

Notice of Determination

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Subject:

Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

Project Title: City of Madera Westberry Bridge Project (City Project B-02)

Project Applicant: City of Madera, Engineering Department

Applicant Contact: Steve Bettencourt, Senior Civil Engineer
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Project Location: The Project is located in the northwest portion of the City of Madera, in the County of Madera, California, approximately 130 miles southeast of Sacramento and 120 miles northwest of Bakersfield. The Project area is located along the Westberry Boulevard Alignment crossing the Fresno River. The centroid of the Project area is 36° 57' 57.57" N, 120° 06' 04.50" W.

Project Description: The City of Madera proposes to construct a new vehicular bridge along the proposed Westberry Boulevard Alignment crossing the Fresno River in the northwest portion of the City of Madera, to improve traffic circulation and to avoid any future congestion on existing upstream bridges at Granada Drive and Schnoor Avenue. The proposed bridge crossing structure would be approximately 408 feet long by approximately 92 feet wide and would accommodate two 11-foot traveled ways in each direction, one 14-foot-wide center median, two 6-foot shoulder/bike lanes with 1-foot buffer striping, two 9-foot sidewalks, and two 1-foot concrete barriers (Type 732SW) with tubular hand railing along each side of the bridge deck. An earthen irrigation canal runs along the exterior side of each riverbank. Both earthen canal alignments are owned by the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) and operated by the Madera Irrigation District (MID). The proposed bridge structure would consist of an 8-span cast-in-place prestressed concrete flat slab bridge supported on reinforced concrete seat-type abutments with 42-inch diameter cast-in-drilled-hole (CIDH) piles and 42-inch diameter CIDH piles at the piers. The Project area contains the Vern McCullough Fresno River Trail that runs along the south bank of the river. As part of the Project, the trail would be realigned for easier access post-construction. Non-native vegetation removal along the trail and south side of the 24.2 canal would occur as part of Project activities. Retaining walls will be required to route the trail beneath the proposed bridge. Road and sidewalk improvements would be completed on the approaches to the bridge north and south of the Fresno River. The proposed bridge would hold a new City of Madera 12-inch water main, and AT&T and PG&E utilities would be located within the bridge itself. The City of Madera has an existing buried 33-inch sewer main which crosses the USBR canals and Fresno River within the new bridge/roadway alignment and would remain in service.

This is to advise that the City Council, has approved the above-described project on November 15, 2023, and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project will 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.
A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures (were were not) made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan (was was not) adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations (was was not) adopted for this project.
6. Findings (were were not) made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This certifies that the final environmental document with comments, responses, and record of project approval is available to the General Public at the City of Madera, Engineering Department located at 428 E. Yosemite Ave., Madera, CA, 93638.



Will Tackett, Community Development Director
City of Madera

November 16, 2023
Date

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

Authority Cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code
Reference Section 21000-21174; Public Resources Code