

RESOLUTION 2025-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORTUNA ADOPTING A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM, AND APPROVING THE KENMAR ROAD AND U.S. 101 INTERCHANGE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the purpose of the 12th Street Interchange Modernization Project is to improve traffic at the 12th Street and U.S. 101 interchange by creating roundabouts, modifications to the on- and off-ramps, various bicycle and pedestrian improvements, and realignment of Newburg Road;

WHEREAS, the City of Fortuna Community Development Department had prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, incorporated herein by reference, for the project which determined that potential impacts can be avoided or mitigated to a point where no significant effects would occur because revisions in the project plans and construction activities have been made and there is no evidence that the project may have a significant effect on the environment;

WHEREAS, a Mitigation, Monitoring and Reporting Program has been prepared for the project, and implementation of mitigation measures incorporated into the project will be monitored pursuant to the Mitigation, Monitoring and Reporting Program;

WHEREAS, on January 26th, a Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration was completed and submitted to the Office of Planning and Research/State Clearinghouse and Humboldt County Recorder's Office to commence a 30-day public review period for review and comment on the Mitigated Negative Declaration, and a Notice of the public review period to consider approval of the Mitigated Negative Declaration was published in a general circulation newspaper pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA);

WHEREAS, two public comments were received during the public review period and the concerns raised were adequately responded to in the City's response as provided in the Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration dated April 1, 2025, incorporated herein by reference, and any new, avoidable significant effects were not identified during the public review period;

WHEREAS, changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the approval for the project, and these changes or alterations mitigate to a less-than-significant level or avoid the potentially significant environmental effects of the project as identified in the Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration, and there is no substantial evidence in the record as a whole that the project as proposed and mitigated may have a significant effect on the environment;

WHEREAS, the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact identified no potentially significant effects on the environment, reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the City of Fortuna, has been prepared in compliance with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines;

WHEREAS, these determinations and findings are based on the analysis and reports as described in the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fortuna City Council hereby:

- 1) Adopts the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project as described in the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration dated February 24, 2025, circulated on February 26, 2025, and;
- 2) Approves and incorporates into the project all design elements, project-specific environmental protection actions, and the Mitigation, Monitoring and Reporting Program; and
- 3) Approves the 12th Street Interchange Modernization Project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 7th day of April, 2025 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Mike Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Siana L. Emmons, City Clerk