

Memorandum

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To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: June 29-30, 2016

Reference No.: 2.2c.(11)
Action

From: SUSAN BRANSEN
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE WEST LA MESA PEDESTRIAN
AND BICYCLE CONNECTIVITY PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-16-47)**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Negative Declaration (ND) for the West La Mesa Pedestrian and Bicycle Connectivity Project (Project) in San Diego County and approve the project for future consideration of funding?

RECOMMENDATION:

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

BACKGROUND:

The City of La Mesa (City) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. The project will construct high visibility crosswalks, Class III bicycle accommodations, curb radius reductions, bulbouts, and improved signage near La Mesa Arts Academy, La Mesa Elementary and Helix High School.

On May 27, 2015, the City of La Mesa Community Development Department adopted the final ND for the project and found that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

On May 26, 2016, the City of La Mesa Community Development Department 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 \$3,351,000 and is fully funded through construction with Active Transportation Program (ATP) Funds (\$1,919,000), Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) Funds (\$114,000) and Local Funds (\$1,318,000). Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2018/19.

Attachments

- Resolution E-16-47
- Project Location

ALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding
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Resolution E-16-47**

- 1.1** **WHEREAS**, the City of La Mesa has completed a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- West La Mesa Pedestrian and Bicycle Connectivity Project
- 1.2** **WHEREAS**, the City of La Mesa has certified that the Negative Declaration has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines; and
- 1.3** **WHEREAS**, the project will construct high visibility crosswalks, Class III bicycle accommodations, curb radius reductions, bulbouts, and improved signage near La Mesa Arts Academy, La Mesa Elementary and Helix High School; and
- 1.4** **WHEREAS**, the project is located within various areas of West La Mesa adjacent to and surrounding Helix High, La Mesa Dale Elementary, La Mesa Arts Academy and Highwood Park; and
- 1.5** **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Negative Declaration; and
- 1.6** **WHEREAS**, the City of La Mesa Community Development Department found that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation; and
- 1.7** **WHEREAS**, the City of La Mesa Community Development Department approved the Negative Declaration.
- 1.8** **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby accept the Negative Declaration and approves the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.



West La Mesa Pedestrian and Bicycle Connectivity Project



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