

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: June 11, 2013

Reference No.: 2.2c. (12)
Action

From: ANDRE BOUTROS
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE WEBER AVENUE STREETSCAPE
BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT, PHASE 2 (RESOLUTION E-13-57)**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Weber Avenue Streetscape Beautification Project, Phase 2 (project) in San Joaquin 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 Stockton (City) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. On November 15, 2011, the City adopted the final MND and found that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation. On April 11, 2013, Caltrans determined the project to be categorically excluded from NEPA pursuant to 23 CFR 771.117(d) (1).

The proposed project will construct streetscape improvements for three blocks along Weber Avenue between Stanislaus Street and the Union Pacific Railroad crossing at Robert J. Cabral Station in the City of Stockton. Weber Avenue will be reduced from four to two lanes to provide for the installation of a raised median. Existing northbound and southbound turn pockets on Stanislaus Street at Weber Avenue will be eliminated. Features will include a landscaped median, new and reconstructed curbs, gutters and sidewalks, street cross-slope corrections to meet ADA standards, storm drain installation, bulb-outs at intersections to decrease pedestrian crossing distance, sidewalk landscape areas, reconfigured parking, and other cycling and pedestrian amenities.

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to air quality, cultural resources, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, public services/facilities, and transportation circulation. The City determined that mitigation

measures will reduce the potential impacts to less than significant levels. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to, compliance with San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District requirements; retention of a qualified archaeologist if required, evaluation by a qualified environmental professional if necessary; implementation of a storm water pollution prevention plan; restriction of operating hours by noise generating equipment; incorporation of fire suppression and emergency access/response needs in the project design; and implementation of a temporary traffic and parking plan during construction.

On April 24, 2013 the City provided written confirmation that the preferred alternative set forth in the final environmental document is consistent with the project programmed by the Commission.

The project is estimated to cost \$3,161,922. The project is funded with STIP TE (\$2,610,122) and Federal RSTP (\$551,800) funds. Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2013/14.

Attachment

- Resolution E-13-57
- Project Location

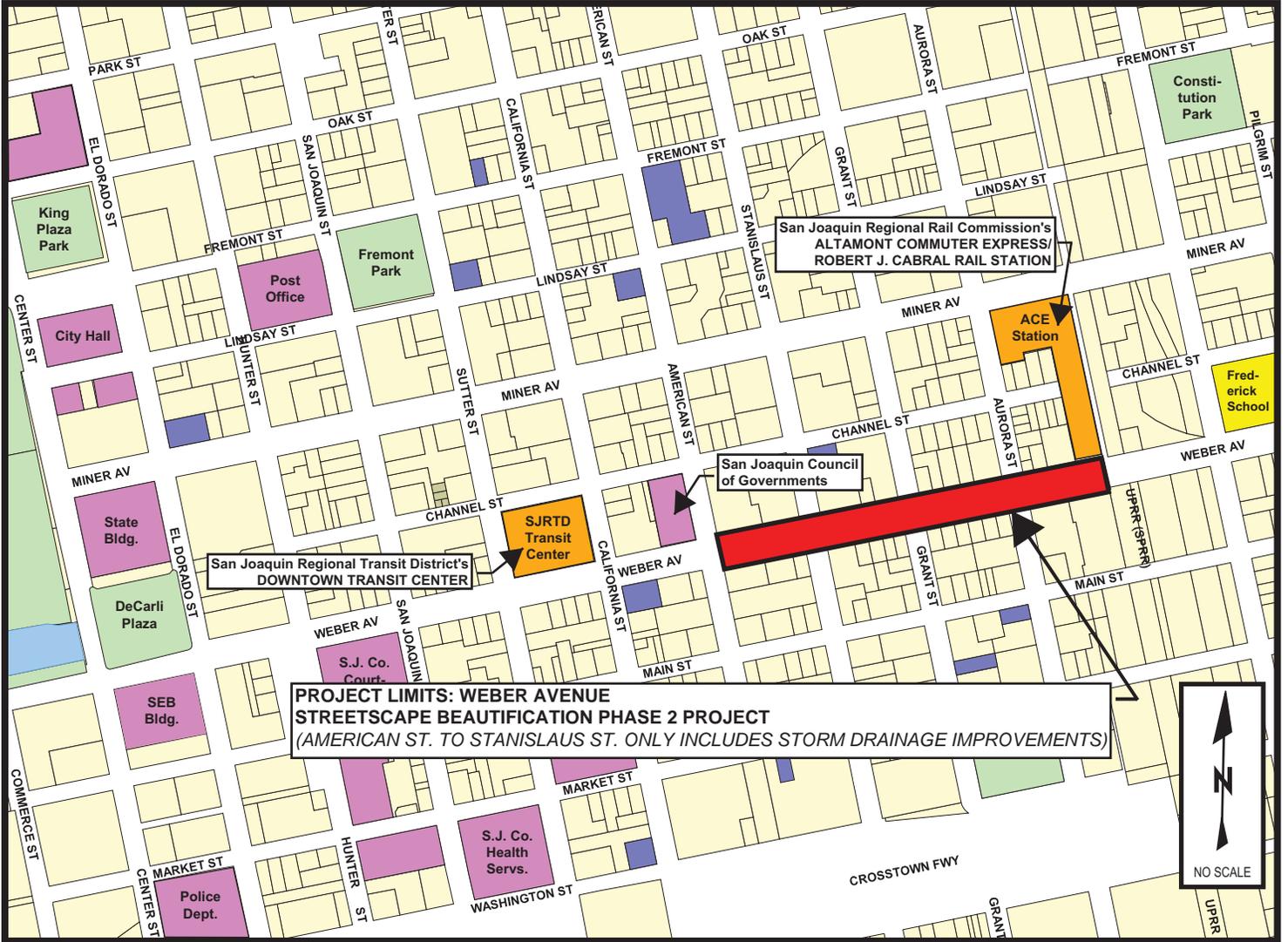
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Stockton (City) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - Weber Avenue Streetscape Beautification Project, Phase 2
- 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 proposed project will construct streetscape improvements for three blocks along Weber Avenue between Stanislaus Street and the Union Pacific Railroad crossing at Robert J. Cabral Station in the City of Stockton; 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.

PROJECT LOCATION MAP

Weber Avenue Streetscape Beautification Project, Phase 2



Government Building/Facility	Public Transit Facility
Park/Recreation Facility	Church/Place of Worship
School Site	Proposed Project Limits

NOTE:
Weber Avenue is currently designated as Class III bicycle facility between Interstate 5 and Airport Way.

LEGEND