

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: June 29-30, 2016

Reference No.: 2.2c.(4)  
Action

From: SUSAN BRANSEN  
Executive Director

Subject: APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING  
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE LOWER LAGUNA CREEK  
OPEN SPACE TRAIL PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-16-40)

**ISSUE:**

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Lower Laguna Creek Open Space Trail Project (Project) in Sacramento County and approve the project for future consideration of funding?

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Elk Grove (City) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. The project will construct a Class I bikeway/multi-use trail connection between the existing Ryland and Laguna Creek Trail Systems from Elk Spring Way to Laguna Creek.

On April 27, 2016, the City 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 less than significant levels relate to aesthetics, air quality, biological resources. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to: requires lighting fixtures with directional shielding to minimize impacts to surrounding residences, provides for construction equipment to conform to Enhanced Exhaust Control Practices (EECP), requires surveys of special-status plant species (i.e., Bristly Sedge, Dwarf Downingia, Ferris Milk-Vetch, Heckard’s Pepper-Grass, Hogwallow Starfish and Saline Clover) and recommends the use of detection surveys to monitor the Burrowing Owl.

On May 6 2016, the City confirmed that the preferred alternative set forth in the final environmental document is consistent with the project scope of work and programming by the Commission.

The project is estimated to cost \$1,778,00 and is fully funded through construction with Active Transportation Program (ATP) Funds (\$1,573,000) and Local Funds (\$205,000). Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2017/18.

Attachments

- Resolution E-16-40
- Project Location

# CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 03 – Sacramento County Resolution E-16-40

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

- Lower Laguna Creek Open Space Trail Project

**1.2 WHEREAS**, the City of Elk Grove has certified that the Mitigated Negative Declaration has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, the project will construct a Class I bikeway/multi-use trail connection between the existing Ryland and Laguna Creek Trail Systems from Elk Spring Way to Laguna Creek; and

**1.3 WHEREAS**, the project is located at approximately 0.5 miles east of Franklin boulevard, and approximately two miles west of California State Route 99, within portions of Sections 21 and 28, Township 7 North, Range 5 East on the USGS Florin, California 7.5-minute quadrangle; and

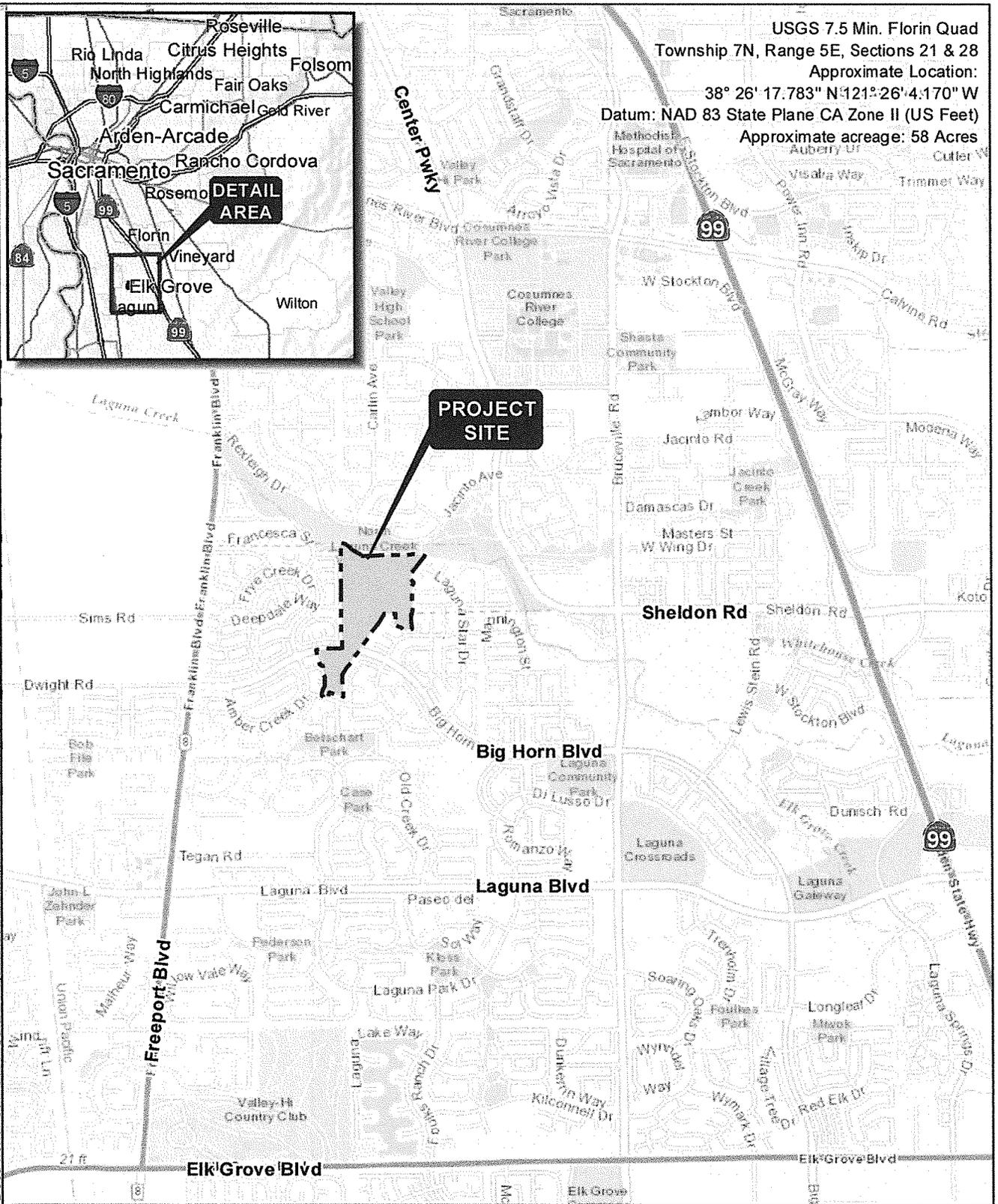
**1.5 WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and

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

**1.7 WHEREAS**, the Elk Grove City Council approved the Mitigated Negative Declaration.

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

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**Attachment 2**