

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

Date: April 7-8, 2010

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Executive Director

File: Book Item 2.2c (9)
Action

Ref: Mitigated Negative Declaration – Allan Hancock Bike Path Extension Project (Resolution E-10-26)

ISSUE: Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Allan Hancock Bike Path Extension Project (project) in Santa Barbara 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 Lompoc (City) prepared the MND for the construction of an approximately 1.0 mile long bike path beginning at the “H” Street/Santa Ynez River Bridge and ending at the south terminus of Hancock Drive. The bike path will include fencing on both sides of the project while crossing the Federal Bureau of Prison property in an approved easement granted for this use. The project will feature safety lighting to facilitate use by students traveling to an early morning or evening class at the Allan Hancock College.

The City approved the project and adopted the MND on February 16, 2010 and found that, based on the initial study and comments received, there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment, with implementation of the identified mitigation measures. Impacts related to geology and soils; hydrology and water quality; air quality; biological resources; noise; aesthetics, and cultural resources were identified as potentially significant. With mitigation measures, the City found that these impacts can be reduced to a less than significant level.

Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to, adherence to the adopted City and State building codes in the design and construction of retaining walls; preparation and adherence to a storm water pollution prevention plan during project construction; preparation and implementation of a dust abatement program; consultation with a qualified biologist prior to and during construction; timing construction activities to minimize noise and lighting impacts; and consultation with a qualified archeologist.

On March 17, 2010, the City provided written confirmation that the scope of work cleared through the MND is consistent with the scope of work programmed by the Commission.

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The project is estimated to cost \$2,205,036 and is anticipated to be funded with federal (\$1,727,117), State (\$32,919) and Local (\$445,000) funds. The project is planned to be constructed in two phases. Both phases are estimated to begin construction in FY 2010/11.

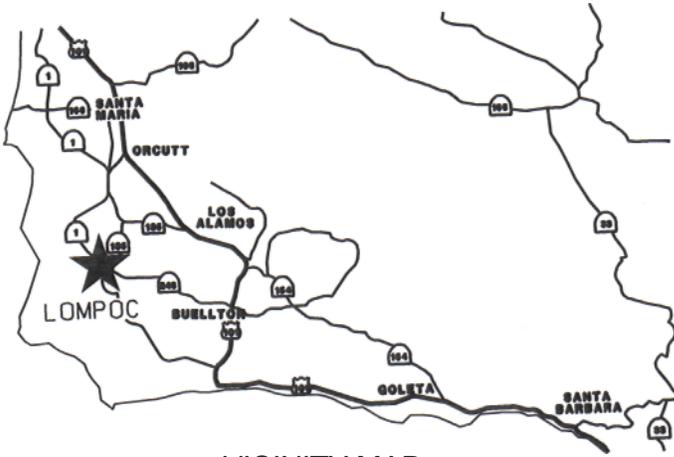
Attachments

- Resolution E-10-26
- Project Location

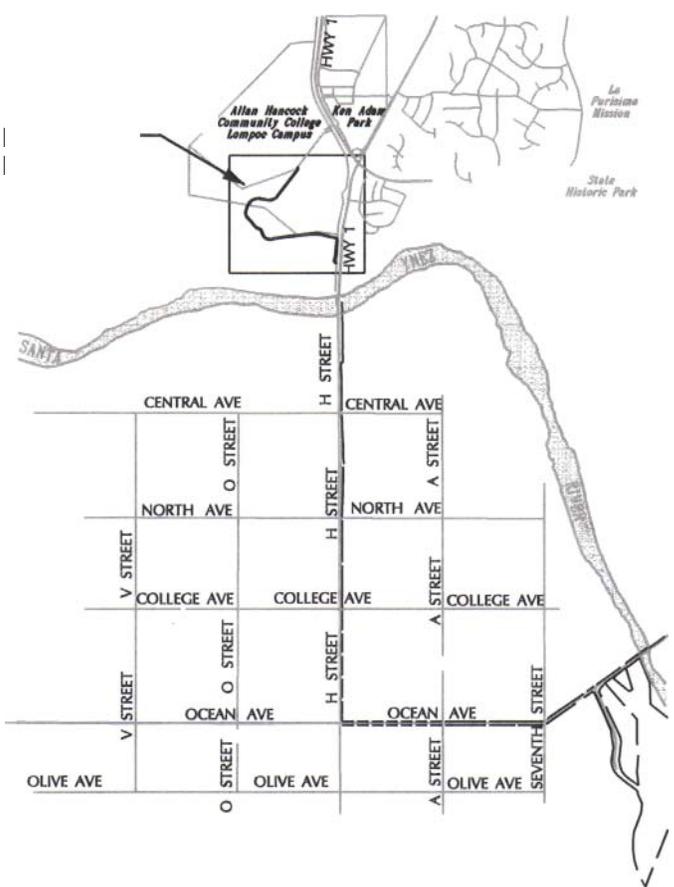
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 05 – Santa Barbara Resolution E-10-26

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Lompoc (City) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- Allan Hancock College Bike Path Extension, ER08-0006
- 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 provide for a bike path extension from the H Street bridge where it crosses the Santa Ynez River and ending at the terminus of Allan Hancock Drive; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.5 **WHEREAS**, the City found that all significant or potentially significant impacts can be reduced by mitigation measures to a less than significant level; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, the City approved the Mitigated Negative Declaration.
- 2.1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration and approve the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.



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