

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: December 4-5, 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 Elkhorn Boulevard Complete Streets Project, Resolution E-25-68

Recommendation:

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

Issue:

Sacramento County (County) is the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) lead agency for the Project. The Project is located on Elkhorn Boulevard from the Watt Avenue intersection to the Don Julio Boulevard intersection in the North Highlands community in unincorporated Sacramento County. The Project is 1.8 miles in length and includes separated Class IV bikeways, Class II bike lanes, green striping, intersection improvements with signal modifications and video detection, bus turnouts, an Americans with Disabilities Act accessible bus stop, pavement rehabilitation, and improvements to sidewalks, curb and gutter as well as curb ramps.

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 January 28, 2025, the County 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 October 30, 2025, the County 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, and hazardous materials.

Mitigation measures include construction emission control, such as watering exposed surfaces, covering loose material, and minimizing equipment idling; migratory bird nest protection, such as conducting bird nesting surveys; tree replacement; halting work if unanticipated cultural resources are discovered; construction monitoring by a tribal monitor, and conducting a site investigation for hazardous materials.

The Project is estimated to cost \$12,482,000 and is fully funded through the construction phase with Active Transportation Program Federal (\$7,065,000), Active Transportation Program State (\$1,010,000), Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (Community Development Block Grant) (\$300,000), State Transportation Improvement Program (\$2,656,000), and local (\$1,451,000) funds.

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

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Resolution E-25-68
- Attachment B: Notice of Determination
- Attachment C: Project Location Map

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

**3 – Sacramento County
Resolution E-25-68**

- 1.1 WHEREAS, Sacramento County (County) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the Elkhorn Boulevard Complete Streets project (Project) in Sacramento County (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 Elkhorn Boulevard from the Watt Avenue intersection to the Don Julio Boulevard intersection in the North Highlands community in unincorporated Sacramento County; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS, the Project is 1.8 miles in length and includes separated Class IV bikeways, Class II bike lanes, green striping, intersection improvements with signal modifications and video detection, bus turnouts, an Americans with Disabilities Act accessible bus stop, pavement rehabilitation, and improvements to sidewalks, curb and gutter as well as curb ramps; 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, and hazardous materials, and certain measures were adopted to address these impacts; and
- 1.7 WHEREAS, on January 28, 2025, 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 October 30, 2025, the County 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
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Sacramento, CA 95814

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

Project Title: Elkhorn Boulevard Complete Streets

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State Clearinghouse Number	Lead Agency Contact Person	Area Code/Telephone

Project Location (include county): The project is located on Elkhorn Boulevard from the Watt Avenue intersection to the Don Julio Boulevard intersection in the North Highlands community in unincorporated Sacramento County.

Project Description: The project is 1.8 miles in length and includes separated Class IV bikeways, Class II bike lanes, green striping, intersection improvements with signal modifications and video detection, bus turnouts, an Americans with Disabilities Act accessible bus stop, pavement rehabilitation, and improvements to sidewalks, curb and gutter as well as curb ramps.

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

(Lead Agency / Responsible Agency)

project on December 4-5, 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: Sacramento County Department of Transportation, 4111 Branch Center Road, Sacramento, CA 95827.

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

Date received for filing at OPR:

Project Location Map

Elkhorn Boulevard Complete Streets, Sacramento County

