

**COUNTY OF CALAVERAS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PLANNING COMMISSION**

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-080

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPT A MITGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND ADOPT THE SAN ANDREAS STATE ROUTE 49 COMMERCIAL GATEWAY AND CORRIDOR STUDY

WHEREAS, in 2013 the Calaveras Council of Governments (CCOG), in coordination with Calaveras County applied for a Strategic Partnership Planning Grant to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to study ways to improve access and circulation at the south end of San Andreas and to improve mobility along the State Route 49 corridor through San Andreas; and

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2014 Caltrans awarded a planning grant to the Calaveras Council of Governments to prepare the gateway and corridor study; and

WHEREAS, CCOG contracted with Omni-Means to prepare said study and to conduct an outreach program with stakeholders in San Andreas, property owners in the southern commercial gateway area, and the public; and

WHEREAS, during the course of preparation of the plan a total of four advisory committee meetings, three property owner meetings, and three public workshops were held to solicit input on the needs of the community, identify the potential solutions, and to discuss recommendations; and

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2017 the draft plan was presented to the Planning Commission to provide an additional opportunity for public comment and to present the proposed plan to the commission; and

WHEREAS, a draft mitigated negative declaration was circulated between August 4, 2017 and September 5, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission considered all of the information presented to it, including its Staff Report and public testimony presented in writing and at the meeting,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Planning Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors adopt the mitigated negative declaration and further adopt the San Andreas State Route 49 Commercial Gateway and Corridor Study (Plan), based on the following findings:

1. On the basis of the whole record, there is no substantial evidence that the Plan will have a significant effect on the environment. A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared and completed in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the preparer.

Evidence: The Initial Study identified several potentially significant impacts. Mitigation of those impacts will be identified through project planning at the individual project stage of future development. The CEQA document was available for public review from August 4, 2017 to September 5, 2017. One comment letter was received. The initial study and staff report adequately address the concerns. The comment did not raise any new significant effects and no new mitigation measure is required. There were no substantial revisions that required the re-circulation of the environmental document.

2. The proposed Plan is consistent with the County's General Plan.

Evidence: The proposed Plan utilizes the existing land use designations and growth projections to identify needed circulation infrastructure to meet the needs of current and existing users of the roads in San Andreas. Improvements identified are consistent with circulation policies to maintain levels of service while implementing multi-modal solutions to non-motorized transportation needs, safe routes to school, and other transportation and circulation planning goals and policies.

3. The Plan satisfies the terms of the grant application.

Evidence: The Plan was developed in coordination with the Calaveras Council of Governments, the County of Calaveras, and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). Caltrans was the grantor and ensured compliance with the requirements of the grant.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Planning Commission of the County of Calaveras, at a regular meeting of the Planning Commission held on October 12, 2017 on a motion by Commissioner Laddish and seconded by Commissioner Wooster.

AYES: Muetterties, Laddish, Sisk, Wooster

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Bechelli

Chair, Planning Commission

ATTEST:

Peter N. Maurer, Planning Director