

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: October 15-16, 2026

From: TANISHA TAYLOR, Executive Director

Reference Number: 2.2c.(4), 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 Laguna Creek Inter-Regional Trail Crossing at State Route 99, Resolution E-26-75

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a Responsible Agency, consider the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Laguna Creek Inter-Regional Trail Crossing at State Route 99 project (Project) in Sacramento County and approve the Project for future consideration of funding.

Issue:

The City of Elk Grove (City) is the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) lead agency for the Project. The project is located in a 29.7-acre area between the Sheldon Road/State Route (SR) 99 Interchange to the north and the Bond Road/SR 99 Interchange to the south in the City of Elk Grove in Sacramento County. The proposed crossing is at State Route 99, Post Miles 14.3 to 14.4. The project includes construction of a 0.43-mile segment of the Laguna Creek Inter-Regional Trail network. Specifically, the project consists of a pedestrian overcrossing spanning West Stockton Boulevard, SR 99, and East Stockton Boulevard; a multi-use trail east of the overcrossing; and a pedestrian bridge spanning Whitehouse Creek. The multi-use trail east of the overcrossing would have 10-foot-wide pavement with 2-foot-wide unpaved shoulders and it would be elevated above the existing ground surface by approximately 2 feet.

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 May 14, 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 September 1, 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 aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, and tribal cultural resources.

Mitigation measures include marking environmentally sensitive areas with temporary high visibility fencing; re-seeding disturbed areas; shielding lights; implementing aesthetic treatments, implementing Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District Basic Construction Emission Control Practices (such as watering surfaces, covering loose materials, limiting vehicle speeds, minimizing idling time, and compliance with the California Air Resources Board's In-Use Off-Road Diesel-Fueled Fleets Regulation); pre-construction rare plant surveys; cleaning construction equipment; Swainson's Hawk nesting surveys; compensatory mitigation for Swainson's Hawk foraging habitat and as required by permitting agencies; biological awareness training; tree trimming to pruning standards; pre-construction Burrowing Owl surveys; pre-construction nesting bird surveys; pre-construction surveys for Northwestern Pond Turtle and relocation if needed; screening and using energy dissipaters on pump intakes; using animal exclusion fencing; using erosion control netting comprised of natural fibers; inspecting holes or trenches; implementing a spill management plan; biological monitoring for Northwestern Pond Turtle; timing ground disturbing activities within suitable Giant Garter Snake habitat between May 1st and October 1st or obtaining U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approval; conducting Giant Garter Snake clearance surveys; general biological monitoring; keeping dewatered habitat dry for at least 15 days after April 15th and prior to excavating or filling of the dewatered habitat; disposal of food-related trash into closed containers; not using rodenticide or herbicide; allowing wildlife to leave the construction area unharmed; inspection of milkweed plants for Monarch Butterfly and avoidance if applicable; implementing construction best management practices regarding erosion and pollutants; keeping vehicle maintenance outside of jurisdictional waters; keeping a chemical spill kit onsite; if previously unidentified cultural materials are unearthed, halting work and having an archaeologist assess the discovery and notifying a Native American representative; cultural awareness training by the Wilton Rancheria; if human remains are encountered, notification of the county coroner and an archaeologist, and if the remains are determined to be of Native American origin, notification of the Native American Heritage Commission and the most likely descendant; compliance with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits for stormwater discharge and construction; implementing design pollution prevention best management practices, such as preservation of existing vegetation or use of velocity dissipation devices; reducing spread of invasive plants by cleaning construction equipment; paleontological worker training; stopping work if a paleontological resource is discovered and having a qualified paleontologist assess the find; implementation of a Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasures Program which will include information on proper handling of hazardous

materials; limiting construction hours to minimize construction noise, as feasible; locating equipment at the farthest distance possible from adjacent sensitive land uses; properly equipping and maintaining construction equipment, including use of mufflers and engine shrouds; and not allowing vehicle idling.

The Project is estimated to cost \$19,200,000 and is funded through the construction phase with Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (\$1,494,232), Active Transportation Program (\$7,378,000), Community Project Funding/Congressional Directed Spending (\$2,850,000), and local (\$7,477,768) funds.

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

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Resolution E-26-7
- Attachment B: Notice of Determination
- Attachment C: Project Location Map

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

**3 – Sacramento County
Resolution E-26-75**

- 1.1 WHEREAS, the City of Elk Grove (City) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the Laguna Creek Inter-Regional Trail Crossing at State Route 99 project (Project) in the City of Elk Grove in Sacramento 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 in a 29.7-acre area between the Sheldon Road/State Route (SR) 99 Interchange to the north and the Bond Road/SR 99 Interchange to the south in the City of Elk Grove in Sacramento County and the proposed crossing is at State Route 99, Post Miles 14.3 to 14.4; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS, the Project includes construction of a 0.43-mile segment of the Laguna Creek Inter-Regional Trail network. Specifically, the project consists of a pedestrian overcrossing spanning West Stockton Boulevard, SR 99, and East Stockton Boulevard; a multi-use trail east of the overcrossing; and a pedestrian bridge spanning Whitehouse Creek. The multi-use trail east of the overcrossing would have 10-foot-wide pavement with 2-foot-wide unpaved shoulders and it would be elevated above the existing ground surface by approximately 2 feet; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS, resources that are utilizing mitigation to reduce impacts to less than significant levels include aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, and tribal cultural resources, and certain measures were adopted to address these impacts; and
- 1.6 WHEREAS, on May 14, 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
- 1.7 WHEREAS, on September 1, 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
- 1.8 WHEREAS, the California Transportation Commission (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 has considered 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: Laguna Creek Inter-Regional Trail Crossing at State Route 99

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State Clearinghouse Number	Lead Agency Contact Person	Area Code/Telephone

Project Location (include county): The project is located in a 29.7-acre area between the Sheldon Road/State Route (SR) 99 Interchange to the north and the Bond Road/SR 99 Interchange to the south in the City of Elk Grove in Sacramento County. The proposed crossing is at State Route 99, Post Miles 14.3 to 14.4.

Project Description: The project includes construction of a 0.43-mile segment of the Laguna Creek Inter-Regional Trail network. Specifically, the project consists of a pedestrian overcrossing spanning West Stockton Boulevard, SR 99, and East Stockton Boulevard; a multi-use trail east of the overcrossing; and a pedestrian bridge spanning Whitehouse Creek. The multi-use trail east of the overcrossing would have 10-foot-wide pavement with 2-foot-wide unpaved shoulders and it would be elevated above the existing ground surface by approximately 2 feet.

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.

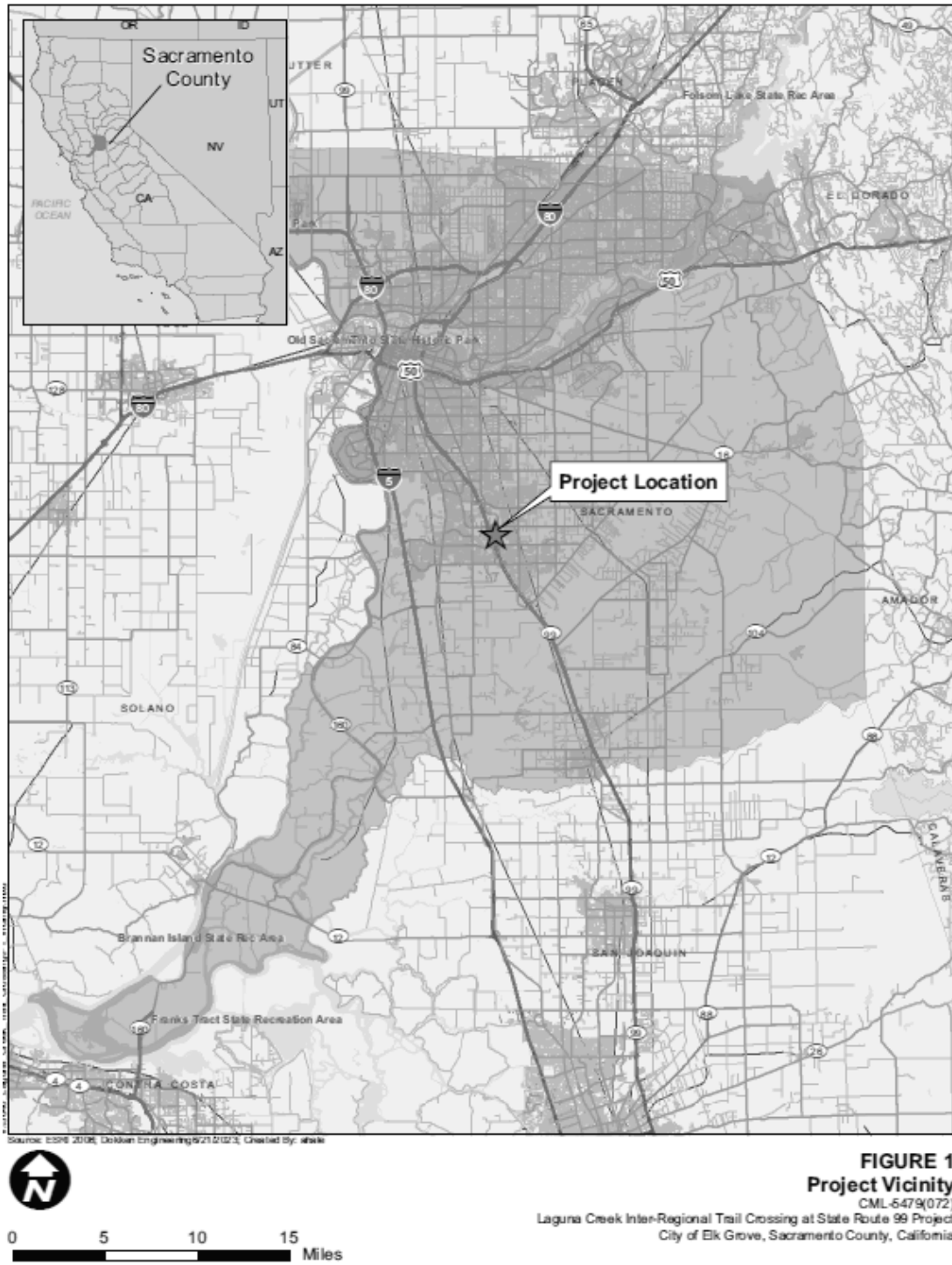
The above-identified document with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at: City of Elk Grove, 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758.

Tanisha Taylor		Executive Director
<i>Signature (Public Agency)</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Title</i>

Date received for filing at LCI:

Project Location Map

Laguna Creek Inter-Regional Trail at State Route 99,
Elk Grove, Sacramento County



Project Location Map (continued)

Laguna Creek Inter-Regional Trail at State Route 99,
Elk Grove, Sacramento County



Source: ESRI World Street Maps Online, Dodson Engineering 5/2/2024, Created By: amyd



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FIGURE 2
Project Location

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Laguna Creek Inter-Regional Trail Crossing at State Route 99 Project
City of Elk Grove, Sacramento County, California

Project Location Map (continued)

Laguna Creek Inter-Regional Trail at State Route 99,
Elk Grove, Sacramento County

