MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

PROJECT TITLE:

Foothill Drive Bike Connection and Safety Improvements

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION:

Foothill Drive Bike Connection and Safety Improvements is situated on Foothill Drive in unincorporated Solano County, immediately West of the City of Vacaville limits. The project site is 0.06 miles east of Pleasants Valley Road to the City of Vacaville, city/county limit. Foothill Drive is an existing connector road from Pleasants Valley Road to Foothill Drive in the City of Vacaville. The current road alignment is a Z shaped road with 15 mph sharp turns. The Foothill Drive Bike Connection Project will pulverize approximately 1,150 linear feet of the existing, County owned, 24-foot-wide asphalt road from 100 feet east of the bridge at Encinosa Creek, to the Vacaville City limit, and construct a 32-foot-wide paved roadway on a new alignment for safety purposes. Site amenities will include, asphalt paved driveway connections, sign relocations, roadside ditch installation, addition of bike lanes, construction of one block retaining wall, on-site mitigation for tree removal, and slope stabilization using hydroseed, straw and jute mesh. Three existing corrugated metal pipe (CMP) driveway culverts will be removed, and new CMP culverts installed to fit with the new contoured alignment. The County of Solano is in the process of obtaining Right-of-Way (ROW) from the City of Vacaville up to the edge of roadway embankment construction. The new roadway alignment will only cross the south-west corner of the existing parcel (APN 0125-060-090).

FINDINGS:

The Solano County Department of Resource Management, Public Works Engineering (Public Works), has evaluated the Initial Study, which was prepared with regards to the project. Public Works found no potentially significant adverse environmental impacts likely to occur and determined that the project qualifies for a Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Initial Study of Environmental Impact, including the project description, findings, and disposition, are attached.

MITIGATION MEASURES INCORPORATED INTO PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Mitigation Measures - Biological Resources

Native trees will be replanted within the County ROW on Foothill Drive and Pleasants Valley Road immediately North of Foothill Drive at a rate of 3 plantings for every tree and shrub removed. Non-native trees will be planted at a rate of 1 for every 1 removed. The County will maintain the trees for a period of 3 years, with annual replanting to achieve a minimum of a 70% re-establishment rate.

PREPARATION:

This Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared by the Solano County Department of Resource Management, Public Works Engineering. Copies may be obtained at the address listed below or at www.solanocounty.com under Departments, Resource Management, Public Works, Project CEQA Documents.

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