

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

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From: California Transportation Commission
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Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code.

Project Title: ACE Ceres-Merced Extension Project

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Project Location (include county): The project is located within and along the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way in Stanislaus and Merced Counties.

Project Description: Project will extend ACE passenger rail service from Ceres to Merced by upgrading some existing tracks and constructing new track at certain locations within the existing Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Fresno Subdivision right-of-way over a total distance of approximately 34 miles. Three new stations and a layover and maintenance facility will be constructed along the extension alignment. The project will include acquisition of additional right-of-way for the new stations, layover yards, maintenance facilities, and construction or access areas located outside the existing railroad right-of-way.

This is to advise that the California Transportation Commission has approved the above-described project on:

(Lead Agency/ Responsible Agency)

May 17-18, 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. A Final Environmental Impact Report, Addendum, Subsequent Environmental Impact Report, and Addendum were prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Mitigated 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. 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.

The above identified document with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at: 949 East Channel Street, Stockton, CA 95202

	05/24/23	Interim Executive Director California Transportation Commission
<i>Signature (Public Agency)</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Title</i>

Date received for filing at OPR: