

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: October 17-18, 2024

From: TANISHA TAYLOR, Executive Director

Reference Number: 2.2c.(2) Action

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Subject: Approval of Project for Future Consideration of Funding – Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Arden Way Complete Streets Phase II Project, Resolution E-24-106

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Arden Way Complete Streets Phase II Project (Project) in Sacramento County and approve the Project for future consideration of funding.

Issue:

The County of Sacramento (County) is the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) lead agency for the Project. The Project is located on the north and south peripheries of Arden Way, extending approximately 1.5 miles between Ethan Way and Morse Avenue, within the Arden Arcade community of unincorporated Sacramento County. The Project will widen Arden Way to accommodate bicycle and pedestrian improvements. The Project will include new landscaped medians, asphalt overlay, elevated Class IV bike lanes, separated sidewalks with landscape strips, bus turnouts, curbs, and gutter openings. In addition, the Project will include utility vault replacements to accommodate the undergrounding of utility lines, upgraded street lighting, and traffic signal improvements. Two culvert locations may require extensions to accommodate the widening of Arden Way.

For all projects that are seeking funding through a program under the purview of the Commission, full compliance with 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 June 4, 2024, the County adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration and found that the Project would not have a significant effect on the environment with implementation of mitigation measures. On August 26, 2024, the County confirmed that the environmental document remains valid, there are no newly identified impacts requiring mitigation, and the

environmental document is consistent with the Project scope of work programmed by the Commission. Impacts that require mitigation measures in order to be reduced to less than significant levels relate to air quality, hydrology and water quality, biological resources, hazardous materials, cultural resources, tribal cultural resources, and greenhouse gas emissions.

Mitigation measures include implementation of basic construction emissions practices such as watering all exposed surfaces two times daily; covering or maintaining at least two feet of free board space on haul trucks transporting soil, sand, or other loose material on the site; using wet power vacuum street sweepers to remove any visible mud or dirt from a vehicle leaving the construction site onto adjacent public roads at least once a day; limiting vehicle speeds on unpaved roads to 15 miles per hour; paving all roadways, driveways, sidewalks, and parking lots as soon as possible; laying building pads as soon as possible after grading unless seeding or soil binders are used; minimizing idling time for diesel powered fleets either by shutting equipment off when not in use or reducing the time of idling to five minutes; obtaining necessary water permits for impacts on Chicken Ranch Slough and Strong Ranch Slough; developing a habitat mitigation plan that will include mitigation for impacted waters of the United States/California; conducting a survey for active migratory bird nests if construction activity is to commence within 50 feet of nesting habitat between February 1 and August 31; removing trees slated for removal during the period of September through January in order to avoid the nesting season; establishing and maintaining a non-disturbance buffer if active nests are found in the survey area; creating new tree canopy equivalent to the acreage of non-native tree canopy removed plus 25%; preparing a Phase II Preliminary Environmental Assessment, which includes conducting soil testing within the limits of work in order to characterize the extent and concentration of Aerially Deposited Lead; implementing a lead compliance plan and lead awareness training if the soil is not hazardous waste but is contaminated at levels above background; adhering to Sections 5097.87 and 5097.98 of the State Public Resources Code and Section 7050.5 of the State Health and Safety Code in the event that human remains are discovered; halting work within a 100-foot radius of any inadvertent discovery of cultural resources during construction and retaining a qualified professional archaeologist and, if applicable, Native American monitor; retaining an official tribal monitor from the United Auburn Indian Community to observe all ground disturbance activities to occur during the construction phase; and complying with the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for this project.

The Project is estimated to cost \$5,738,000 and is funded through the Right-of-Way phase with Regional Surface Transportation Program (\$525,000), Sacramento County Measure A Sales Tax (\$513,000), Local Agency (\$335,000), and Regional Improvement Program-State Transportation Improvement Program (\$1,015,000) funds.

Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2026-27.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Resolution E-24-106
- Attachment B: Notice of Determination
- Attachment C: Project Location Map

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

**3 – Sacramento County
Resolution E-24-106**

- 1.1 WHEREAS, the County of Sacramento (County) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the Arden Complete Streets Phase II Project (Project) in Sacramento County; and
- 1.2 WHEREAS, the County 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 north and south peripheries of Arden Way, extending approximately 1.5 miles between Ethan Way and Morse Avenue, within the Arden Arcade community of unincorporated Sacramento County; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS, the Project will widen Arden Way to accommodate bicycle and pedestrian improvements. The Project will include new landscaped medians, asphalt overlay, elevated Class IV bike lanes, separated sidewalks with landscape strips, bus turnouts, curbs, and gutter openings. In addition, the Project will include utility vault replacements to accommodate the undergrounding of utility lines, upgraded street lighting, and traffic signal improvements. Two culvert locations may require extensions to accommodate the widening of Arden Way; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS, the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.6 WHEREAS, impacts that require mitigation measures in order to be reduced to less than significant levels relate to air quality, hydrology and water quality, biological resources, hazardous materials, cultural resources, tribal cultural resources, and greenhouse gas emissions, and certain measures were adopted to address these impacts; and
- 1.7 WHEREAS, on June 4, 2024, the County adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration and found that the Project would not have a significant effect on the environment with implementation of mitigation measures; and
- 1.8 WHEREAS, on August 26, 2024, the County confirmed that the environmental document remains valid, there are no newly identified impacts requiring mitigation, and the environmental document is consistent with the Project scope of work programmed by the Commission; and

- 1.9 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 funding consideration.

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To: Office of Planning and Research
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Sacramento, CA 95814

From: California Transportation Commission
Attn: Cherry Zamora
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Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code.

Project Title: Arden Way Complete Streets Phase II Project

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State Clearinghouse Number

Lead Agency Contact Person

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Project Location (include county): The project is located on the north and south peripheries of Arden Way, extending approximately 1.5 miles between Ethan Way and Morse Avenue, within the Arden Arcade community of unincorporated Sacramento County.

Project Description: The project will widen Arden Way to accommodate bicycle and pedestrian improvements. The project will include new landscaped medians, asphalt overlay, elevated Class IV bike lanes, separated sidewalks with landscape strips, bus turnouts, curbs, and gutter openings. In addition, the Project will include utility vault replacements to accommodate the undergrounding of utility lines, upgraded street lighting, and traffic signal improvements. Two culvert locations may require extensions to accommodate the widening of Arden Way.

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

(☐ Lead Agency / ☒ Responsible Agency)

project on October 17-18, 2024, 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: 827 7th Street, Room 225, Sacramento, CA 95814.

TANISHA TAYLOR

Signature (Public Agency)

Date

Executive Director

California Transportation Commission

Title

Date received for filing at OPR:

Project Location Map

Arden Way Complete Streets Phase II, Sacramento County

