



MEMORANDUM
PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES
ENGINEERING DIVISION
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: May 17, 2016

FROM: Ken Grehm, Director of Public Works and Facilities
By: Jean Hanson, Associate Civil Engineer

SUBJECT: Engineering / Initial Study- Mitigated Negative Declaration / PC2986 Cook Riolo Road Pedestrian Pathway Project

ACTION REQUESTED

Adopt a Resolution to approve and adopt the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) with the required findings and mitigations for the Cook Riolo Road Pedestrian Pathway project.

BACKGROUND

The Department of Public Works and Facilities (DPWF) is proposing to construct a pedestrian pathway along one side of Cook Riolo Road from the existing sidewalk at Creekview Ranch Middle School, north to Baseline Road. Cook Riolo Road is a north-south two-lane major collector with approximately 11-foot lanes and limited paved shoulders; there are drainage ditches, utility poles and trees near the edge of the pavement. The lack of paved shoulders creates a situation where pedestrians are forced to either walk in the travelled way or create their own path beside the road. The proposed project will construct a new concrete sidewalk curb and gutter where feasible and an asphalt concrete pathway, designed to current design standards.

DPWF staff has solicited public input for this project by contacting property owners directly adjacent to the project site and by providing information to the Western Placer Municipal Advisory Council. The proposed pathway will provide a safe route for pedestrians.

Construction is tentatively scheduled for 2017.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The County is currently in the process of obtaining NEPA clearance for this project. An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) was prepared for this project by Sycamore Environmental Consultants Inc. in March 2016, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Comments received during the public comment period, which closed on April 25, 2016 have been appropriately addressed. Upon approval of the MND, the Notice of Determination will be processed.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$2,200,000. This project is fully funded through a combination of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Funds and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Funds (83 percent), and local road funds (17 percent). There are sufficient funds available in the FY 2015-16 Department of Public Works and Facilities Final Budget, Bike-Pedestrian- Parking-Signal Construction Projects, Cook Riolo Pedestrian Pathway Project #2986.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution
Location Map

Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study on file with Clerk of the Board

**Before the Board of Supervisors
County of Placer, State of California**

In the matter of:

A Resolution to approve and adopt the Initial Resolution No.: _____
Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)
with the required findings and mitigations for the
Cook Riolo Road Pedestrian Pathway project

The following Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of
Placer at a regular meeting held _____, by the following
vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

Clerk of said Board

WHEREAS, no pathway exists on Cook Riolo Road from the existing sidewalk at
Creekview Ranch Middle School, north to Baseline Road, and

WHEREAS, pedestrian safety is critical in this area primarily due to the Creekview
Ranch Middle School, and

WHEREAS, a preliminary design for the project has been prepared by Placer County,
and

WHEREAS, the design of the pathway is consistent with the California Department of Transportation and Placer County Standards, and

WHEREAS, the County of Placer has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration, circulated it as required by law and included all necessary measures to mitigate any significant impacts of the project.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors, County of Placer, State of California, that this Board approves and adopts a Mitigated Negative Declaration (STATE CLEARING HOUSE NO. 2016032075) for the Cook Riolo Road Pathway Project and make the following findings:

1. The mitigated negative declaration has been prepared as required by law.
2. There is no substantial evidence in the record as a whole that the Project mitigated may have a significant effect on the environment.
3. The mitigated negative declaration as approved and adopted for the Project reflects the independent judgment and analysis of Placer County, which has exercised overall control and direction of its preparation.
4. The mitigation plan / mitigation monitoring program prepared for the project is approved and adopted.
5. The custodian of records for the Project is the Placer County Public Works and Facilities Director, 3091 County Center Drive, Auburn, CA 95603.

COOK RIOLO ROAD PATHWAY PROJECT

