

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: August 14-15, 2025

From: TANISHA TAYLOR, Executive Director

Reference Number: 2.2c.(4) Action

Prepared By: Cherry Zamora
Associate Deputy Director

Published Date: August 1, 2025

Subject: Approval of Project for Future Consideration of Funding – Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Coalinga Perimeter Trail Interconnect Gregory North Project, Resolution E-25-56

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Coalinga Perimeter Trail Interconnect Gregory North Project (Project) in the City of Coalinga in Fresno County and approve the Project for future consideration of funding.

Issue:

The City of Coalinga (City) is the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) lead agency for the Project. The Project is located in a currently undeveloped area between East Walnut Avenue and Gregory Way, and it also falls on a portion of Gregory Way, north of Cambridge Avenue to Phelps Avenue, in the City of Coalinga in Fresno County. The Project includes installation of a Class I trail, sidewalks, curb ramps, a bicycle/pedestrian bridge, a roundabout, and shade trees.

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 February 25, 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 July 16, 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 air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, hazards and hazardous materials, and noise. Mitigation measures include minimization of construction dust emissions, such as stabilizing disturbed areas with water or cover, installing erosion control features to prevent silt runoff, and suspending excavation and grading when winds exceed 20 miles per hour; using cleanest available off-road construction equipment, and minimizing idling time; proper handling of asbestos-containing material; proper handling of lead-based paint; construction biological training; biological monitoring; pre-construction surveys for special-status species; avoidance of San Joaquin Kit Fox; general construction practices, such as litter control, covering excavations greater than 2 feet deep to prevent animal entrapment, and use of Environmentally Sensitive Area fencing; use of tightly woven fiber netting or similar material for erosion control, and avoiding use of rodenticides and herbicides; nesting bird surveys; measures to reduce impacts to Los Gatos Creek, such as measures required by permitting agencies, timing of construction during the dry season, and preparation of a Hazardous Materials Response Plan; cultural resources awareness training for construction personnel; measures for inadvertent cultural resource discoveries during construction, including ceasing work and contacting a qualified archaeologist and Native American tribal representative; proper handling of soils and wood waste in accordance with state and local regulations; limiting construction activities to between 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and shielding with noise control devices; maintenance of equipment to minimize noise; and placement of equipment to provide distance between noise sources and sensitive receptors during construction.

The Project is estimated to cost \$2,016,000 and is fully funded through the construction phase with Active Transportation Program (\$1,774,000) and local Measure C (\$242,000) funds.

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

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Resolution E-25-56
- Attachment B: Notice of Determination
- Attachment C: Project Location Map

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

**6 – Fresno County
Resolution E-25-56**

- 1.1 WHEREAS, the City of Coalinga (City) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the Coalinga Perimeter Trail Interconnect Gregory North Project (Project) in the City of Coalinga in Fresno 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 in a currently undeveloped area between East Walnut Avenue and Gregory Way, and it also falls on a portion of Gregory Way, north of Cambridge Avenue to Phelps Avenue, in the City of Coalinga in Fresno County; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS, the Project includes installation of a Class I trail, sidewalks, curb ramps, a bicycle/pedestrian bridge, a roundabout, and shade trees; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS, impacts that require mitigation measures in order to be reduced to less than significant levels relate to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, hazards and hazardous materials, and noise, and certain measures were adopted to address these impacts; and
- 1.6 WHEREAS, on February 25, 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
- 1.7 WHEREAS, on July 16, 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
- 1.8 WHEREAS, the California Transportation Commission (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

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

Project Title: Coalinga Perimeter Trail Interconnect Gregory North Project

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State Clearinghouse Number	Lead Agency Contact Person	Area Code/Telephone

Project Location (include county): The project is located in a currently undeveloped area between East Walnut Avenue and Gregory Way, and it also falls on a portion of Gregory Way, north of Cambridge Avenue to Phelps Avenue, in the City of Coalinga in Fresno County.

Project Description: The project includes installation of a Class I trail, sidewalks, curb ramps, a bicycle/pedestrian bridge, a roundabout, and shade trees.

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

project on August 14-15, 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.

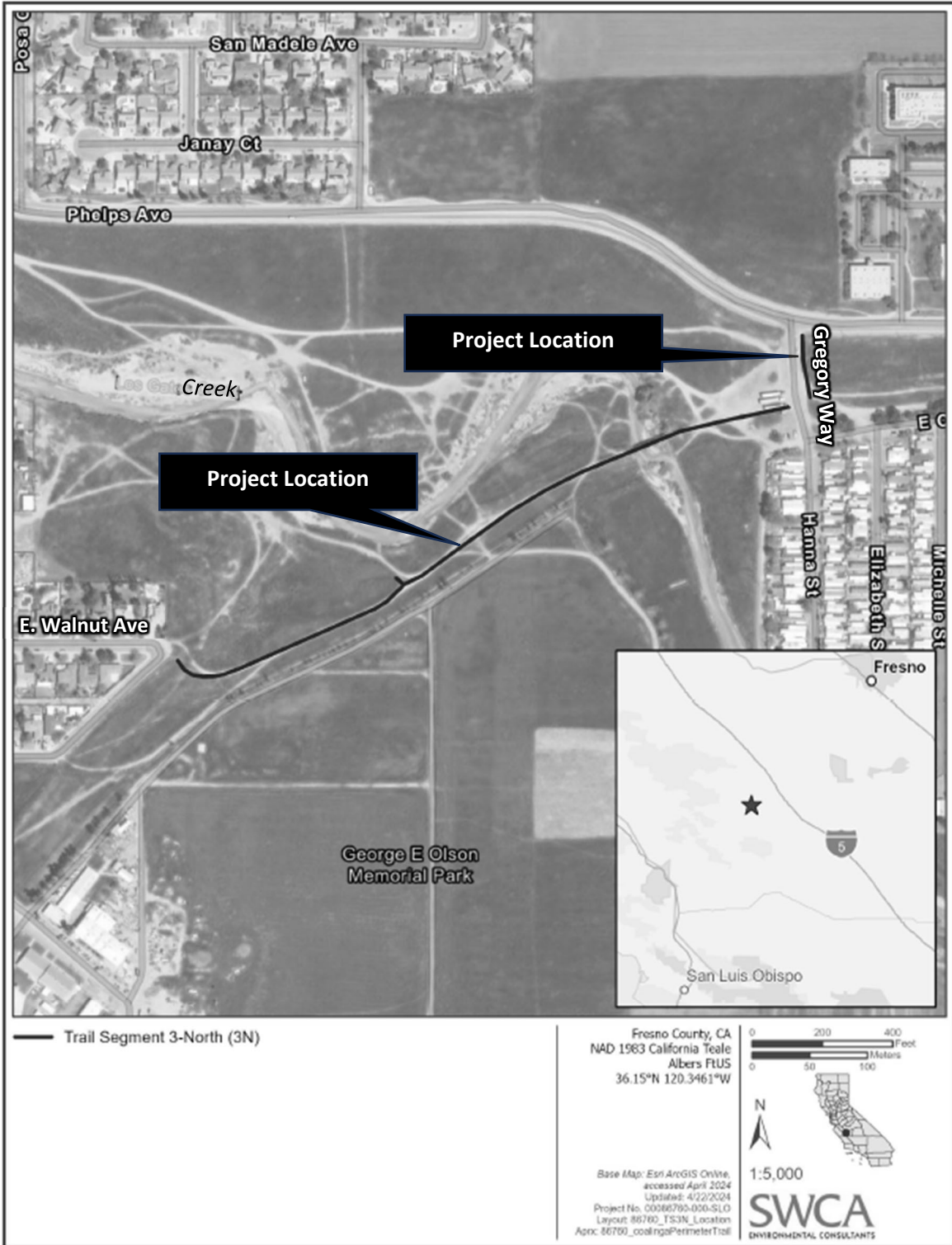
The above-identified document with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at: City of Coalinga 155 West Durian Avenue, Coalinga, CA 93210.

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

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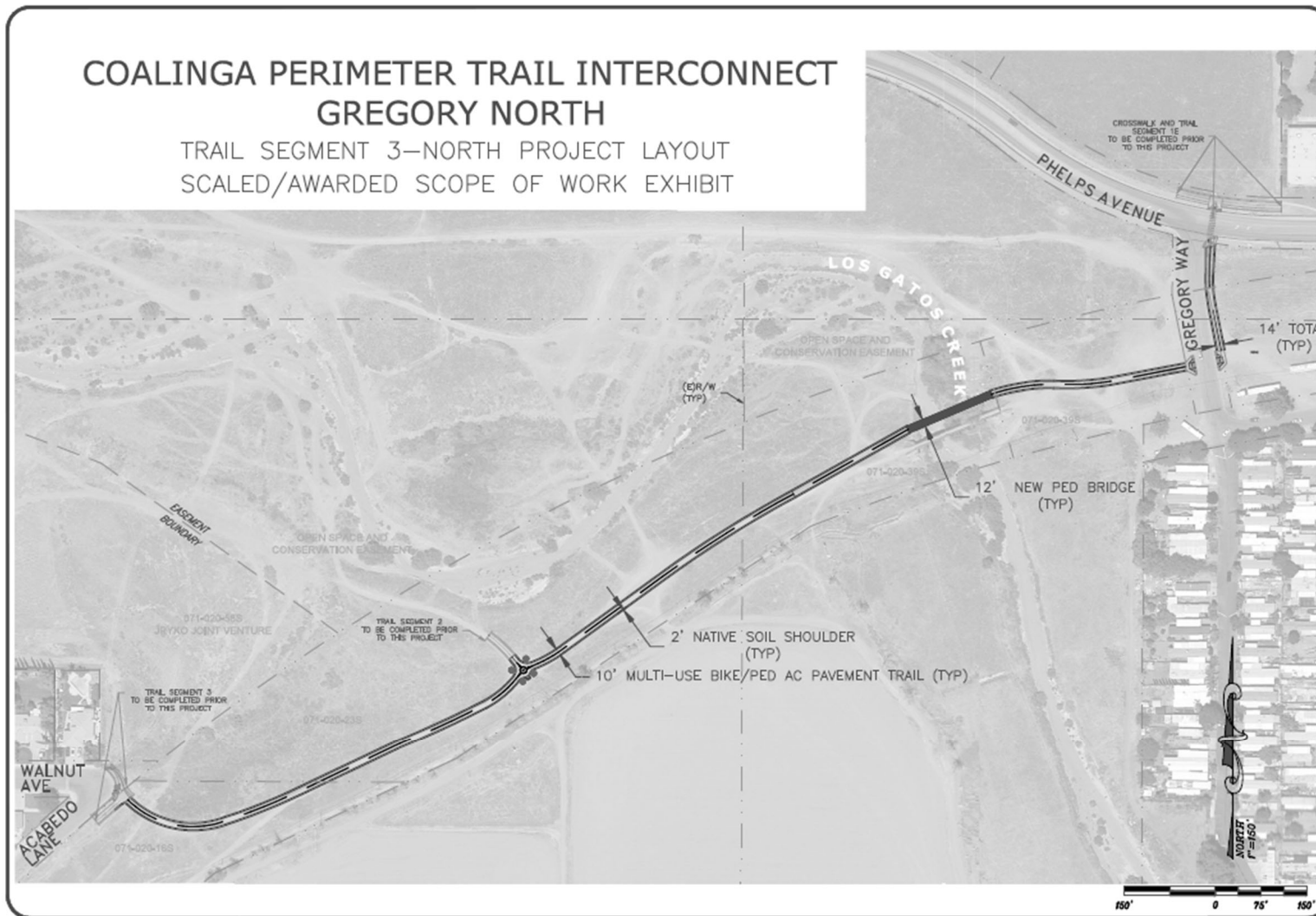
Project Location Map

Coalinga Perimeter Trail Interconnect Gregory North Project, City of Coalinga, Fresno County



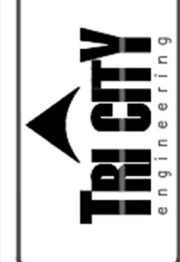
Project Location Map (continued)

Coalinga Perimeter Trail Interconnect Gregory North Project, City of Coalinga, Fresno County



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