



Agenda Item: 14.B
Date of Meeting: March 11, 2024
Department: Public Works

STAFF REPORT

To: City Council
From: Nora Gamino
Subject: **Adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the East Line Street Bridge Replacement Project**
Prepared On: March 5, 2024
Attachments: Resolution No. 2024-(xx) MND E. Line Bridge 2024 03 11
Response to Comments Memo
Appendix A - Comment Letters
Appendix B - Revised MMRP
Notice of Determination

Background/History:

The City of Bishop submitted the East Line Street Bridge Replacement Project to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) back in 2008. In June 2021, the CTC approved funding for the Project Approval/ Environmental Document (PA/ED) stage of the project. In November 2021, a professional services agreement was executed with Lumos & Associates to complete this work using Helix Environmental as their environmental sub-consultant. The project suffered a one-year delay due to the City awaiting a determination on a specific requirement from Caltrans. Once that determination was received in September 2022, work on the project began.

The project would replace the existing East Line Street Bridge with reinforced concrete box (RCB) culvert sections. The project is proposing a new sidewalk on the southern side of East Line Street and a new sidewalk connection on the northern side of East Line Street. The project may include barrier rails, a pedestrian crossing, pedestrian refuge islands, traffic signage, speed bumps, a gateway arch, and/or a welcome sign. However, the final roadway design has not yet been determined as the City as lead agency must complete the required review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and file a Notice of Determination with Caltrans prior to the design funds being allocated.

Analysis/Discussion:

The State Clearinghouse public review period began on January 22, 2024 and concluded on February 20, 2024. All parties had at least 30 days to review the Draft IS/MND as required under CEQA Guidelines Section 15073. The Draft IS/MND was transmitted to the State Clearinghouse (SCH# 2024010590), along with the required Notice of Completion (NOC),

Notice of Intent to Adopt (NOI-NOA), and Environmental Document Transmittal form. Hard copies of the Draft IS/MND were made available to the public at the City of Bishop Public Works Department, 377 West Line Street, P.O. Box 1236, Bishop, CA 93514, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and the Draft IS/MND was made available on the City's website at:

https://www.cityofbishop.com/departments/planning/environmental_documents.php

Comments were received from three (3) parties during the comment period. Those comments and the corresponding responses are included in the attached Response to Comments Memorandum, prepared by Helix Environmental. Also attached is a revised Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), which addresses the comment received from Los Angeles Department of Water and Power regarding dewatering and water diversion activities.

Economic Impacts:

None

Budget Impacts:

None

Legal Review:

City Attorney Pucci has reviewed this item and finds that the recommended action complies with the law.

Recommended Action:

Council consideration to approve a resolution to approve and adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the East Line Street Bridge Replacement Project and authorize the Public Works Director to sign the Notice of Determination.

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