

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: May 7, 2013

Reference No.: 2.2c (7)  
Action

From: ANDRE BOUTROS  
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING  
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE SUNNYSIDE SHEPHERD  
TRAILHEAD PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-13-26)**

## **ISSUE:**

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Sunnyside Shepherd Trailhead Project (project) in the City of Clovis 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 April 8, 2013, the City adopted the final MND and found that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation. On February 13, 2013, Caltrans determined the project to be categorically excluded from NEPA pursuant to 23 CFR 771.117(c)(3).

The project is located at the southwest corner of Sunnyside and Shepherd Avenues in the City of Clovis in Fresno County. The project will construct an approximately 2.5 acre trailhead where several urban pedestrian trails converge. Components of the trailhead include: interpretive display areas, a parking lot, seating wall, landscaping & irrigation system, decomposed granite, picnic areas, lighting, security cameras, drinking fountains, bike racks, restroom facilities, and on-site storm water retention facilities.

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to aesthetics and biological resources. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to: design and installation of project lighting to minimize fugitive light and glare impacts to adjacent properties and the installation of construction fencing between the project site and adjacent waters of the United States to delineate non-accessible areas.

On March 22, 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 \$2,407,000. The project is funded with STIP-TE (\$2,247,000) funds and Local (\$160,000) funds. Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2013/14.

Attachments

- Resolution E-13-26
- Project Location

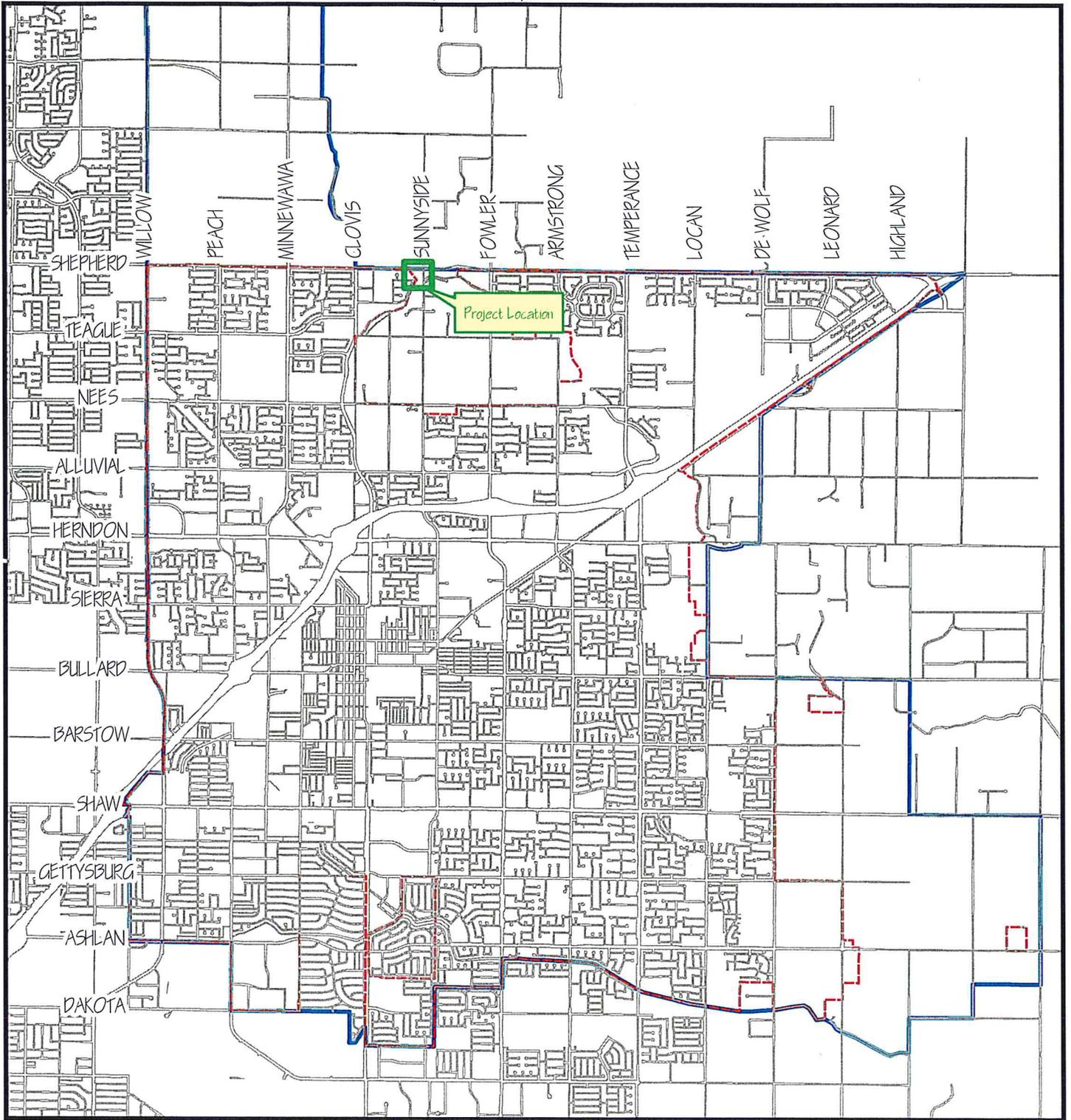
# CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 06 – Fresno County Resolution E-13-26

- 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:
  - Sunnyside/Shepherd Trailhead 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
- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, the project will construct an approximately 2.5 acre trailhead where several urban pedestrian trails converge. Components of the trailhead include: interpretive display areas, a parking lot, seating wall, landscaping & irrigation system, decomposed granite, picnic areas, lighting, security cameras, drinking fountains, bike racks, restroom facilities, and on-site storm water retention facilities; 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.

# VICINITY MAP

## Sunnyside Shepherd Trail Head



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 CITY LIMITS

 SPHERE OF INFLUENCE



1" = 5500'