

Bay Area Toll Authority

Oversight Committee

January 11, 2023

Agenda Item 5a

BATA Resolution No. 161 to Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the West Oakland Link Project

Subject:

A request to refer BATA Resolution No. 161 to the Authority for approval to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the West Oakland Link Project.

Background:

The West Oakland Link Project (Project) would construct a new bicycle/pedestrian connection between West Oakland and the bike path leading to the East Span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge (Bay Bridge) in Oakland. The Project, which is part of the Bay Trail, would connect West Oakland to existing segments of the regional San Francisco Bay Trail and provide safer access to the Bay Bridge East Span Path and the Class I trail along Maritime Street to the Port of Oakland. Following approval, BATA is expected to take the first discretionary action on the Project by entering into a funding agreement with the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) to receive up to \$3,000,000 in funds to allow BATA to complete Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) for the West Oakland Link Project (Agenda Item 5b). Approval of the funding agreement for the Project is conditioned on approval of BATA Resolution No. 161, adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) for the Project.

BATA staff has prepared the MND and accompanying MMRP for the Project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and requests that BATA Resolution No. 161 be referred to the full Authority for adoption. The purpose of the MND is to analyze the environmental effects of the proposed Project and to identify mitigation to reduce any environmental effects to a less than significant level. Furthermore, this provides the information for the full Authority to adopt the MMRP and approve the funding agreement as a first step toward implementation of the Project.

The Project team prepared and released the proposed MND for a 30-day public review period between June 15 and July 14, 2022 and conducted a public meeting on June 29, 2022. In response to comments, the project team made revisions and refinements to the proposed MND to clarify and amplify the analysis in the MND. These refinements did not change the conclusions of the MND and did not substantially revise the MND. The Project team also prepared responses to comments on the proposed MND, and the responses were provided to agencies that submitted comments. A printed copy of the MND and accompanying MMRP are available for review at the ABAG-MTC Library located in the Bay Area Metro Center at 375 Beale Street, 7th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105.

Issues:

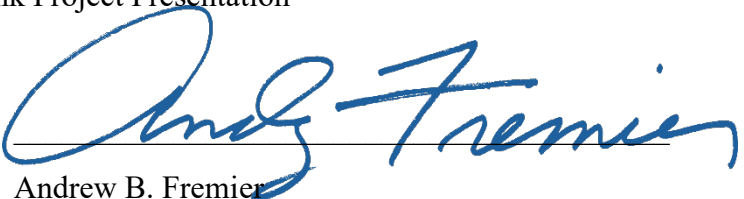
None identified.

Recommendations:

Staff recommends the Committee refer MTC Resolution No. 161 to the Authority for approval to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the West Oakland Link Project.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: BATA Resolution No. 161
- Attachment B: West Oakland Link Initial Statement/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)
- Attachment C: West Oakland Link IS/MND Appendices
- Attachment D: Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) for the West Oakland Link
- Attachment E: Responses to comments on proposed MND
- Attachment F: West Oakland Link Project Presentation


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