

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: June 24, 2020

From: MITCH WEISS, Executive Director

Reference Number: 2.2c. (10), Action

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Subject: Approval of Project for Future Consideration of Funding – Final Environmental Impact Report for the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway Project, Resolution E-20-63

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a Responsible Agency, accept the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway Project (Project) in Monterey County and approve the Project for future consideration of funding.

Issue:

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County is the California Environmental Quality Act lead agency for the Project. The Project will construct a multi-use trail, including approximately 28-miles of new paved trail for pedestrian and bicycle users. The project is located in northwestern Monterey County, traversing the cities of Monterey, Del Rey Oaks, Seaside, and Marina in the unincorporated area of Monterey 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 25, 2020, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board of Directors adopted the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Project and found that the Project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation.

On April 21, 2020, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County 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, agriculture and forestry resources, air quality, biological and cultural resources, geology, hazardous materials, hydrology, noise, and tribal resources. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to, ensure that undercrossings and overcrossings are compatible with surrounding landscape, install dog waste disposal bag dispensers throughout the trail, conduct special status plant species surveys prior to construction, contract with a qualified archaeologist before ground disturbances commence, conduct a design-level geotechnical investigations, perform soil sampling testing, prepare an Accidental Sill Control Plan, limit drilling activities to daylight hours, and employ a Native American monitor to oversee ground disturbing activities.

The Project is estimated to cost \$12,797,000 and Phase I is funded through construction with Active Transportation Program Funds (\$10,379,000), Local Partnership Program Funds (\$600,000), and Local Funds (\$1,818,000).

Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2021-22.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Resolution E-20-63
- Attachment B: Notice of Determination
- Attachment C. Project Location Map

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

**5 – Monterey County
Resolution E-20-63**

- 1.1 WHEREAS, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County has completed a Final Environmental Impact Report pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway Project (Project) in Monterey County; and
- 1.2 WHEREAS, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County has certified that the Final Environmental Impact Report has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines; and
- 1.3 WHEREAS, the Project is located in northwestern Monterey County, traversing the cities of Monterey, Del Rey Oaks, Seaside, and Marina in the unincorporated area of Monterey County; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS, the Project will construct a multi-use trail, including approximately 28- miles of new paved trail for pedestrian and bicycle users; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS, the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Final Environmental Impact Report; and
- 1.6 WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board of Directors found that the proposed Project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation and adopted the Final Environmental Impact Report; and
- 1.7 WHEREAS, on April 21, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County 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 Final Environmental Impact Report.
- 2.1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission does hereby accept the Final Environmental Impact Report and approve 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: Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway Project

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State Clearinghouse Number	Lead Agency Contact Person	Area Code/Telephone

Project Location (include county): The project is located in northwestern Monterey County, traversing the cities of Monterey, Del Rey Oaks, Seaside, and Marina in the unincorporated area of Monterey County.

Project Description: The project will construct a multi-use trail, including approximately 28-miles of new paved trail for pedestrian and bicycle users.

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. A Final 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: 55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA 93901

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

Date received for filing at OPR:

Transportation Agency for Monterey County
Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway Project

Figure 2-7 Trail Segments¹



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