

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: June 24, 2020

From: MITCH WEISS, Executive Director

Reference Number: 2.2c. (4), Action

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Subject: Approval of Project for Future Consideration of Funding – Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Conejo School Road and Willow Lane Sidewalk and Bike Lanes Project, Resolution E-20-58

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Conejo School Road and Willow Lane Sidewalk and Bike Lanes Project (Project) in Ventura County and approve the Project for future consideration of funding.

Issue:

The City of Thousand Oaks (City) is the California Environmental Quality Act lead agency for the Project. The Project will construct missing segments of sidewalks, curbs, gutters, accessible curb ramps, and bike lanes on Conejo School Road and Willow Lane, including other improvements such as retaining walls, storm drains, and pavement markings. The project is located on Conejo School Road from the U.S. 101 underpass to Hillcrest Drive, and Willow Lane from the U.S. 101 underpass east to Hampshire Road, City of Thousand Oaks, Ventura County.

For all projects that are anticipated to be funded through a program under the purview of the Commission, full compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is required. The Commission will not allocate funds to projects for design, right-of-way or construction until the environmental document is complete, and the Commission has approved the environmentally cleared project for future funding consideration.

Background:

On March 31, 2020, the Thousand Oaks City Council adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project and found that the Project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation.

On April 23, 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.

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to less than significant levels relate to biological resources and air quality. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to, adhere to Oak Tree Preservation and Protection Guidelines, employ periodic watering during construction and demolition activities to reduce the possibility of fugitive dust emissions containing *Coccidioides Immitis* (Valley Fever) spores, and require that excavation operations do not occur when winds exceed 25 miles-per-hour.

The Project is estimated to cost \$4,994,596 and is fully funded through construction with Active Transportation Program Funds (\$775,000), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Funds (\$1,709,150), and Local Funds (\$2,510,446).

Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2019-20.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Resolution E-20-58
- Attachment B: Notice of Determination
- Attachment C. Project Location Map

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

**7 – Ventura County
Resolution E-20-58**

- 1.1 WHEREAS, the City of Thousand Oaks (City) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the Conejo School Road and Willow Lane Sidewalk and Bike Lanes Project (Project) in Ventura County; 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 Conejo School Road from the U.S. 101 underpass to Hillcrest Drive, and Willow Lane from the U.S. 101 underpass east to Hampshire Road, City of Thousand Oaks, Ventura County; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS, the Project will construct missing segments of sidewalks, curbs, gutters, accessible curb ramps, and bike lanes on Conejo School Road and Willow Lane, including other improvements such as retaining walls, storm drains, and pavement markings; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020, the Thousand Oaks City Council found that the proposed Project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation and adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.6 WHEREAS, on April 23, 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
- 1.7 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
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 653-2094

Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code.

Project Title: Conejo School Road and Willow Lane Sidewalk and Bike Lanes Project

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State Clearinghouse Number	Lead Agency Contact Person	Area Code/Telephone

Project Location (include county): The project is located on Conejo School Road from the U.S. 101 underpass to Hillcrest Drive, and Willow Lane from the U.S. 101 underpass east to Hampshire Road, City of Thousand Oaks, Ventura County.

Project Description: The project will construct missing segments of sidewalks, curbs, gutters, accessible curb ramps, and bike lanes on Conejo School Road and Willow Lane, including other improvements such as retaining walls, storm drains, and pavement markings.

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

(Lead Agency/ Responsible Agency)

June 24, 2020, and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

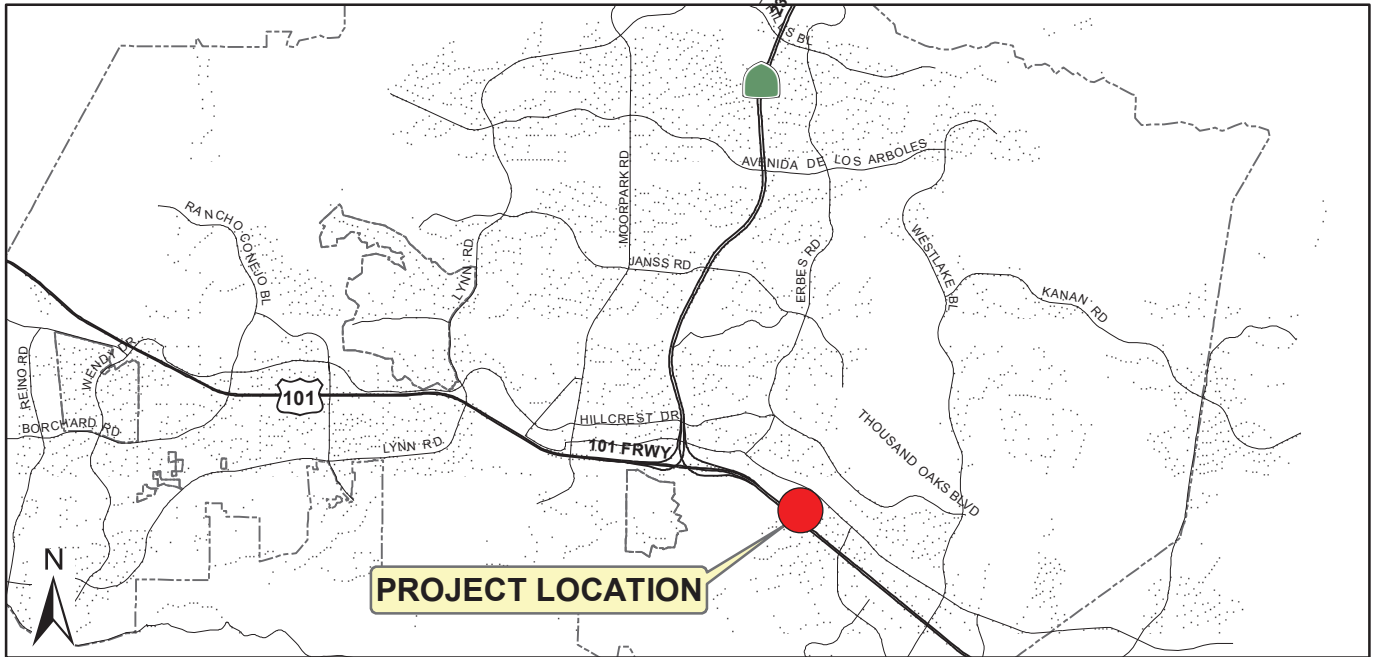
1. The project (will/ will not) have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures (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: 2100 Thousand Oaks Boulevard, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

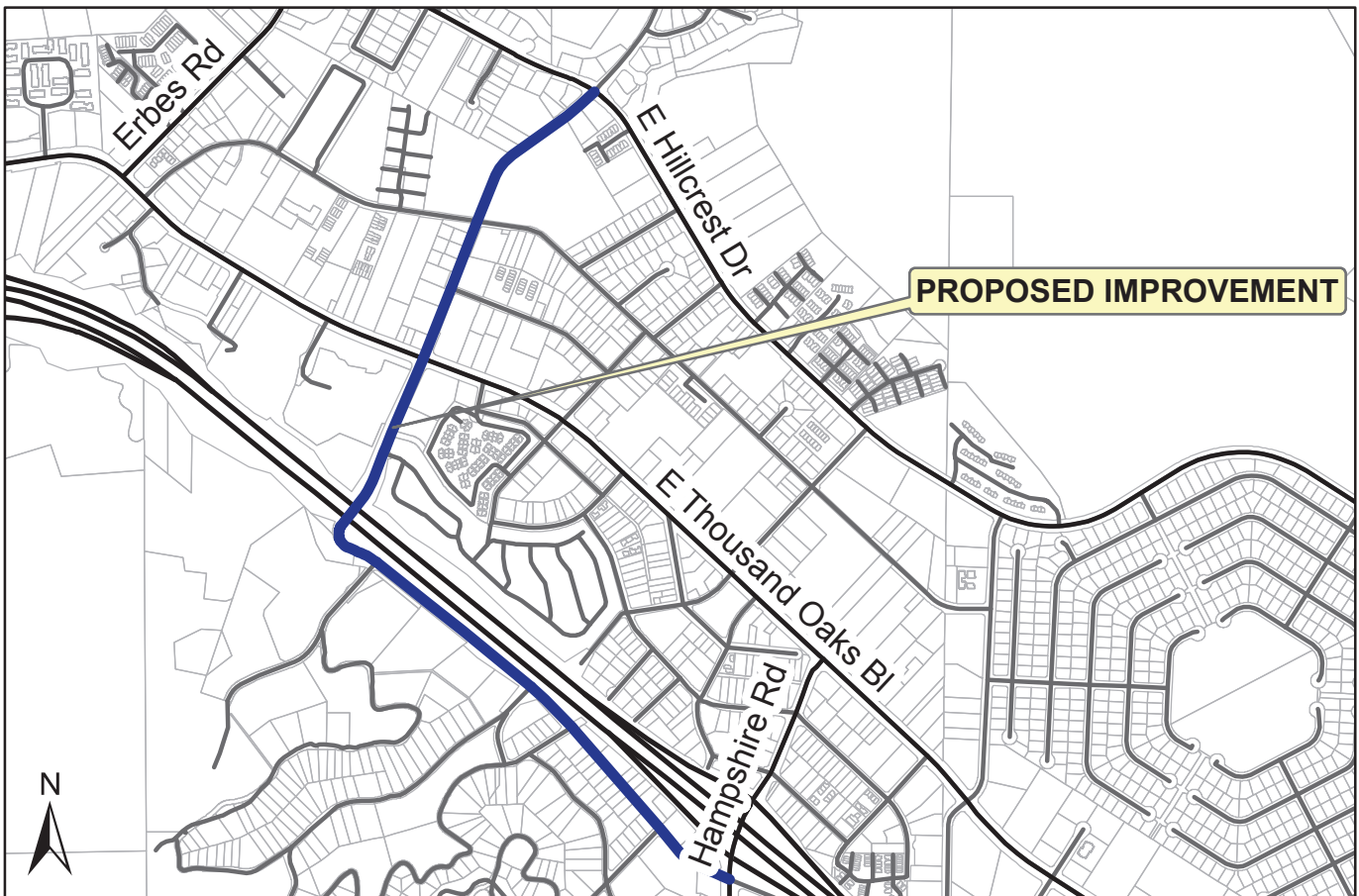
MITCH WEISS		Executive Director California Transportation Commission
<i>Signature (Public Agency)</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Title</i>

Date received for filing at OPR:

Conejo School Road and Willow Lane Sidewalk and Bike Lanes Project (CI 5492)



VICINITY MAP



LOCATION MAP