise. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to, require that ocean views be protected and in compliance with the Architectural Board of Review for both Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties, implement measures to

control fugitive dust, conduct surveys to determine impacts on the Silvery Legless Lizard, contract with a qualified archaeologist for monitoring excavation activities, abide by the requirements of the Geotechnical Report for erosion control measures, test surface soils to monitor levels of aerially deposited lead, prepare a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Report, and limit construction hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

On February 6, 2020, 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 estimated to cost \$7,483,000 and is fully funded through construction with Active Transportation Program Funds (\$6,833,000), Coastal Conservancy Funds (\$200,000), Coastal Resource Enhance Funds (\$25,000), Measure A Local Sales Tax Funds (\$350,000), and Local Funds (\$75,000).

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

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Resolution E-20-25
- Attachment B: Notice of Determination
- Attachment C: Project Location Map

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

**5 – Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties
Resolution E-20-25**

- 1.1 WHEREAS, the City of Carpinteria (City) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the Rincon Multi-Use Trail Project (Project) in Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties; and
- 1.2 WHEREAS, the City 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 a plateau between the coastal mountains and the Pacific Ocean at the Ventura/Santa Barbara County line; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS, the Project will construct a multi-use pedestrian and bicycle Class I path connecting Carpinteria Avenue to Rincon County Beach Park; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS, on January 17, 2020, the Carpinteria Planning Commission found that the proposed Project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation; and
- 1.6 WHEREAS, on January 17, 2020, the Carpinteria Planning Commission adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.7 WHEREAS, on February 6, 2020, 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 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
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From: California Transportation Commission
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Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code.

Project Title: Rincon Multi-Use Trail Project

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State Clearinghouse Number	Lead Agency Contact Person	Area Code/Telephone

Project Location (include county): The project is located on a plateau between the coastal mountains and the Pacific Ocean at the Ventura/Santa Barbara County line.

Project Description: The project will construct a multi-use pedestrian and bicycle Class I path connecting Carpinteria Avenue to Rincon County Beach Park.

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: 5775 Carpinteria Avenue, Carpinteria, CA 93013

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Signature (Public Agency)

Date

Executive Director

California Transportation Commission

Title

Date received for filing at OPR:



AERIAL SOURCE: CIRGIS 2010
ENGINEERING SOURCE: Bengal 2019

FIGURE 2
Project Vicinity and Alignment

Carpinteria Rincon Trail Subsequent MND