

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: June 24, 2020

From: MITCH WEISS, Executive Director

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Subject: Approval of Project for Future Consideration of Funding – Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Perris Valley Storm Drain Channel Trail – Phase 2 Project, Resolution E-20-60

## **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration for Perris Valley Storm Drain Channel Trail – Phase 2 Project (Project) in Riverside County and approve the Project for future consideration of funding.

## **Issue:**

The City of Perris (City) is the California Environmental Quality Act lead agency for the Project. The Project will construct a 3.1-mile, multi-use trail on a parallel trajectory to the Perris Valley Storm Drain Channel. The project is located along the Perris Valley Storm Drain Channel, extending from Nuevo Road to the South Perris Metrolink Station at Case Road in Riverside 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 April 20, 2020, the Perris City Director of Development Services adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project and found that the Project would 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 resources and noise. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to, conduct a preconstruction burrowing owl survey, restrict vegetation clearing to occur outside the months of February 1 through September 15 to protect nesting bird impacts, and notify residents of construction activities 24 hours prior to initiation of heavy equipment deployment.

On April 27, 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.

The Project is estimated to cost \$3,204,000 and is fully funded through construction with Active Transportation Program Funds (\$3,004,000) and Local Funds (\$200,000).

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

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Resolution E-20-60
- Attachment B: Notice of Determination
- Attachment C. Project Location Map

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

**8 – Riverside County  
Resolution E-20-60**

- 1.1 WHEREAS, the City of Perris (City) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the Perris Valley Storm Drain Channel Trail Project (Project) in Riverside 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 along the Perris Valley Storm Drain Channel, extending from Nuevo Road to the South Perris Metrolink Station at Case Road in Riverside County; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS, the Project will construct a 3.1-mile, multi-use trail on a parallel trajectory to the Perris Valley Storm Drain Channel; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS, on April 20, 2020, the Perris City Director of Development Services 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 27, 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

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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:** Perris Valley Storm Drain Channel Trail – Phase 2 Project

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**Project Location** (include county): The project is located along the Perris Valley Storm Drain Channel, extending from Nuevo Road to the South Perris Metrolink Station at Case Road in Riverside County.

**Project Description:** The project will construct a 3.1-mile, multi-use trail on a parallel trajectory to the Perris Valley Storm Drain Channel.

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: 135 North D Street Perris, CA 92570

MITCH WEISS		Executive Director
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Date received for filing at OPR:

