

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: June 24, 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 Santa Gertrudis Pedestrian/Bicycle Trail Extension and Interconnect Project, Resolution E-20-61

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Santa Gertrudis Pedestrian/Bicycle Trail Extension and Interconnect Project (Project) in Riverside County and approve the Project for future consideration of funding.

Issue:

The City of Temecula (City) is the California Environmental Quality Act lead agency for the Project. The Project will construct a bike extension trail along the southern bank of Santa Gertrudis Creek Channel, including striping improvements on Winchester Road. The project is located on the southern bank of the Santa Gertrudis Creek Channel from Ynez Road to Diaz Road, City of Temecula, 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 13, 2020, the Temecula City Manager 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 and cultural resources. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to, conduct preconstruction surveys to determine impacts on the riparian habitat, implement avoidance measures for preservation of biotic resources, and contract with a certified archaeologist to monitor construction activities in coordination with the Pechanga Tribe.

On April 28, 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 \$4,761,000 and is fully funded through construction with Active Transportation Program Funds (\$3,759,000) and Local Funds (\$1,002,000).

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

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Resolution E-20-61
- Attachment B: Notice of Determination
- Attachment C: Project Location Map

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

**8 – Riverside County
Resolution E-20-61**

- 1.1 WHEREAS, the City of Temecula (City) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the Santa Gertrudis Pedestrian/Bicycle Trail Extension and Interconnect 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 on the southern bank of the Santa Gertrudis Creek Channel from Ynez Road to Diaz Road, City of Temecula, Riverside County; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS, the Project will construct a bike extension trail along the southern bank of Santa Gertrudis Creek Channel, including striping improvements on Winchester Road; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS, on April 13, 2020, the Temecula City Manager 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 28, 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: Santa Gertrudis Pedestrian/Bicycle Trail Extension and Interconnect Project

2020020293	Nino Abad	(951) 308-6385
State Clearinghouse Number	Lead Agency Contact Person	Area Code/Telephone

Project Location (include county): The project is located on the southern bank of the Santa Gertrudis Creek Channel from Ynez Road to Diaz Road, City of Temecula, Riverside County.

Project Description: The project will construct a bike extension trail along the southern bank of Santa Gertrudis Creek Channel, including striping improvements on Winchester Road.

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:

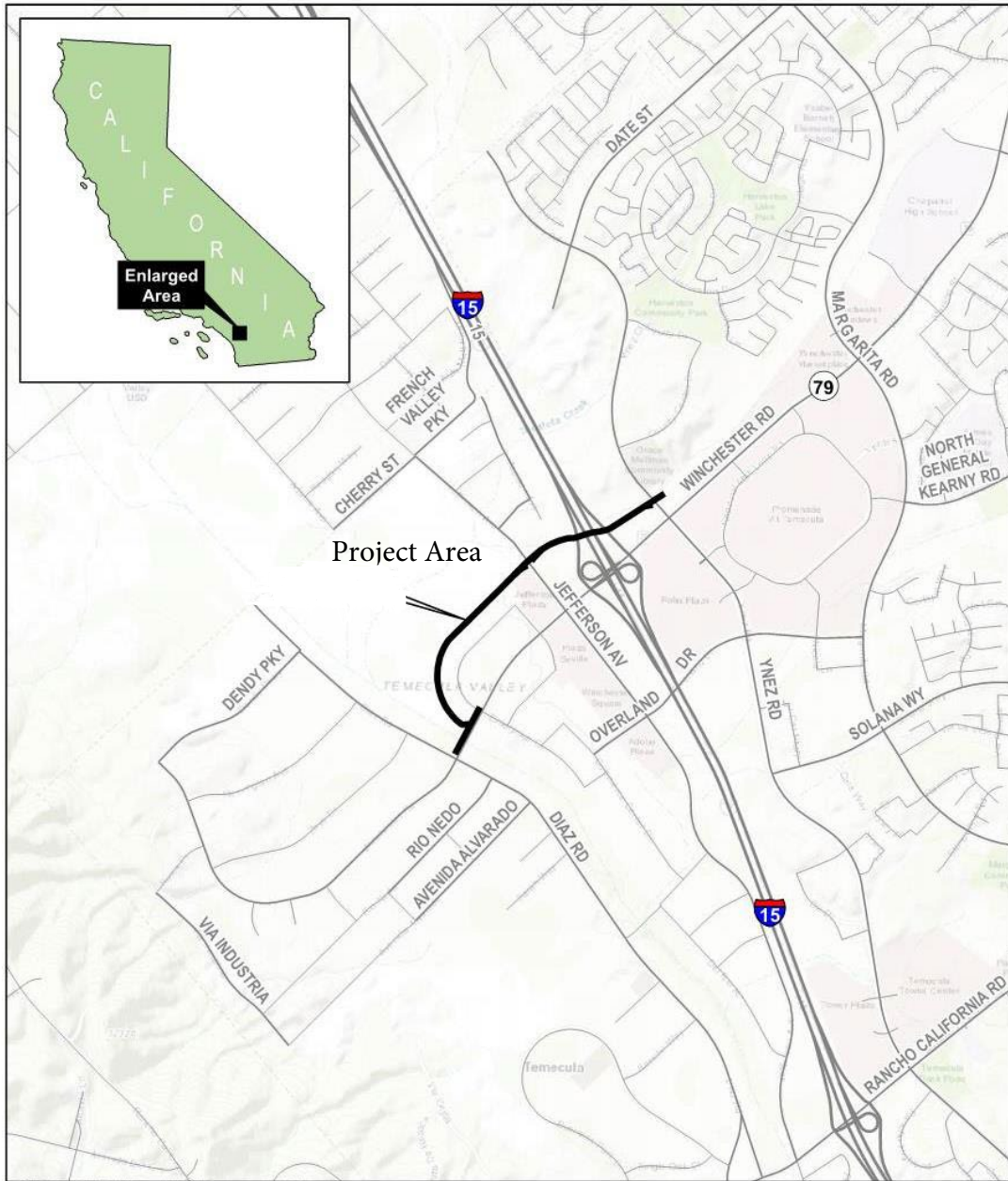
1. The project (will/ will not) have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures (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: 41000 Main Street, Temecula, CA 92590

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

Date received for filing at OPR:

Santa Gertrudis Pedestrian/Bicycle Trail Extension and Interconnect Project



ESRI, ArcGIS Online, World Topographic Map.
City of Temecula, California GIS Data, 2018

Figure 1
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