

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: May 28, 2015

Reference No.: 2.2c (1)  
Action

From: WILL KEMPTON  
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING  
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR WATERFRONT DRIVE CONNECTION  
PHASE II PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-15-17)**

**ISSUE:**

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Waterfront Drive Connection Phase II Project (project) in Humboldt 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 Eureka (City) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. The project is located on Waterfront Drive between G and J Streets in the City of Eureka. The project includes the construction and improvement of Waterfront Drive from G to K Streets with two travel lanes, a bike lane and a pedestrian sidewalk.

On May 21, 2002 the Eureka City Council adopted the final MND for the project and found that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation.

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to aesthetics, air quality, hazards & hazardous materials, noise, public service, transportation and traffic. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to: installing specific street lighting in designated locations; covering open bodied trucks and using water or chemicals during demolition, grading and construction; implementing erosion control measures; implementing measures to properly handle and dispose of hazardous materials; implementing a tsunami safety plan; limiting hours of construction to weekdays and day time; coordinating with City Fire Department for access; and ensuring that construction materials, debris or waste is properly disposed.

On March 30, 2015, the City confirmed that the 2002 MND remains valid and there are no new identified impacts requiring mitigation since adoption of the MND in 2002. The City also 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 estimated to cost \$4,509,000. Current funding for the project is from the State Transportation Improvement Program (\$1,459,000), Bicycle Transportation Account (\$450,000), Local Funds (\$500,000), and future to be identified funds (\$2,100,000). Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2015/16.

Attachments

- Resolution E-15-17
- Project Location

# CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 01 – Humboldt County Resolution E-15-17

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Eureka has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
  - Waterfront Drive Connection Phase II Project
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the City of Eureka has certified that the Mitigated Negative Declaration has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines; and
- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, the project includes the construction and improvement of Waterfront Drive from G to K Streets with two travel lanes, a bike lane and a pedestrian sidewalk; 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 of Eureka found that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, the City of Eureka 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 approves the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.