

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: May 14-15, 2026

From: TANISHA TAYLOR, Executive Director

Reference Number: 2.2c.(3), Action

Prepared By: Cherry Zamora
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Subject: Approval of Project for Future Consideration of Funding – Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum for the Rail Safety Enhancement Program – Phase A Package 1 project, Resolution E-26-28

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a Responsible Agency, accept the *Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Alameda* [County Transportation Commission] *CTC Rail Safety Enhancement Project* (State Clearinghouse Number 2023040596) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Addendum which analyzes the Rail Safety Enhancement Program – Phase A Package 1 project (Project) in the City of Hayward and City of Livermore in Alameda County and approve the Project for future consideration of funding.

Issue:

The Alameda County Transportation Commission is the CEQA lead agency for the Project. The Project is located at the Industrial Parkway crossing, Industrial Parkway Trail crossing, Tennyson High School pedestrian crossing, and Leidig Court trespass area in Hayward and the L Street and Junction Avenue crossings in Livermore in Alameda County. The Project includes safety improvements at railroad crossings and one trespass area. Project elements include full pedestrian treatments (automatic pedestrian gates, emergency egress swing gates, handrailing and sidewalks), automatic vehicle gates, median islands, bulbouts, fencing, lighting, signage and striping and replacement of crossing panels.

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 June 22, 2023, the Alameda County Transportation Commission adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration and found that crossing improvements at Tennyson High School, Industrial Parkway and Leidig Court would not have a significant impact on the environment with the implementation of mitigation measures. Project design advanced and on December 5, 2025, an Addendum was finalized to address an updated project scope, which removed improvements at Tennyson Road, added Industrial Parkway Trail, and added L Street and Junction Avenue to the Project. L Street and Junction Avenue improvements were originally covered in a Categorical Exemption finalized on January 6, 2023. On April 9, 2026, the Alameda County Transportation Commission confirmed that the environmental documentation remains valid, there are no newly identified impacts or substantial increase in the severity of an impact requiring mitigation, and the environmental documentation is consistent with the Project scope of work to be considered for a programming amendment by the Commission under Reference Number 4.10.

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, and noise and vibration.

Mitigation measures include basic construction measures, such as watering exposed surfaces, covering haul trucks, cleaning track outs with wet powered vacuum street sweepers, limiting speeds, completing pavement as soon as possible after grading, limiting idling, proper equipment maintenance, posting contact information for dust complaints; environmental awareness training for construction personnel; pre-construction bird surveys; focused bat surveys and bat avoidance or protection measures; Steelhead Salmon habitat protection and wetland best management practices, such as ensuring equipment is in good working order and making spill kits available; halting work and contacting a qualified archaeologist if unanticipated archaeological resources are encountered; following California code regarding unanticipated discovery of human remains, including notifying the Native American Heritage Commission and the Most Likely Descendant if remains are determined to be prehistoric; evaluation of halting work and engaging a professional paleontologist if unanticipated paleontological resources are discovered; implementing a Health and Safety Plan for construction activities; and construction measures such as equipping construction equipment with mufflers, placing equipment such that noise is directed away from sensitive receptors, locating equipment staging in areas that create distance between receptors, routing trucks and materials delivery away from residential areas when feasible, restricting construction hours, and designating a coordinator to respond to noise complaints.

The Project is estimated to cost \$24,176,000 and is funded through the construction phase with local funds (\$3,849,000), Federal Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (\$7,451,000), Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (\$8,697,000), and Regional Measure 3 (\$4,179,000) funds.

Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2025-26.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Resolution E-26-28
- Attachment B: Notice of Determination
- Attachment C: Project Location Map

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

**4 – Alameda County
Resolution E-26-28**

- 1.1 WHEREAS, the Alameda County Transportation Commission has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the Rail Safety Enhancement Program – Phase A Package 1 project (Project) in the City of Hayward and City of Livermore in Alameda County; and
- 1.2 WHEREAS, the Alameda County Transportation commission has certified that the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines; and
- 1.3 WHEREAS, the Project is located at the Industrial Parkway rail crossing, Industrial Parkway Trail rail crossing, Tennyson High School pedestrian rail crossing, and Leidig Court trespass area in Hayward and the L Street and Junction Avenue rail crossings in Livermore in Alameda County; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS, the Project includes safety improvements at railroad crossings and one trespass area. Project elements include full pedestrian treatments (automatic pedestrian gates, emergency egress swing gates, handrailing and sidewalks), automatic vehicle gates, median islands, bulbouts, fencing, lighting, signage and striping and replacement of crossing panels; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS, the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum; 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, and noise and vibration, and certain measures were adopted to address these impacts; and
- 1.7 WHEREAS, on June 22, 2023, the Alameda County Transportation Commission adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration and on December 5, 2025, finalized an Addendum, and found that the Project would not have a significant effect on the environment with implementation of mitigation measures; and
- 1.8 WHEREAS, on April 9, 2026, the Alameda County Transportation Commission confirmed that the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum remain 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 to be considered for a programming amendment by the Commission under Reference Number 4.10; and

- 1.9 WHEREAS, the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum.
- 2.1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission does hereby accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum 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: Rail Safety Enhancement Program – Phase A Package 1

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State Clearinghouse Number	Lead Agency Contact Person	Area Code/Telephone

Project Location (include county): The project is located at the Industrial Parkway rail crossing, Industrial Parkway Trail rail crossing, Tennyson High School pedestrian rail crossing, and Leidig Court trespass area in Hayward and the L Street and Junction Avenue rail crossings in Livermore in Alameda County.

Project Description: The project includes safety improvements at railroad crossings and one trespass area. Project elements include full pedestrian treatments (automatic pedestrian gates, emergency egress swing gates, handrailing and sidewalks), automatic vehicle gates, median islands, bulbouts, fencing, lighting, signage and striping and replacement of crossing panels

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

project on May 14-15, 2026, 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 and an Addendum were 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: 1111 Broadway #800, Oakland, CA 94607.

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

Rail Safety Enhancement Program – Phase A Package 1,
City of Hayward and City of Livermore, Alameda County

