

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Public Works *MM*

BOARD AGENDA # *C-1

Urgent Routine

AGENDA DATE March 3, 2015

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Approve the Preliminary Plans for the Hatch Road Channelization Phase II Project

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15074(B), by finding that on the basis of the whole record, including the Initial Study and any comments received, there is no substantial evidence the project will have a significant effect on the environment and that the Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects Stanislaus County's independent judgment and analysis.
2. Order the filing of a Notice of Determination with the Stanislaus County Clerk Recorder's office pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21152 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15075.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Hatch Road Channelization Project will be funded 100% by City/County Public Facilities Fee (PFF) funds in the amount of \$2,298,100 and is included in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2015-80

On motion of Supervisor Chiesa, Seconded by Supervisor Monteith
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Chiesa, Monteith, De Martini, and Chairman Withrow

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: O'Brien

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

4) _____ Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST:

Christine Ferraro
CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Approve the Preliminary Plans for the Hatch Road Channelization Phase II Project

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS (CONTINUED):

3. Approve the Preliminary Plans for the Hatch Channelization Phase II Project.
4. Authorize the Public Works Director to finalize the plans and specifications and advertise the project for construction.

DISCUSSION:

In January 2004, the Board of Supervisors approved the Department of Public Works Road Congestion Relief Program. The Road Congestion Relief Program provides for the installation of traffic signals, left turn lanes and related improvements on selected roadways throughout the County. This program is funded by Public Facilities Fees.

Hatch Road is one of the County's most congested roadways and carries significant volumes of traffic. The Road Congestion Relief Program identified that Hatch Road should have left turn lanes installed to relieve congestion and increase capacity to ensure a minimum level of service in the future.

On April 26, 2011, the Board approved the award of a contract to Granite Construction for the construction of the Hatch Road Channelization Phase I-B Project. The Project was accepted October 10, 2011 and left turn and through lanes were constructed on Hatch Road at the intersections of Faith Home Road, Gilbert Road, Parks Road, Washington Road and Clinton Road.

The Hatch Road Channelization Phase II Project will widen Hatch Road between Clinton Road and Baldwin Road to add a center left-turn lane and widen existing shoulders for the purpose of improving safety and provide continuity between the previously improved project to the west and the future signalization project at Santa Fe Avenue. Hatch Road will be widened from about 32 feet to 48 feet to provide for the additional lane width and shoulder.

Public Works staff recommends that the Board adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15074(B), by finding that on the basis of the whole record, including the Initial Study and any comments received, there is no substantial evidence the project will have a significant effect on the environment and that the Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects Stanislaus County's independent judgment and analysis.

Pursuant to CEQA, Public Works staff has prepared and circulated an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration to various agencies and to the public. The public comment period closed April 14, 2006. Staff received one comment from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution District and no comments from the public.

Public Works staff will pursue right of way negotiations following this action and complete the design for construction in late summer.

Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Approve the Preliminary Plans for the Hatch Road Channelization Phase II Project

POLICY ISSUES:

The Hatch Road Channelization Project will meet the Board's Priorities of providing A Safe Community and A Well Planned Infrastructure System by improving traffic safety on the County road system.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Public Works staff is overseeing this project.

CONTACT PERSON:

Matt Machado, Public Works Director. Telephone: (209) 525-4130.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Negative Declaration
2. Preliminary Plans

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**DECLARATION OF PUBLICATION
(C.C.P. S2015.5)**

**COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident Of the County aforesaid; I am over the age of Eighteen years, and not a party to or interested In the above entitle matter. I am a printer and Principal clerk of the publisher of THE MODESTO BEE, printed in the City of MODESTO, County of STANISLAUS, State of California, daily, for which said newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of STANISLAUS, State of California, Under the date of February 25, 1951, Action No. 46453; that the notice of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published in each issue there of on the following dates, to wit:

Dec 11, 2014

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury That the foregoing is true and correct and that This declaration was executed at

MODESTO, California on

December 11th, 2014

(By Electronic Facsimile Signature)



STANISLAUS COUNTY PUBLIC
WORKS DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARA-
TION

HATCH ROAD CHANNELIZATION
PROJECT, PHASE II

Notice is hereby given that the Stanislaus County Public Works Department has prepared an Initial Study (IS) of environmental effects, and intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), for widening of the section of existing Hatch Road between Clinton Road and Baldwin Road.

Stanislaus County will widen Hatch Road between Clinton Road and Baldwin Road to add a center left-turn lane and widen existing shoulders for the purpose of improving safety and provide continuity between other improved sections of Hatch Road to the west and east. Hatch Road will be widened from 32 feet to 48 feet. The County will acquire right-of-way sufficient to provide for the proposed widening as well as long-term widening needs. Right-of-way acquisition will involve demolition of 5 existing residences that are in close proximity to existing Hatch Road.

The IS/MND has analyzed the potential environmental effects of the project in the range of environmental subject areas specified in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines. On the basis of this analysis, the IS/MND finds that the project will not involve any significant environmental effects, provided that the mitigation measures described in the IS/MND are implemented. The County will adopt the mitigation measures in a Mitigation Monitoring/Reporting Plan to be considered by the Board of Supervisors in conjunction with the IS/MND.

Copies of the IS/MND are available for public review at the Ceres Library 2250 Magnolia, at the Hughson Library at 2412 A Street and the Central Library at 1500 I Street in Modesto.

The Public Works Department will accept public and agency comments on the IS/MND during a 20-day review period that will begin on December 10, 2014 and end on December 30, 2014. Comments may be sent to the Stanislaus County Public Works Department, 1716 Morgan Road, Modesto, CA95358, Attn: Charlie Simpson, Environmental Processing Coordinator.
Pub Dates December 11, 2014