

Bay Area Toll Authority

January 25, 2023

Agenda Item 4a - 22-1450

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 review and approve BATA Resolution No. 161 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 authorizing the Executive Director or designee to enter 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 4b). Approval of the request for authority to enter into 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 reviewed and adopted. 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. In order to adopt the MND, the Authority should determine that it can make each of the affirmative findings and certifications contained in Resolution 161 based on its independent review of the MND and the record before it.

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:

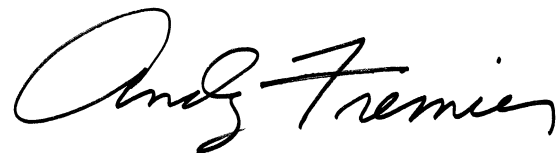
None identified.

Recommendations:

Staff recommends that the Authority review and approve – if it determines it can make the required affirmative findings and certifications -- Resolution No. 161 to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the West Oakland Link Project.

Attachments:

- BATA Resolution No. 161 (non-substantive changes from version before BATA Oversight Committee in track changes format)
- BATA Oversight Committee Summary Sheet dated January 11, 2023 with attachments



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