

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: June 24, 2020

From: MITCH WEISS, Executive Director

Reference Number: 2.2c. (5), Action

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Subject: Approval of Project for Future Consideration of Funding – Mitigated Negative Declaration for the View Park Trail Construction and Landscaping Project, Resolution E-20-59

Recommendation:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the View Park Trail Construction and Landscaping Project (Project) in Los Angeles County and approve the Project for future consideration of funding?

Issue:

The City of Signal Hill (City) is the California Environmental Quality Act lead agency for the Project. The Project will construct a 0.2-mile pedestrian trail, including non-motorized access, landscaping, replanting of native plants, signage and storage racks for bikes. The project is located at the Cherry Avenue/Burnett Street intersection and terminates on Creston Avenue in the City of Signal Hill, Los Angeles 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 February 17, 2015, the Signal Hill 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 March 13, 2020, the City confirmed that the Mitigated Negative Declaration remains valid and that there are no new identified impacts requiring mitigation. The City also confirmed that the preferred alternative set forth in the final environmental document is consistent with the Project scope of work programmed by the Commission.

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to less than significant levels relate to aesthetics. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to, restrict the electronic messaging board hours of operation from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., require the illumination to comply with ambient light conditions, and prohibit the use of flashing or animated announcements.

The Project is estimated to cost \$558,730 and is fully funded through construction with Active Transportation Program Funds (\$158,730) and Local Funds (\$400,000).

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

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Resolution E-20-59
- Attachment B: Notice of Determination
- Attachment C: Project Location Map

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

**7 – Los Angeles County
Resolution E-20-59**

- 1.1 WHEREAS, the City of Signal Hill (City) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the View Park Trail Construction and Landscaping Project (Project) in Los Angeles 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 at the Cherry Avenue/Burnett Street intersection and terminates on Creston Avenue in the City of Signal Hill, Los Angeles County; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS, the Project will construct a 0.2-mile pedestrian trail, including non-motorized access, landscaping, replanting of native plants, signage and storage racks for bikes; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS, on February 17, 2015, the Signal Hill 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 March 13, 2020, the City confirmed that the Mitigated Negative Declaration remains valid and that there are no new identified impacts requiring mitigation; and
- 1.7 WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the City also 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
Attn: Jose Oseguera
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Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code.

Project Title: View Park Trail Construction and Landscaping Project

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State Clearinghouse Number	Lead Agency Contact Person	Area Code/Telephone

Project Location (include county): The project is located at the Cherry Avenue/Burnett Street intersection and terminates on Creston Avenue in the City of Signal Hill, Los Angeles County.

Project Description: The project will construct a 0.2-mile pedestrian trail, including non-motorized access, landscaping, replanting of native plants, signage and storage racks for bikes.

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: 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA 90755

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

Date received for filing at OPR:

**View Park Trail Construction
and Landscaping Project**

