

# Memorandum

**To:** CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

**CTC Meeting:** October 15-16, 2026

**From:** TANISHA TAYLOR, Executive Director

**Reference Number:** 2.2c.(3), Action

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Associate Deputy Director

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**Subject:** Approval of Project for Future Consideration of Funding – Mitigated Negative Declaration for Alta Arden Expressway Phase I, Resolution E-26-74

## **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a Responsible Agency, consider the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Alta Arden Expressway Phase I project (Project) in Sacramento County and approve the Project for future consideration of funding.

## **Issue:**

The County of Sacramento (County) is the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) lead agency for the Project. The Project is located on Alta Arden Expressway, from the Howe Avenue intersection to the Fulton Avenue intersection, east of the City of Sacramento in unincorporated Sacramento County. The Project would provide pedestrian and bicycle facilities for approximately 0.9 miles, including sidewalks, buffered bicycle lanes, new streetlamps, roadway restriping, traffic signal modification, pavement rehabilitation, and pavement resurfacing. Gas, electric, water, sewer, and communication facilities located on the project alignment may require adjustment or relocation. Additionally, new drop inlets and drainage pipes for stormwater may be necessary and will connect to the existing system.

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 July 14, 2026, 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 September 1, 2026, 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.

Resources that are utilizing mitigation to reduce impacts to less than significant levels include air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, and land use and planning.

Mitigation measures include implementing best available construction emission measures, such as watering exposed surfaces, covering loose material, sweeping, limiting vehicle speeds, and limiting idling; preconstruction nesting bird surveys; focused surveys for Swainson's Hawk and associated protective measures; non-native tree canopy replacement; if human remains of Native American origin are inadvertently discovered, work stoppage and notification of the Native American Heritage Commission and the most likely descendant; if paleontological resources are inadvertently discovered, work stoppage and evaluation of the resource by a qualified paleontologist; and proper disposal of soils with aerially deposited lead.

The Project is estimated to cost \$4,825,000 and is funded through the construction phase with Regional Surface Transportation Program (\$391,000), State Transportation Improvement Program (\$3,609,000), and local (\$825,000) funds.

Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2028-29.

**Attachments:**

- Attachment A: Resolution E-26-74
- Attachment B: Notice of Determination
- Attachment C: Project Location Map

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

**3 – Sacramento County  
Resolution E-26-74**

- 1.1 WHEREAS, the County of Sacramento (County) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the Alta Arden Expressway Phase I project (Project) in unincorporated Sacramento 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 on Alta Arden Expressway, from the Howe Avenue intersection to the Fulton Avenue intersection, east of the City of Sacramento in unincorporated Sacramento County; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS, the Project includes construction of bicycle and pedestrian improvements. The Project would provide pedestrian and bicycle facilities for approximately 0.9 miles, including sidewalks, buffered bicycle lanes, new streetlamps, roadway restriping, traffic signal modification, pavement rehabilitation, and pavement resurfacing. Gas, electric, water, sewer, and communication facilities located on the project alignment may require adjustment or relocation. Additionally, new drop inlets and drainage pipes for stormwater may be necessary and will connect to the existing system; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS, resources that are utilizing mitigation to reduce impacts to less than significant levels include air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, land use and planning, and certain measures were adopted to address these impacts; and
- 1.6 WHEREAS, on July 14, 2026, 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
- 1.7 WHEREAS, on September 1, 2026, 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 California Transportation Commission (Commission); and
- 1.8 WHEREAS, the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 2.1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission has considered the Mitigated Negative Declaration and approves the above-referenced Project for future consideration of funding.

## NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

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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:** Alta Arden Expressway Phase I

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| 2026010835                        | Julie Newton                      | (916) 874-6141             |
| <b>State Clearinghouse Number</b> | <b>Lead Agency Contact Person</b> | <b>Area Code/Telephone</b> |

**Project Location** (include county): The project is located on Alta Arden Expressway, from the Howe Avenue intersection to the Fulton Avenue intersection, east of the City of Sacramento in unincorporated Sacramento County.

**Project Description:** The project would provide pedestrian and bicycle facilities for approximately 0.9 miles, including sidewalks, buffered bicycle lanes, new streetlamps, roadway restriping, traffic signal modification, pavement rehabilitation, and pavement resurfacing. Gas, electric, water, sewer, and communication facilities located on the project alignment may require adjustment or relocation. Additionally, new drop inlets and drainage pipes for stormwater may be necessary and will connect to the existing system.

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

(☐ Lead Agency / ☒ Responsible Agency)

project on October 15-16, 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.

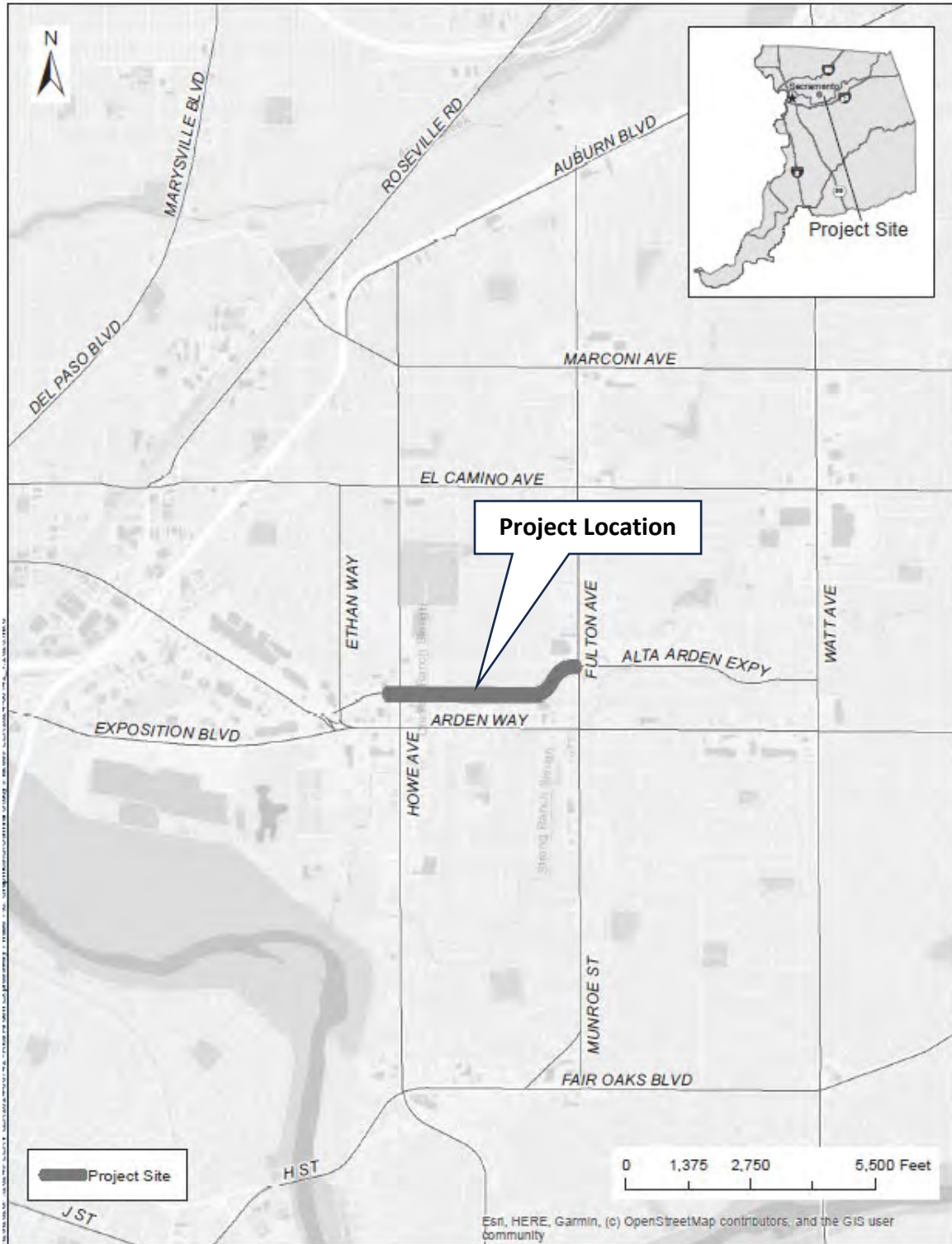
The above-identified document with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at: County of Sacramento, Planning and Environmental Review Division, 827 Seventh Street, Room 225, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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

Date received for filing at LCI:

## Project Location Map

Alta Arden Expressway Phase I,  
Sacramento County



## Project Location Map (continued)

Alta Arden Expressway Phase I,  
Sacramento County

