

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: May 15-16, 2025

From: TANISHA TAYLOR, Executive Director

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Subject: Approval of Project for Future Consideration of Funding – Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Dos Rios Light Rail Station Project, Resolution E-25-32

## **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Twin Rivers Transit-Oriented Development and Light Rail Station Project, which includes the Dos Rios Light Rail Station Project (Project) as a component, in the City of Sacramento in Sacramento County and approve the Project for future consideration of funding.

## **Issue:**

The City of Sacramento (City) is the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) lead agency for the Project. The Project is located along North 12<sup>th</sup> Street adjacent to Richards Boulevard and Sproule Avenue in the City of Sacramento in Sacramento County. The Project includes construction of the Sacramento Regional Transit Dos Rios Light Rail Station on the existing light rail Blue Line on and adjacent to North 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Construction of the light rail station includes realigning light rail tracks to accommodate the proposed station, extending light rail signal blocks, and adding a traction power substation.

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 July 27, 2017, the City adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration and found that the Project would not have a significant impact on the environment with implementation of mitigation measures. On April 15, 2025, the City confirmed that the environmental document remains valid and there are no newly identified impacts or substantial increase in the severity of an impact requiring mitigation. On April 16, 2025, Sacramento Regional Transit, the

Implementing Agency, confirmed 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 and greenhouse gas emissions; biological resources; cultural and paleontological resources; hazards and hazardous materials; noise and vibration; and transportation and traffic.

Mitigation measures include implementation of Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District Construction Emission Control Practices, such as watering exposed soils, covering loose material, minimizing equipment idling, and maintaining equipment; purchase of compensatory mitigation credits for impacts on Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle; scheduling tree removal outside of migratory bird and raptor breeding season (February 1 – August 31); preconstruction nesting bird surveys; cultural resources testing; implementation of measures for unanticipated discovery of cultural resources or Native American sites, such as halting work and consultation with a qualified archaeologist and Native American representative; conducting a Phase II Assessment for hazards and hazardous materials; proper asbestos or lead-based paint materials handling; noise reduction measures in consultation with a qualified acoustical professional; implementation of engineering and acoustical specifications for air conditioning equipment; use of temporary noise barriers during construction; locating equipment staging away from residential areas; use of auger displacement installation for piles if feasible, but if impact pile driving is required, use of sonic pile drivers unless it is not feasible based on geotechnical considerations; implementation of a construction traffic management plan considering the number and size of trucks and their circulation patterns, staging areas, closures, and driveway access; and payment to the Interstate 5 Freeway Subregional Corridor Mitigation Program.

The Project is estimated to cost \$45,246,971 and is fully funded through the construction phase with Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (\$1,049,497); State Transit Assistance (\$7,138,749); Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (\$731,937); Transformative Climate Communities (\$17,578,243); Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (\$940,000); Senate Bill 125 (\$10,000,000); Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending (\$1,000,000); Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 (\$4,308,545); and Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (\$2,500,000) funds.

Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2024-25.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Resolution E-25-32
- Attachment B: Notice of Determination
- Attachment C: Project Location Map

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

**3 – Sacramento County  
Resolution E-25-32**

- 1.1 WHEREAS, the City of Sacramento (City) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the Twin Rivers Transit-Oriented Development and Light Rail Station Project, which includes the Dos Rios Light Rail Station Project (Project), as a component, in the City of Sacramento in Sacramento 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 North 12th Street adjacent to Richards Boulevard and Sproule Avenue in the City of Sacramento in Sacramento County; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS, the Project includes construction of the Sacramento Regional Transit Dos Rios Light Rail Station on the existing light rail Blue Line on and adjacent to North 12th Street. Construction of the light rail station includes realigning light rail tracks to accommodate the proposed station, extending light rail signal blocks, and adding a traction power substation; 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 and greenhouse gas emissions; biological resources; cultural and paleontological resources; hazards and hazardous materials; noise and vibration; and transportation and traffic; and
- 1.7 WHEREAS, on July 27, 2017, the City adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration and found that the Project would not have a significant impact on the environment with implementation of mitigation measures; and
- 1.8 WHEREAS, on April 15, 2025, the City confirmed that the environmental document remains valid and there are no newly identified impacts or substantial increase in the severity of an impact requiring mitigation. On April 16, 2025, Sacramento Regional Transit, the Implementing Agency, confirmed 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 consideration of funding.

**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION**

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**Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code**

**Project Title:** Dos Rios Light Rail Station

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**Project Location** (include county): The project is located along North 12th Street adjacent to Richards Boulevard and Sproule Avenue in the City of Sacramento in Sacramento County.

**Project Description:** The project includes construction of the Sacramento Regional Transit Dos Rios Light Rail Station on the existing light rail Blue Line on and adjacent to North 12th Street. Construction of the light rail station includes realigning light rail tracks to accommodate the proposed station, extending light rail signal blocks, and adding a traction power substation.

This is to advise that the California Transportation Commission has approved the above-described  
( Lead Agency /  Responsible Agency)

project on May 15-16, 2025, 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: <http://www.cityofsacramento.org/Clerk/Services/Public-Records>

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

Date received for filing at OPR:

# Project Location Map

Dos Rios Light Rail Station, City of Sacramento, Sacramento County

