

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: June 25-26, 2026

From: TANISHA TAYLOR, Executive Director

Reference Number: 2.2c.(9), Action

Prepared By: Cherry Zamora
Associate Deputy Director

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Subject: Approval of Project for Future Consideration of Funding – Mitigated Negative Declaration for the West Sequoia Multimodal Improvements Project, Resolution E-26-45

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the West Sequoia Avenue Multimodal Improvements Project (Project) in the City of Woodlake in Tulare County and approve the Project for future consideration of funding.

Issue:

The City of Woodlake (City) is the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) lead agency for the Project. The Project is located on West Sequoia Avenue from Mulberry Street to Valencia Boulevard in Woodlake, Tulare County. The Project includes construction of bicycle and Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant pedestrian facilities, featuring a Class IV bikeway, 15 crosswalks, 21 streetlights, and signage. Improvements would slightly extend onto north/south streets intersecting with West Sequoia Avenue.

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 10, 2024, 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 June 8, 2026, 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.

Resources that are utilizing mitigation to reduce impacts to less than significant levels include biological resources, cultural resources, hydrology and water quality, and noise.

Mitigation includes pre-construction nesting bird surveys; applying an avoidance buffer for birds; halting work if cultural resources are encountered and having the find evaluated; compliance with code if human remains are discovered, including notification of the County Coroner and if the remains are prehistoric, notification of the Native American Heritage Commission and the Most Likely Descendant; Best Management Practices, such as watering or covering exposed soils, sediment sweeping or vacuuming, and ensuring vehicle maintenance is offsite; implementing a Water Pollution Control Program and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan; and limiting construction hours.

The Project is estimated to cost \$3,132,000 and is fully funded through construction with Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account – Local Streets and Roads Program (\$600,000) and Active Transportation Program (\$2,532,000) funds.

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

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Resolution E-26-45
- Attachment B: Notice of Determination
- Attachment C: Project Location Map

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

**6 – Tulare County
Resolution E-26-45**

- 1.1 WHEREAS, the City of Woodlake (City) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the West Sequoia Multimodal Improvements Project (Project); 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 West Sequoia Avenue from Mulberry Street to Valencia Boulevard in the City of Woodlake, Tulare County; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS, the Project includes construction of bicycle and Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant pedestrian facilities, featuring 15 crosswalks, 21 streetlights, a Class IV bikeway, and signage; 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, resources that are utilizing mitigation to reduce impacts to less than significant levels include biological resources, cultural resources, hydrology and water quality, and noise, and certain measures were adopted to address these impacts; and
- 1.7 WHEREAS, on June 10, 2024, 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 June 8, 2026, 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: West Sequoia Multimodal Improvements Project

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State Clearinghouse Number

Lead Agency Contact Person

Area Code/Telephone

Project Location (include county): The project is located on West Sequoia Avenue from Mulberry Street to Valencia Boulevard in the City of Woodlake, Tulare County.

Project Description: The project includes construction of bicycle and Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant pedestrian facilities, featuring a Class IV bikeway, 15 crosswalks, 21 streetlights, and signage. Improvements would slightly extend onto north/south streets intersecting with West Sequoia Avenue.

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

(Lead Agency / Responsible Agency)

project on June 25-26, 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 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: 350 North Valencia Boulevard, Woodlake, CA 93286.

PAUL GOLASZEWSKI

Signature (Public Agency)

Date

Chief Deputy Director

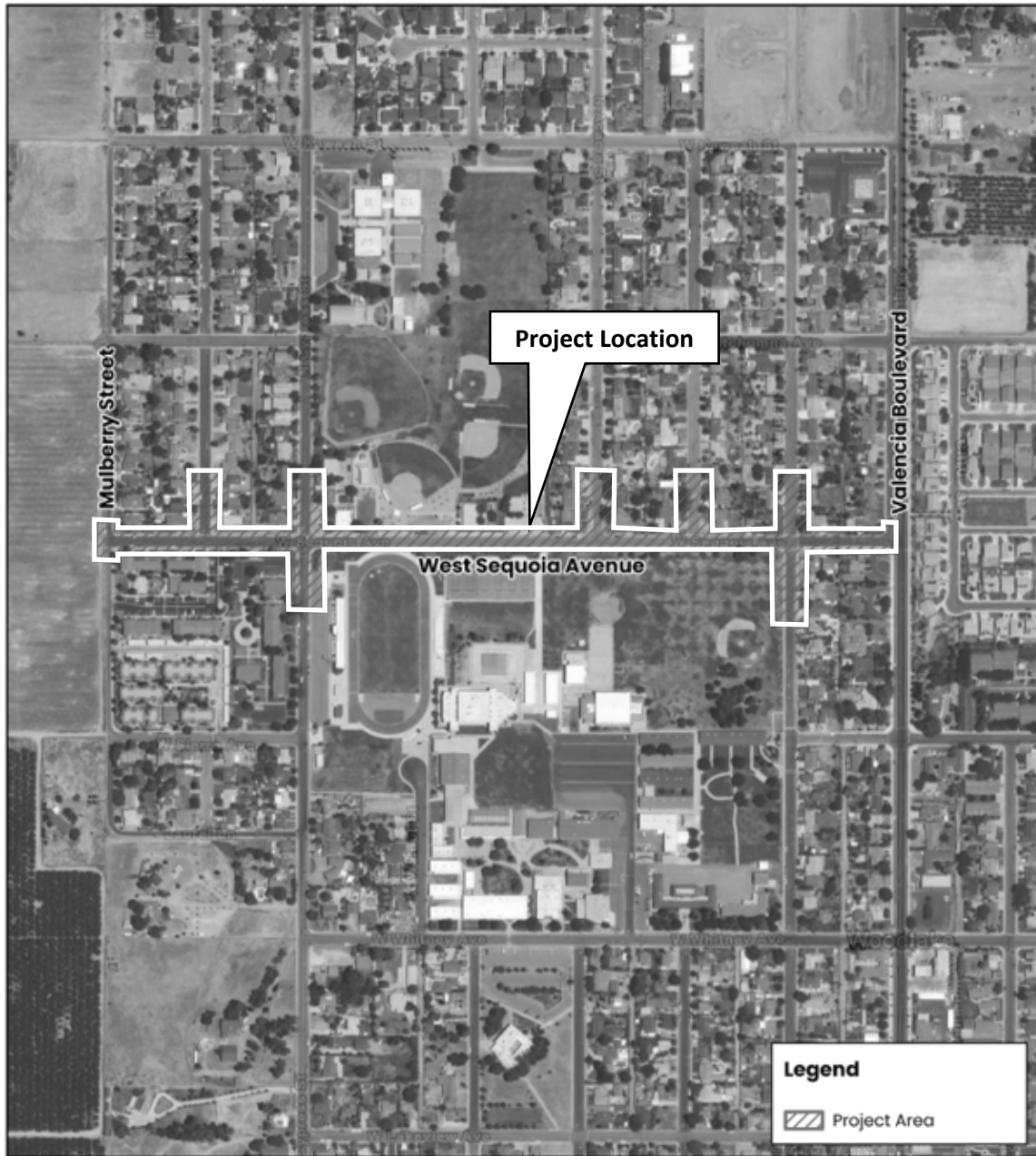
California Transportation Commission


Title

Date received for filing at OPR:

Project Location Map


West Sequoia Multimodal Improvements Project,
City of Woodlake, Tulare County



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**West Sequoia Multimodal
Improvements Project**

Woodlake, CA



1 inch = 500 feet