

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: May 7, 2013

Reference No.: 2.2c. (1)
Action

From: ANDRE BOUTROS
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE EI DORADO TRAIL PROJECTS:
RAY LAWYER DRIVE TO MAIN STREET AND CLAY STREET TO BEDFORD AVENUE
RESOLUTION E-13-20**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Ray Lawyer Drive to Main Street and Clay Street to Bedford Avenue Trail Project (Project) in El Dorado County and approve the project for future consideration of funding?

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission accept the MND and approve the project for future consideration of funding.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Placerville (City) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. On March 26, 2013, the City adopted the final MND and found that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation.

The El Dorado Trail is a concept for a trail that spans the entire length of El Dorado County from the western county line to the Lake Tahoe Basin. The project proposes two segments of the El Dorado Trail located in the City of Placerville. Segment 1 includes the construction of an approximately 4,000-foot long Class I bike path along a former railroad right of way between Main Street and Ray Lawyer Drive. The trail is proposed to be as wide as 14-feet, which consists of a 10-foot paved trail with 2-foot shoulders. Segment 2 includes the construction of an approximately 800-foot long Class I bike path that will be constructed to connect the existing paved trail terminus at Clay Street to the new Bike/Pedestrian overcrossing of US 50 at Bedford Avenue. The trail is proposed to be as wide as 16-feet, which consists of a 12-foot paved trail with 2-foot shoulders.

The City found that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment with implementation of mitigation measures. Impacts that require mitigation to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to air quality, biological resources, and cultural resources. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to, compliance with the El Dorado County Air Pollution Control District CEQA requirements; preconstruction surveys; temporary fencing; certified weed-free erosion controls and vegetation mixes; and consultation with an archaeologist and County Coroner, if required.

On March 21, 2013, the City confirmed that the preferred alternative set forth in the final environmental document is consistent with the project scope of work programmed by the Commission.

The project is fully funded through construction and is estimated to cost \$440,000. Segment 1, estimated to cost \$300,000, is fully funded with STIP TE funds. Segment 2, estimated to cost \$140,000, is funded with \$95,000 STIP TE and \$45,000 local funds. Construction for both segments is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2013/14.

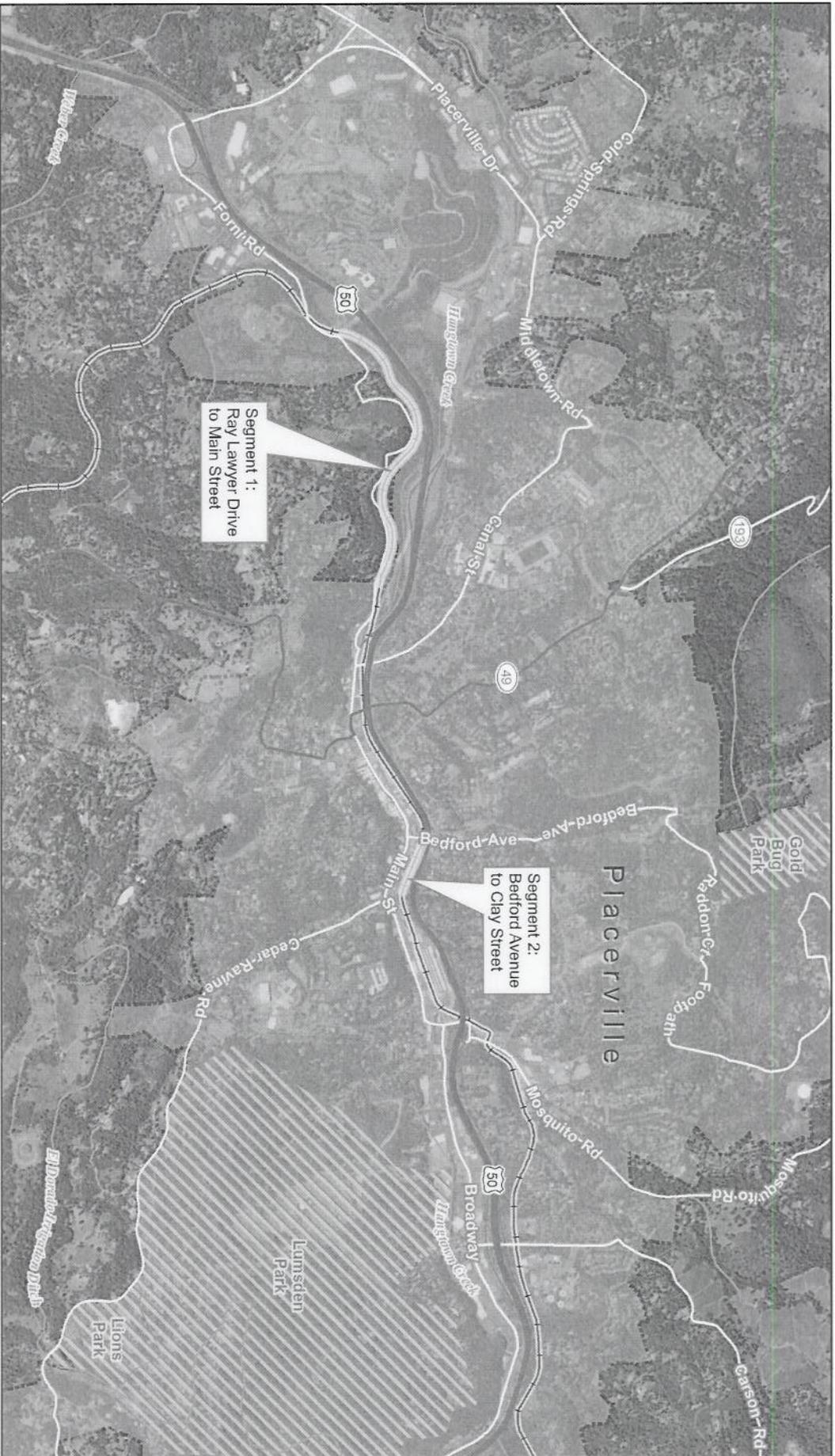
Attachment

- Resolution E-13-20
- Project Location

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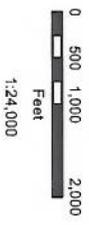
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- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Placerville (City) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - Ray Lawyer Drive to Main Street (Segment 1) and Clay Street to Bedford Avenue (Segment 2)
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the City has certified that the Mitigated Negative Declaration has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines for its implementation; and
- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, the project will construct an extension of the El Dorado Trail in El Dorado County including a Class I multi-use trail along the old railroad right of way from Ray Lawyer Drive at Forni Road to Main Street at Forni Road, and from Clay Street to Bedford Avenue; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.5 **WHEREAS**, the City found that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, the City approved the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration.
- 2.1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby accept the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration and approve the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.



Segment 1:
Ray Lawyer Drive
to Main Street

Segment 2:
Bedford Avenue
to Clay Street



EL DORADO TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
Figure 2. Vicinity Map

Data sources: ESRI StreetMap North America, ESRI Online BING Aerial Images.
Map date: January 16, 2013.

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