

**M e m o r a n d u m****To:** CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS**CTC Meeting:** December 10, 2014**Reference No.:** 2.2c (5)  
Action**From:** ANDRE BOUTROS  
Executive Director**Subject:** **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING  
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE HOWE AVENUE SIDEWALK INFILL  
AND BIKE LANE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-14-64)****ISSUE:**

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Howe Avenue Sidewalk Infill and Bike Lane Improvements Project (project) in Sacramento 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:**

Sacramento County (County) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. The project is located on Howe Avenue between El Camino Avenue and Marconi Avenue in the unincorporated area of Sacramento County. The project will install a signal modification at the Howe Avenue/Marconi Avenue intersection, construct new sidewalks, curbs, gutters, ramps, driveway conforms, and Class II bike lanes along both sides of Howe Avenue between El Camino Avenue and Marconi Avenue. Howe Avenue will be re-striped from its existing configuration of two lanes in each direction to one lane in each direction with a two-way center left-turn lane.

On July 15, 2014 the County adopted the final MND for the project and found that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation. On July 30, 2014 Caltrans determined that this project is categorically excluded from NEPA pursuant to 23 CFR 771.117(c)(3).

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to Transportation & Traffic and Biological Resources. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to: the preparation of a Traffic Control plan to reduce impacts to the roadway system during construction, and measures to replace non-native tree canopy loss.

On October 20, 2014 the County 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 will be constructed in two phases. Phase 1 includes improvements between El Camino Avenue and Red Robin Drive/Tallac Street and Phase 2 includes improvements between Red Robin Drive/Tallac Street and Marconi Avenue, as well as the signal modification at the Howe Avenue/Marconi Avenue intersection. The project is estimated to cost \$3,467,000 and is fully funded through construction with ATP (\$1,853,000), other State (\$712,000), Federal (\$719,000), and Local (\$183,000) funding. Phase 1 construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2014/15 and Phase 2 construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2015/16.

#### Attachments

- Resolution E-14-64
- Project Location

# CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 03 – Sacramento County Resolution E-14-64

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, Sacramento County has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
  - Howe Avenue Sidewalk Infill and Bike Lane Improvements Project
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, Sacramento County has certified that the Mitigated Negative Declaration has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines for its implementation; and
- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, the project will install a signal modification at the Howe Avenue/Marconi Avenue intersection, construct new sidewalks, curbs, gutters, ramps, driveway conforms, and Class II bike lanes along both sides of Howe Avenue between El Camino Avenue and Marconi Avenue. Howe Avenue will be re-striped from its existing configuration of two lanes in each direction to one lane in each direction with a two-way center left-turn lane; 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**, Sacramento County found that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, Sacramento County 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.

# Vicinity Map

**Legend**

- Project Site
- Streets



**Project Site**

