

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: May 7, 2013

Reference No.: 2.2c. (6)
Action

From: ANDRE BOUTROS
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE TEMPERANCE AVENUE
IMPROVEMENTS FROM ENTERPRISE CANAL TO SHEPHERD AVENUE PROJECT
(RESOLUTION E-13-25)**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Temperance Avenue Improvements from Enterprise Canal to Shepherd Avenue Project (project) in Fresno County and approve the project for future consideration of funding?

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission accept the MND and approve the project for future consideration of funding.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Clovis (City) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. On February 4, 2013 the City adopted the final MND and found that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation.

The project is located on Temperance Avenue in the City of Clovis in Fresno County. The project proposes to 1.) complete the northbound and southbound outside travel lanes on Temperance Avenue from the Enterprise Canal to Shepherd Avenue to accommodate bicycle, pedestrian, vehicle and transit modes of travel and 2.) install a traffic signal at the Temperance Avenue/Nees Avenue intersection.

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to Air Quality and Biological Resources. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to: installation of erosion control measures prior to commencement of construction, use of construction equipment that meets Tier II or above emissions standards, and limiting traffic speeds on unpaved road surfaces; conducting pre-construction nesting surveys, and avoiding tree removal onsite during the nesting season.

On March 11, 2013, the City confirmed that the preferred alternative set forth in the final environmental document is consistent with the project scope of work programmed by the Commission.

The project is fully funded through construction and is estimated to cost \$2,163,000. The project is funded with SLPP (\$728,000) and Local (\$1,435,000) funds. Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2013/14.

Attachment

- Resolution E-13-25
- Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 06 – Fresno County Resolution E-13-25

1.1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Clovis (City) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:

- Temperance Avenue Improvements Enterprise Canal to Shepherd Avenue Project

1.2 **WHEREAS**, the City has certified that the Mitigated Negative Declaration has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines for its implementation; and

WHEREAS, the project proposes to 1.) complete the northbound and southbound outside travel lanes on Temperance Avenue from the Enterprise Canal to Shepherd Avenue to accommodate bicycle, pedestrian, vehicle and transit modes of travel and 2.) install a traffic signal at the Temperance Avenue/Nees Avenue intersection; and

1.4 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration; and

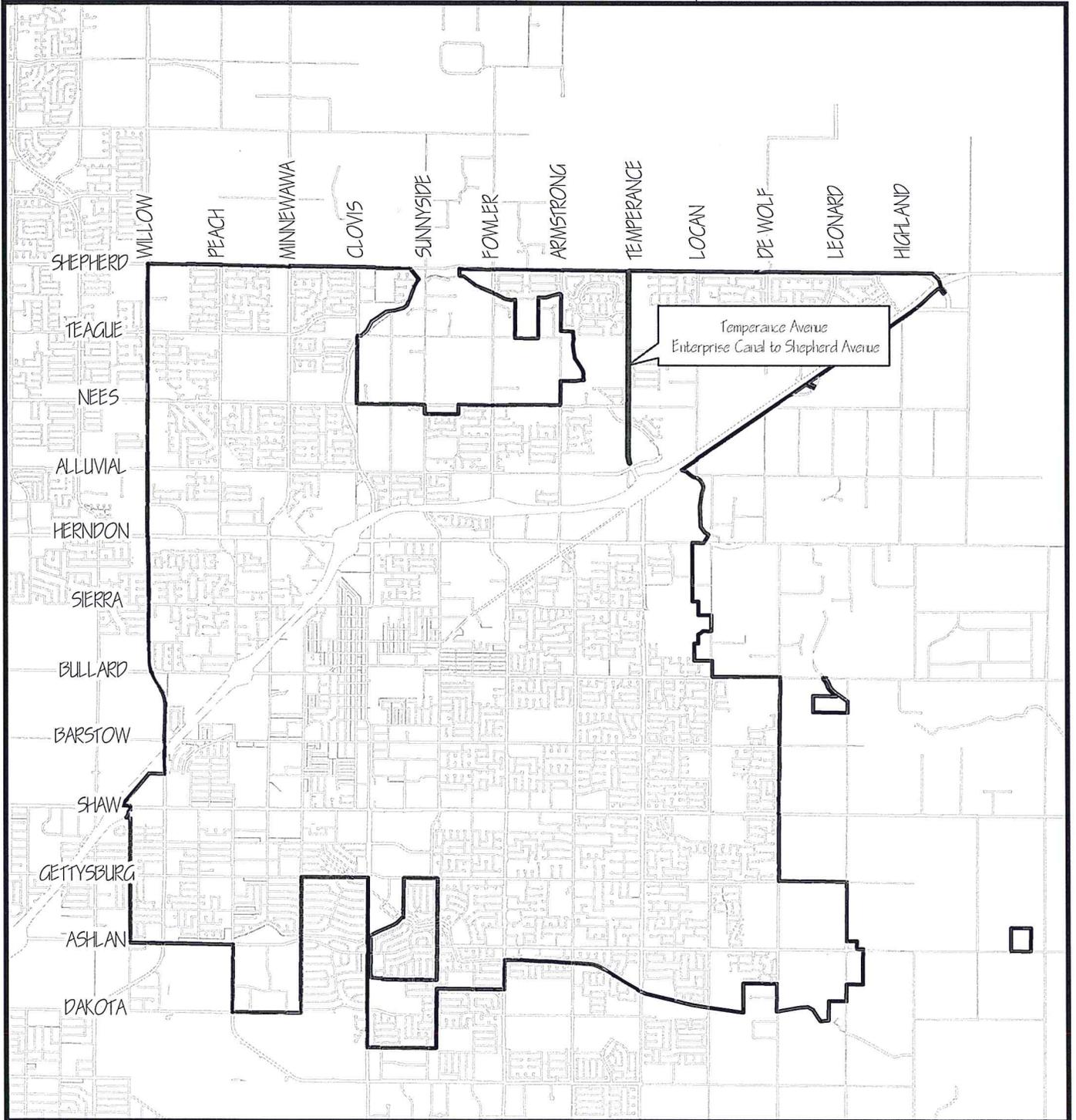
1.5 **WHEREAS**, the City found that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation; and

1.6 **WHEREAS**, the City approved the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration.

2.1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby accept the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration and approve the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.

PROJECT LOCATION MAP

Temperance Avenue - Enterprise Canal to Shepherd Avenue



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 CITY LIMITS



1" = 5500'