

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: October 16-17, 2025

From: TANISHA TAYLOR, Executive Director

Reference Number: 2.2c.(2), Action

Prepared By: Cherry Zamora
Associate Deputy Director

Published Date: October 3, 2025

Subject: Approval of Project for Future Consideration of Funding – Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Niblick Road Complete and Sustainable Bike and Pedestrian Enhancements Project, Resolution E-25-58

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Niblick Road Complete and Sustainable Bike and Pedestrian Enhancements Project (Project) in the City of El Paso de Robles in San Luis Obispo County and approve the Project for future consideration of funding.

Issue:

The City of El Paso de Robles (City) is the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) lead agency for the Project. The Project is located on Niblick Road from Spring Street to Creston Road, in the City of El Paso de Robles in San Luis Obispo County. The Project includes construction of bicycle and pedestrian improvements. The Project includes a new multi-use path, new sidewalks, accessibility improvements, and visibility improvements to protect pedestrians and bicyclists from vehicle traffic.

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 March 18, 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 August 25, 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, tribal cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, and transportation.

Mitigation measures include use of Best Available Control Technology for construction equipment; standard air quality measures, such as proper tuning of equipment, no idling, and locating staging away from sensitive receptors; use of water trucks; street sweeping; construction Best Management Practices, such as covering trenches at the end of the day, locating equipment away from native vegetation, minimizing vegetation disturbance, sediment control measures, and locating vehicle fueling at least 100 feet away from drainages or wetlands; implementing a Worker Environmental Education Program; pre-construction surveys for sensitive plant and wildlife species; avoidance of aquatic features; Oak Tree protection; avoidance of special status plants; nesting bird surveys and avoidance; biological monitoring; measures to protect Kit Fox, including pre-construction surveys; archaeological monitoring; measures for accidental discovery of cultural resources; proper treatment of Native American Remains, including notification of the Native American Heritage Commission and a Native American Most-Likely Descendent; evaluation of paleontological resources, if discovered during construction; preparation of a Construction Timing, Access, and Circulation Plan; prohibiting dumping into waters; maintaining erosion control materials; construction noise reduction through use of equipment mufflers, locating equipment, and use of pre-drilled pile holes where possible; measures to address local noise disturbance; implementation of a Traffic Control Plan; and limiting truck traffic during the 7:00 – 10:00 am and 2:00 – 7:00 pm commute periods.

The Project is estimated to cost \$17,257,000 and is fully funded through the construction phase with Active Transportation Program (\$13,806,000) and City (\$3,451,000) funds.

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

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Resolution E-25-58
- Attachment B: Notice of Determination
- Attachment C: Project Location Map

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

**5 – San Luis Obispo County
Resolution E-25-58**

- 1.1 WHEREAS, the City of El Paso de Robles (City) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the Niblick Road Complete and Sustainable Bike and Pedestrian Enhancements Project (Project) in the City of El Paso de Robles in San Luis Obispo 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 Niblick Road from Spring Street to Creston Road, in the City of El Paso de Robles in San Luis Obispo County; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS, the Project includes construction of bicycle and pedestrian improvements. The Project includes a new multi-use path, new sidewalks, accessibility improvements, and visibility improvements to protect pedestrians and bicyclists from vehicle traffic; 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, biological resources, cultural resources, tribal cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, and transportation, and certain measures were adopted to address these impacts; and
- 1.7 WHEREAS, on March 18, 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 August 25, 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
1120 N Street, MS 52
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 654-4245

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

Project Title: Niblick Road Complete and Sustainable Bike and Pedestrian Enhancements Project

2024120426

Ditas Esperanza

(805) 237-3861

State Clearinghouse Number

Lead Agency Contact Person

Area Code/Telephone

Project Location (include county): The project is located on Niblick Road from Spring Street to Creston Road, in the City of El Paso de Robles in San Luis Obispo County.

Project Description: The project includes construction of bicycle and pedestrian improvements. The project includes a new multi-use path, new sidewalks, accessibility improvements, and visibility improvements to protect pedestrians and bicyclists from vehicle traffic.

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

(Lead Agency / Responsible Agency)

project on October 16-17, 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: <https://www.prcity.com/DocumentCenter/View/39262/2025-City-Council-Resolution-25-030> and City of El Paso de Robles, City Hall, 1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles, CA 93446.

TANISHA TAYLOR

Signature (Public Agency)

Date

Executive Director

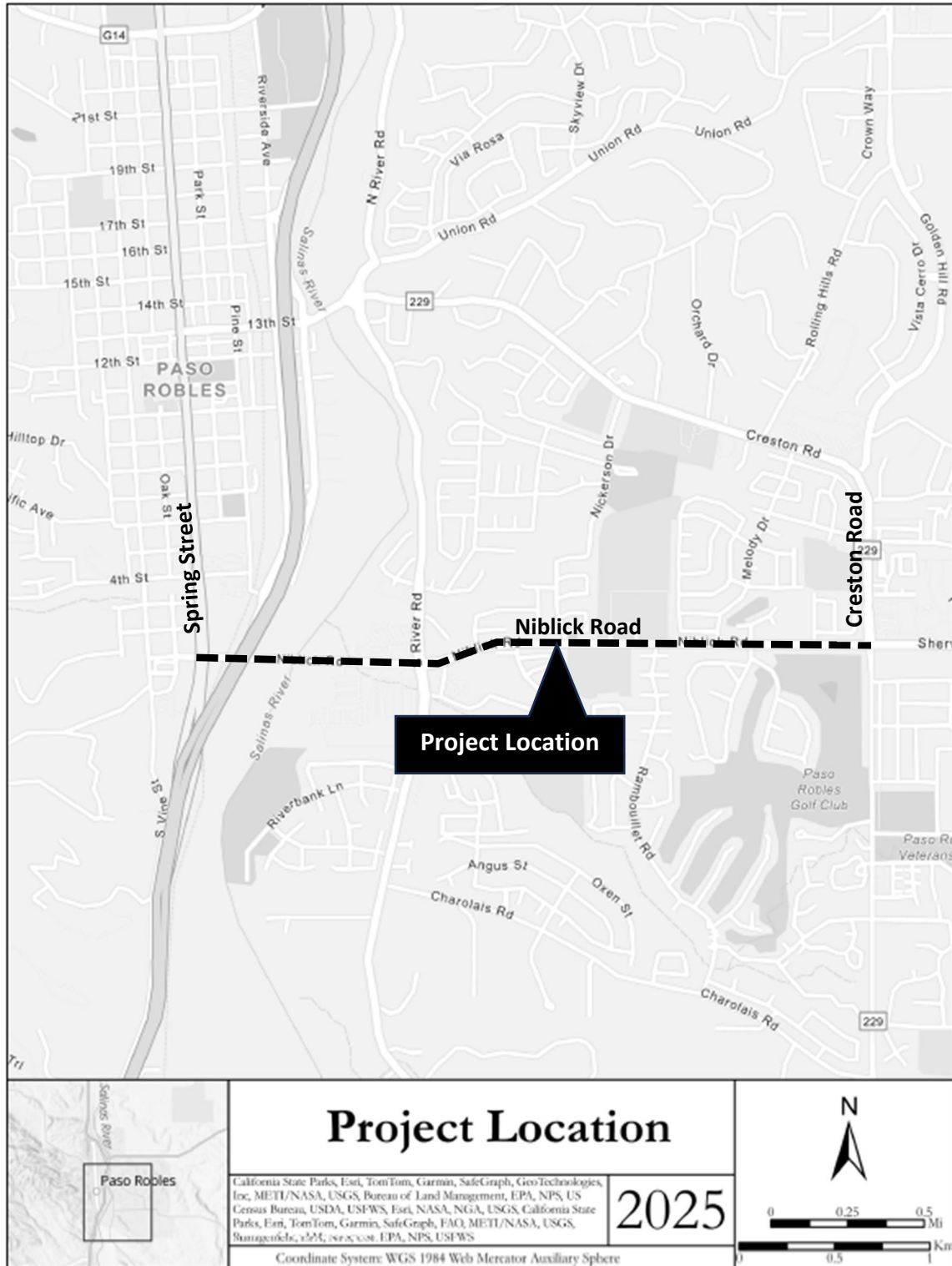
California Transportation Commission

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Date received for filing at OPR:

Project Location Map

Niblick Road Complete and Sustainable Bike and Pedestrian Enhancements Project,
City of El Paso de Robles, San Luis Obispo County

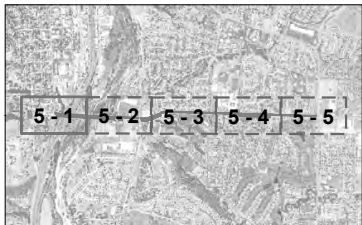


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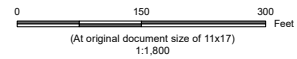
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 Project Area



Project Location
 City of Paso Robles
 Paso Robles Niblick Rd.
 185806105

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 IR by AT on 2023-12-06

Client/Project
 City of Paso Robles
 Niblick Road Complete & Sustainable Bike and
 Pedestrian Enhancements
Project Description

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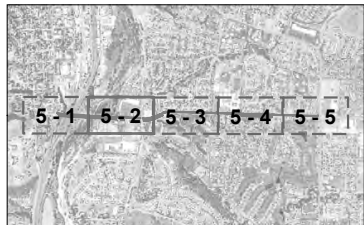
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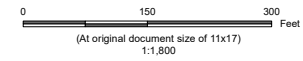
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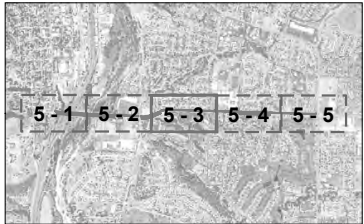
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 Site Plan - Segment 2

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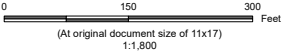
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Title
 Site Plan - Segment 3

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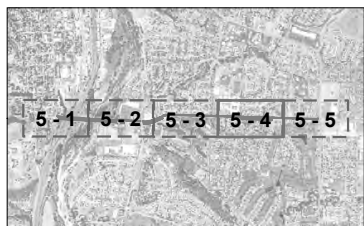
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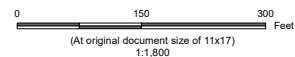
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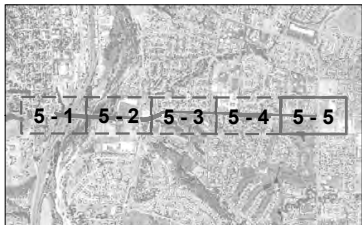
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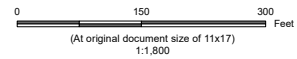
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