

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: October 15-16, 2026

From: TANISHA TAYLOR, Executive Director

Reference Number: 2.2c.(5), 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 Zinfandel Drive Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing Project, Resolution E-26-76

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a Responsible Agency, consider the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Zinfandel Drive Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing Project (Project) in the City of Rancho Cordova in Sacramento County and approve the Project for future consideration of funding.

Issue:

The City of Rancho Cordova (City) is the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) lead agency for the Project. The Project is located adjacent to Zinfandel Drive from White Rock Road to Folsom Boulevard in the City of Rancho Cordova in Sacramento County. The Project includes construction of a grade-separated Class 1 multi-use path that would begin from White Rock Road, cross over Gold Center Drive, cross over the U.S. 50 eastbound on-ramp, cross over the U.S. 50 mainline with a bicycle and pedestrian bridge overcrossing structure, and then cross under the U.S. 50 westbound on-ramp to connect to Folsom Boulevard.

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 August 5, 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 September 4, 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, tribal cultural resources, geology and soils, and noise.

Mitigation measures include conducting tree and shrub removal during the non-breeding season for birds or conducting pre-construction surveys; establishment of no-work buffer zones; obtaining appropriate tree removal permits; conducting a tree survey; retaining trees to the extent feasible; establishment of a Tree Protection Zone; establishment of a tree protection plan; tree replacement; identifying the environmentally sensitive area boundary in the design package, ensuring the environmentally sensitive area action plan is in the City Project Engineer's file; halting work if inadvertent discoveries are made and notifying the California Department of Transportation and the State Historic Preservation Office; halting work if subsurface deposits believed to be cultural or human in origin are discovered during construction, obtaining assessment by an archaeologist, and, if they are of Native American origin, notifying the Native American Heritage Commission and most likely descendant; if a potential tribal cultural resource is discovered, notifying a tribal representative and determining recommended treatment; halting work if paleontological resources are discovered and obtaining an assessment by a paleontologist; implementing noise and vibration control measures, such as using newer equipment with improved muffling, using construction methods or equipment that provides the lowest level of noise and ground vibration impact, and turning off idling equipment.

The Project is estimated to cost \$37,983,000 and is funded through the construction phase with Federal Highway Infrastructure Program (\$3,377,000), State Active Transportation Program (\$19,956,000), and local (\$14,650,000) funds.

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

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Resolution E-26-76
- Attachment B: Notice of Determination
- Attachment C: Project Location Map

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

**3 – Sacramento County
Resolution E-26-76**

- 1.1 WHEREAS, the City of Rancho Cordova (City) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the Zinfandel Drive Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing Project (Project) in the City of Rancho Cordova 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 adjacent to Zinfandel Drive from White Rock Road to Folsom Boulevard in the City of Rancho Cordova in Sacramento County; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS, the Project includes construction of a grade-separated Class 1 multi-use path that would begin from White Rock Road, cross over Gold Center Drive, cross over the U.S. 50 eastbound on-ramp, cross over the U.S. 50 mainline with a bicycle and pedestrian bridge overcrossing structure, and then cross under the U.S. 50 westbound on-ramp to connect to Folsom Boulevard.; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS, Resources that are utilizing mitigation to reduce impacts to less than significant levels include biological resources, cultural resources, tribal cultural resources, geology and soils, and noise, and certain measures were adopted to address these impacts; and
- 1.6 WHEREAS, on August 5, 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
- 1.7 WHEREAS, on September 4, 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; 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

To: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: California Transportation Commission
Attn: Cherry Zamora
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Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 654-4245

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

Project Title: Zinfandel Drive Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing Project

2024051303	Edgar Medina	(916) 916-8907
State Clearinghouse Number	Lead Agency Contact Person	Area Code/Telephone

Project Location (include county): The project is located adjacent to Zinfandel Drive from White Rock Road to Folsom Boulevard in the City of Rancho Cordova in Sacramento County.

Project Description: The project includes construction of a grade-separated Class 1 multi-use path that would begin from White Rock Road, cross over Gold Center Drive, cross over the U.S. 50 eastbound on-ramp, cross over the U.S. 50 mainline with a bicycle and pedestrian bridge overcrossing structure, and then cross under the U.S. 50 westbound on-ramp to connect to Folsom Boulevard.

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 Rancho Cordova, 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95672.

TANISHA TAYLOR

Signature (Public Agency)

Date

Executive Director

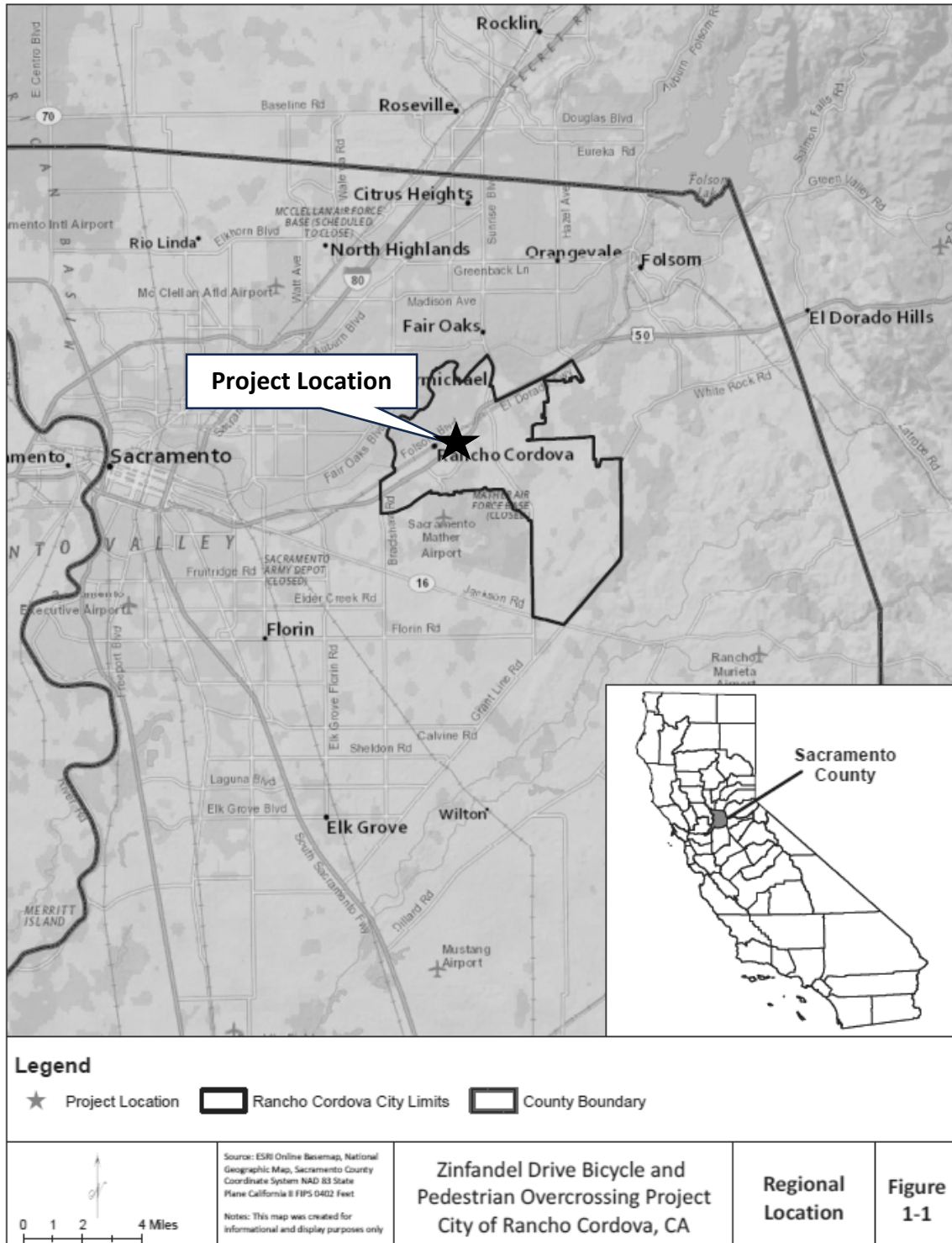
California Transportation Commission

Title

Date received for filing at LCI:

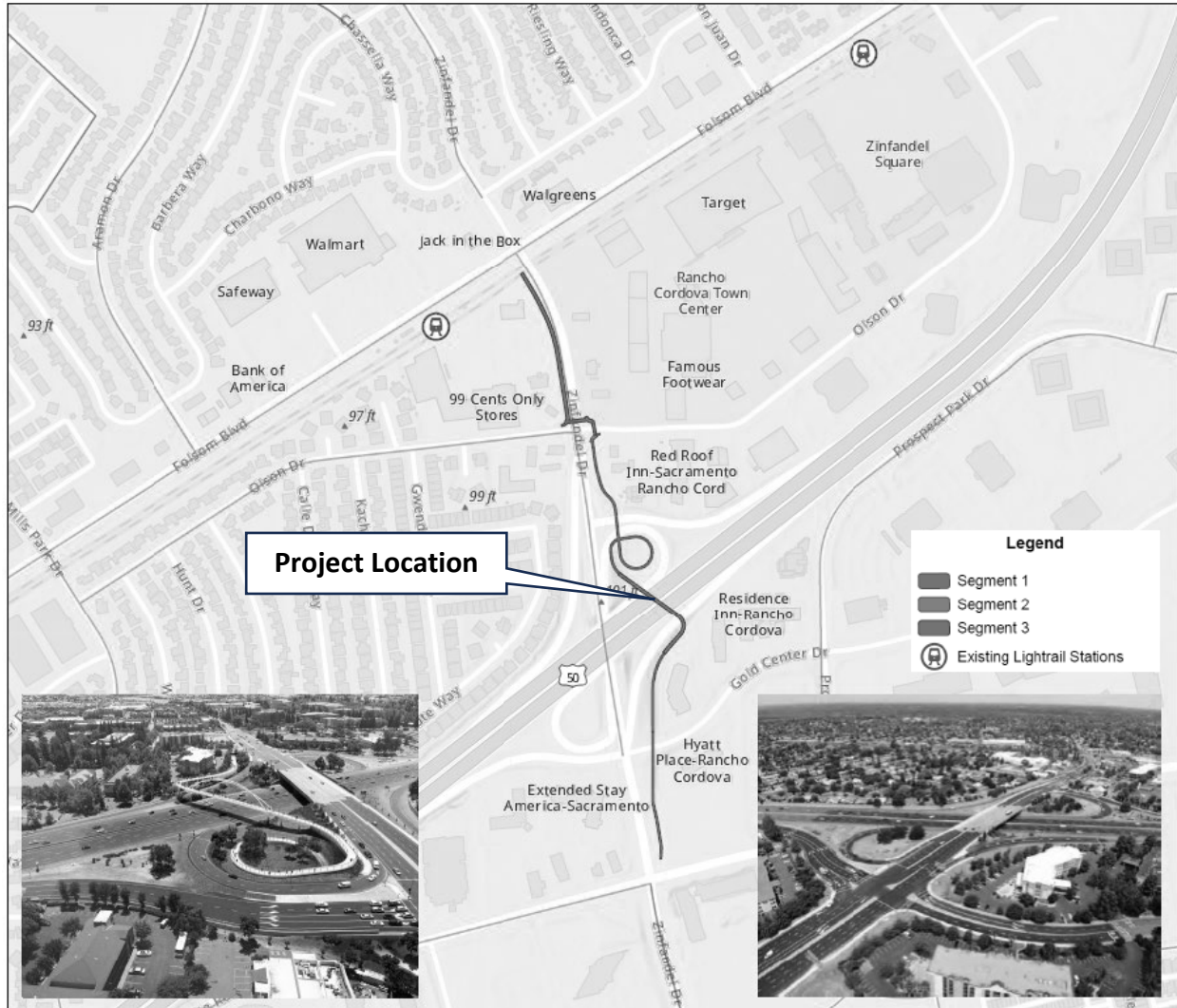
Project Location Map

Zinfandel Drive Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing Project, Rancho Cordova, Sacramento County



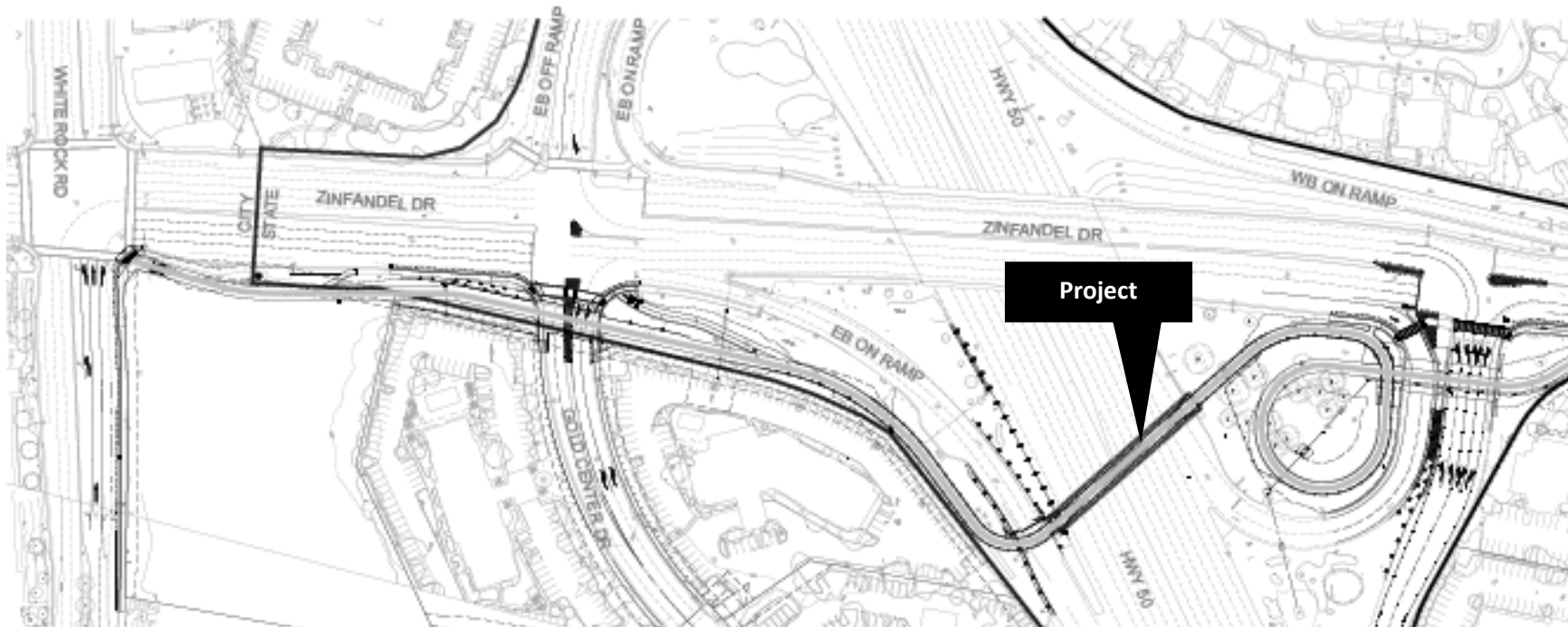
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