

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

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From:

Public Agency: City of Porterville
Address: 291 North Main Street
Porterville, CA 93257
Contact: Jason Ridenour, Community Dev Mgr
Phone: 559-782-7460

Lead Agency (if different from above):
City of Porterville
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2021070300

Project Title: Butterfield Stage Corridor Project

Project Applicant: City of Porterville, 291 North Main Street, Porterville CA 93257

Project Location (include county): Tulare County

Project Description:

Please see attached project description.

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TULARE COUNTY
OCT 11 2021

ASSESSOR/CLERK RECORDER
BY: [Signature]

This is to advise that the City of Porterville has approved the abovej
(Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)

described project on 10/5/2021 and has made the following determinations regarding the above
(date)
described project.

- 1. The project [ ] will [X] will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. [ ] An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
[X] A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [X] were [ ] were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [e] was [ ] was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [ ] was [X] was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [X] were [ ] were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

City of Porterville, 291 North Main Street, Porterville CA 93257

Signature (Public Agency): [Signature] zy/M Z Title: Community Development Director

Date: 10/6/2021 Date Received for filing at OPR:

## Project Title

City of Porterville Butterfield Stage Corridor Project (Project)

## Project Location

The Project is located within the City of Porterville California, approximately 241 miles south of Sacramento and 50 miles north of Bakersfield. The proposed site of Project runs generally north and south across the entire City of Porterville, east of State Route (SR) 65, from Tea Pot Dome Avenue/Avenue 128 to the south and Avenue 196 in Strathmore (unincorporated community within the County of Tulare) at the northerly extent. The facility, a non-motorized use path 12 ft in width, is approximately nine miles long, consisting of four segments.

## Latitude and Longitude

The coordinates for the centroid of each segment is as follows:

Segment 1: 36° 2' 8.7", 119° 1' 6.096"

Segment 2: 36° 3' 57.096", 119° 1' 8.724"

Segment 3: 36° 5' 42.756", 119° 2' 6.072"

Segment 4: 36° 7' 45.588", 119° 3' 9.756"

## General Plan Designation

A majority of the Project area is designated as road right-of-way, with small portions lying within land that is designated for Downtown Mixed Use, and Downtown Retail. Outside of the City limits, the Tulare County designations along the path are Misc. Rights of Way, Rural Agriculture.

## Zoning

City: D-PS (Public & Semi-Public), D-GC (General Commercial), D-MX (Mixed Use)

County: Not Zoned (Right-of-Way)

## Description of Project

### Project Description

The Project consists of the development of a transportation facility<sup>7</sup> for non-motorized users to provide safe, improved access to education, retail opportunities, job centers, housing and the city's transit center. The facility will utilize roughly nine miles of former Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) right-of-way now owned by the City<sup>7</sup> between Tea Pot Dome Avenue/Avenue 128 to the south and Avenue 196 in Strathmore to the north. The Project's approximately nine mile area of potential effect (APE, the area that would be subject to ground-disturbing activities to construct the Project), and has a width of approximately 100 feet (112 acres total). The facility will consist of a Class 1 non-motorized multi-use path that, within the city<sup>7</sup> limit, would also include amenities such as solar lighting, drought tolerant landscaping, drinking water stations, refuse receptacles, benches, wayfinding, and controlled lighted crossings. The Project would consist of a 12-foot paved path meandering through the width of the ROW in a manner best suited to avoid any irregularities of grade and to provide space for the amenities listed above. The project as proposed would facilitate the achievement of General Plan Implementation Policy PSCF-I-14, to "develop a safe and efficient trail network throughout the City that links parks and other key City destinations." Portions of the path that are outside of city<sup>7</sup> limits, would still include the following amenities: solar lighting, drought tolerant landscaping and trash receptacles.

As part of the former UPRR right-of-way, there was a UPRR bridge which crossed the Tule River immediately west of the Main Street Bridge over the Tule River in the City of Porterville. The bridge was previously burned in a fire and the City had the superstructure removed, however the bridge foundation remains. The remaining substructure consists of a total of four concrete piers and a concrete abutment on the south side of the Tule River. Substructure elements are spaced at intervals of approximately 50-feet, resulting in a total distance of 200-feet between the northernmost pier and the abutment to the south. Based upon this information it appears that the northernmost approximately 130-feet of the railroad bridge consisted of timber trestle that was damaged in a fire and subsequently removed. It is assumed that the new bridge would construct new bridge foundations to support the superstructure instead of using the existing bridge foundations. The primary benefit of this approach is that it allows for removal of the existing piers which are within both the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) floodways, and placing the new foundations outside of the main channel. To provide the required floodway width for the CVFPB and FEMA, this approach will consist of a three-span prefabricated steel truss with span lengths of 140'. This span configuration minimizes the number of piers within the floodways and potentially mitigates some of the permitting issues.

#### Construction

Construction of the transportation facility for non-motorized users is anticipated to take approximately 48 months if funded as one comprehensive project. In the event the facility is funded in phases, phases would be defined to allow for 12-month construction periods, as much as feasible.

#### Operation and Maintenance

City staff from the Park and Recreation Department will handle the ongoing operation and maintenance of the facility.

**CITY OF PORTERVILLE - PORTERVILLE, GA 93257**

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DATE	I.D.	PO #	DESCRIPTION		----- g/L DISTRIBUTION -----		AMOUNT
10/06/2021	10/6/21		MND-Butterfield	Stage	089-5091-110-880	2,480.25	2,538.25
			MND-Butter field	Stage	089-5091-110-880	58.00	

Resolution No. 59-2021

CHECK TOTAL 2,538.25

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