

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-085

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VACAVILLE TO CERTIFY THE FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT WITH STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS AND MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM PREPARED FOR THE GENERAL PLAN TRANSPORTATION UPDATE AND THE ENERGY AND CONSERVATION ACTION STRATEGY UPDATE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the project, hereafter referred to as "Project," consists of 1) preparation of a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report, 2) an updated Energy and Conservation Action Strategy (ECAS), and 3) an amendment to the City of Vacaville General Plan Transportation Element to address Vehicle Miles Travelled.

WHEREAS, the Project Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR), hereafter referred to as the "Project SEIR," certified by the City Council of the City of Vacaville consists of 1) the Final SEIR, and 2) Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan.

WHEREAS, August 2015, City Council of the City of Vacaville adopted the Environmental Impact Report for the General Plan Update and Energy and Conservation Action Strategy, and approved the new General Plan and Energy and Conservation Action Strategy (ECAS) documents. (SCH# 2011022043).

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2020, a Notice of Preparation (NOP) was prepared for the Project and circulated through the State of California Governor's Office of Planning and Research for the Project (SCH# 2020090526). In addition, the NOP was sent by certified mail to responsible and trustee agencies and other applicable state, federal and local agencies with jurisdiction within the Project area. The NOP review and comment period ran from September 28 to October 27, 2020.

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2020, the Planning Commission of the City of Vacaville held a scoping hearing where City staff and the consultants, DUDEK and Fehr&Peers, received comments on the scope of VMT and ECAS strategies for staff to consider during the analysis of the amendments.

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2021, a Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Draft EIR was posted in the Office of the Solano County Clerk and distributed to responsible and trustee agencies, local, State, and federal agencies, interested groups, and persons, and military installations as required by CEQA Guidelines Section 15190.5.

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2021, a Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Draft EIR was published in *The Reporter*, Vacaville's local newspaper.

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2021, the Draft SEIR was published for the 45-day public review and comment period between March 16 – April 29, 2021 (SCH# 2020090526).

WHEREAS, April 2, 2021, Staff and the VMT consultants facilitated a meeting with local interested parties (developers, civil engineers, realtors, and residents) for an open discussion on how VMT is proposed to be implemented in Vacaville through the City's VMT model and proposed strategies, and what possible impacts might be on development.

4. The benefits of the proposed Project outweigh the unavoidable adverse environmental effects and, thus, the adverse effects of the Project are found to be acceptable as detailed in the attached Exhibit A, Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations; and
5. That the reasons why the significant effects which cannot be mitigated are found to be acceptable to support approval of the project are based upon information provided in the Project SEIR and information in the project record as described in Exhibit A, Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Vacaville does hereby certify that the Project SEIR, attached hereto as Exhibit C and incorporated herein by reference, has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Action (CEQA), and;

1. The City Council of the City of Vacaville has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Project SEIR prior to approving the amendments to the Vacaville General Plan Transportation Element Amendment and the Updated Energy and Conservation Action Strategy, and;
2. The City Council of the City of Vacaville finds that the Project SEIR reflects the independent judgment of the City, acting as lead agency, for the Project.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was introduced and passed at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Vacaville, held on the 28th day of September 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Ritchie, Roberts, Silva, Stockton, Wylie, Vice Mayor Sullivan, and Mayor Rowlett

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ATTEST:


Michelle Thornbrugh, City Clerk

- Exhibits: A – Vacaville General Plan Transportation Element Amendment and the Updated Energy and Conservation Action Strategy Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations
B – Vacaville General Plan Transportation Element Amendment and the Updated Energy and Conservation Action Strategy Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan
C – Project Supplemental Environmental Impact Report