

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: June 26-27, 2025

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 Hatch Road and Sullivan Road Trail Project, Resolution E-25-29

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Hatch Road and Sullivan Road Trail Project (Project) in the City of Twentynine Palms in San Bernardino County and approve the Project for future consideration of funding.

Issue:

The City of Twentynine Palms (City) is the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) lead agency for the Project. The Project is located on Hatch Road and Sullivan Road, between Twentynine Palms Highway to the north and Adobe Road to the east, in the City of Twentynine Palms in San Bernardino County. The Project includes new asphalt pavement to include construction of Class II bicycle lanes and a graded shoulder/pedestrian walkway for approximately 2.15 miles of the corridor. Existing paved roadways and walkways will be incorporated into the final design.

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 April 21, 2025, the City adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration and found that the Project would not have a significant impact on the environment with the implementation of mitigation measures. On May 12, 2025, the City confirmed that the environmental document remains valid, there are no newly identified impacts or substantial increase in the severity of an impact 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 biological resources, cultural resources, and tribal cultural resources.

Mitigation measures include construction worker training for avoidance of sensitive natural resources; pre-construction Burrowing Owl surveys; a pre-construction Desert Tortoise survey; a nesting bird survey; and construction monitoring by qualified archaeologists and Native American representatives.

The Project is estimated to cost \$3,480,000 and is fully funded through the construction phase with Active Transportation Program - State (\$3,480,000) funds.

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

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Resolution E-25-29
- Attachment B: Notice of Determination
- Attachment C: Project Location Map

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

**8 – San Bernardino County
Resolution E-25-29**

- 1.1 WHEREAS, the City of Twentynine Palms (City) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the Hatch Road and Sullivan Road Trail Project (Project) in the City of Twentynine Palms in San Bernardino 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 Hatch Road and Sullivan Road, between Twentynine Palms Highway to the north and Adobe Road to the east, in the City of Twentynine Palms in San Bernardino County; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS, the Project includes new asphalt pavement to include construction of Class II bicycle lanes and a graded shoulder/pedestrian walkway for approximately 2.15 miles of the corridor. Existing paved roadways and walkways will be incorporated into the final design; 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 biological resources, cultural resources, and tribal cultural resources, and certain measures were adopted to address these impacts; and
- 1.7 WHEREAS, on April 21, 2025, the City 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 May 12, 2025, the City confirmed that the Mitigated Negative Declaration remains valid, there are no newly identified impacts or substantial increase in the severity of an impact 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 consideration of funding.

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: California Transportation Commission
Attn: Cherry Zamora
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Sacramento, CA 95814
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Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code.

Project Title: Hatch Road and Sullivan Road Trail Project

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State Clearinghouse Number	Lead Agency Contact Person	Area Code/Telephone

Project Location (include county): The project is located on Hatch Road and Sullivan Road, between Twentynine Palms Highway to the north and Adobe Road to the east, in the City of Twentynine Palms in San Bernardino County.

Project Description: The project includes new asphalt pavement to include construction of Class II bicycle lanes and a graded shoulder/pedestrian walkway for approximately 2.15 miles of the corridor. Existing paved roadways and walkways will be incorporated into the final design.

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

(Lead Agency / Responsible Agency)

project on June 26-27, 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: Twentynine Palms City Hall, 6136 Adobe Road, Twentynine Palms, CA 92277.

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

Hatch Road and Sullivan Road Trail Project, City of Twentynine Palms, San Bernardino County

