

M e m o r a n d u m

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: June 25, 2015

Reference No.: 2.2c (3)
Action

From: WILL KEMPTON
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE BERKELEY PEDESTRIAN
MASTER PLAN INCLUDING THE SHATTUCK AVENUE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-15-36)**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Berkeley Pedestrian Master Plan including the Shattuck Avenue Pedestrian Crossing Improvements Project (project) in Alameda County and approve the project for future consideration of funding?

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Commission accept the MND and approve the project for future consideration of funding.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Berkeley (City) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. The project is part of the Berkeley Pedestrian Master Plan located in the City of Berkeley, which evaluated more than 30 improvements projects throughout the City. The project will construct curb bulbouts, make pedestrian crossing improvements, minor drainage improvements, Americans with Disabilities Act compliant curb ramps, and stripe red curb parking restrictions at three intersections along Shattuck Avenue.

On June 22, 2010, the Berkeley City Council approved the final MND for the project and found that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation.

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to cultural resources, transportation and traffic. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to: consult with qualified specialists in the event archaeological resources, paleontological resources, or human remains are encountered; maintain the historic integrity of historic pathways and stairways; and prepare a level of service and queuing analysis of vehicle traffic of affected intersections to determine impacts prior to implementation of certain pedestrian projects.

On May 29, 2015 the City confirmed that the 2010 MND remains valid and there are no new identified impacts requiring mitigation since adoption of the MND in 2010. The City also confirmed that the preferred alternative set forth in the final environmental document is consistent with the project scope of work programmed by the Commission.

The project is estimated to cost \$758,000 and is fully funded through construction with Local Funds (\$76,000) and Active Transportation Program Funds (\$682,000). Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2016/17.

Attachments

- Resolution E-15-36
- Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 04 – Alameda County Resolution E-15-36

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the Berkeley City Council has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - Berkeley Pedestrian Master Plan including the Shattuck Avenue Pedestrian Crossing Improvement Project
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the Berkeley City Council has certified that the Mitigated Negative Declaration has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines; and
- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, the Shattuck Avenue Pedestrian Crossing Improvement Project is part of the Berkeley Pedestrian Master Plan, which evaluated 30 improvements throughout the City of Berkeley; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the Shattuck Avenue Pedestrian Crossing Improvement Project will construct curb bulbouts, make pedestrian crossing improvements, minor drainage improvements, new Americans with Disabilities Act compliant curb ramps, and stripe red curb parking restrictions at three intersections along Shattuck Avenue; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.5 **WHEREAS**, the Berkeley City Council found that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, the Berkeley City Council approved the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration.
- 2.1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby accept the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration and approves the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.

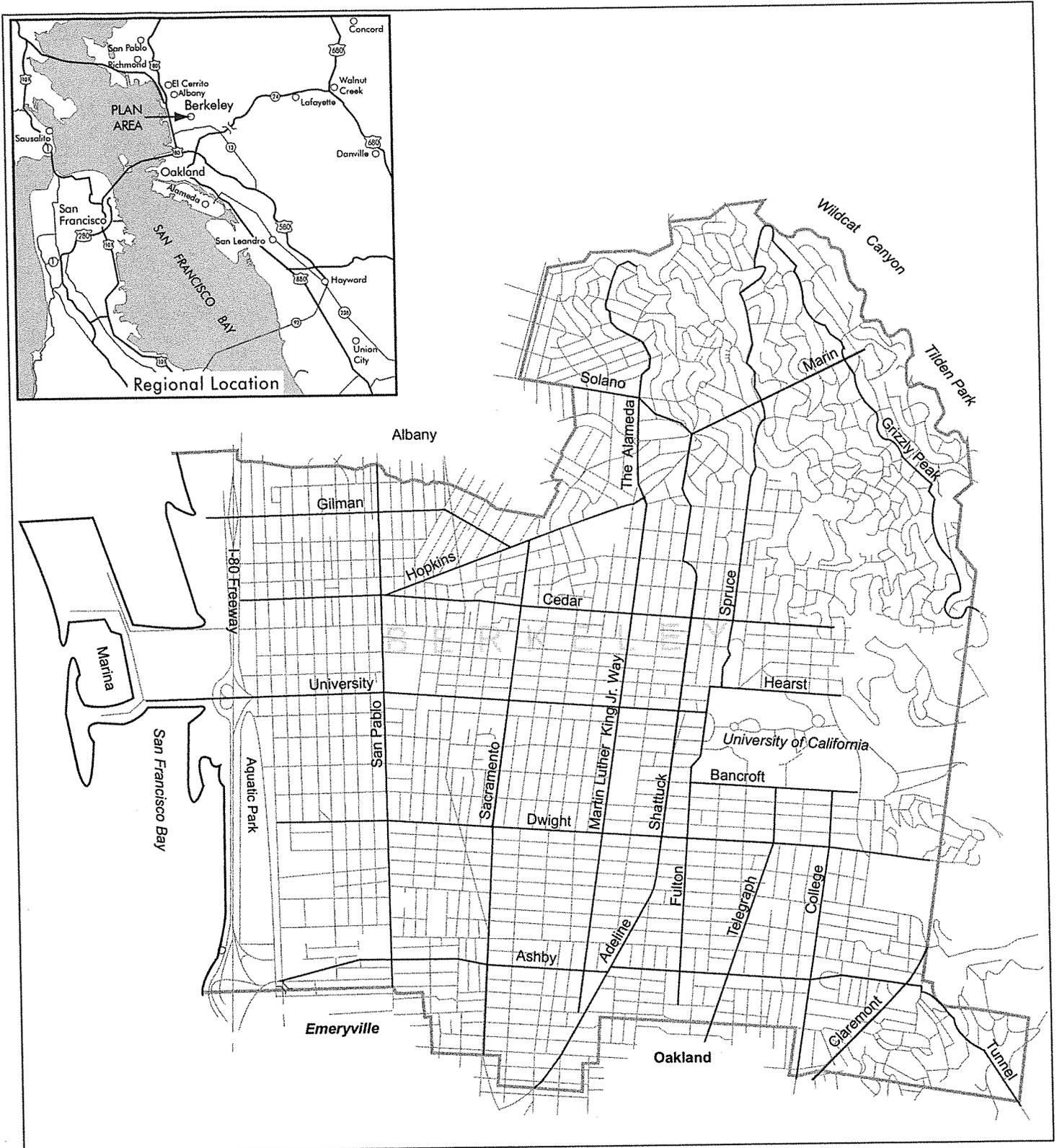
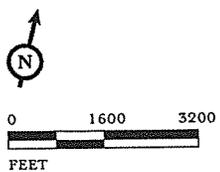
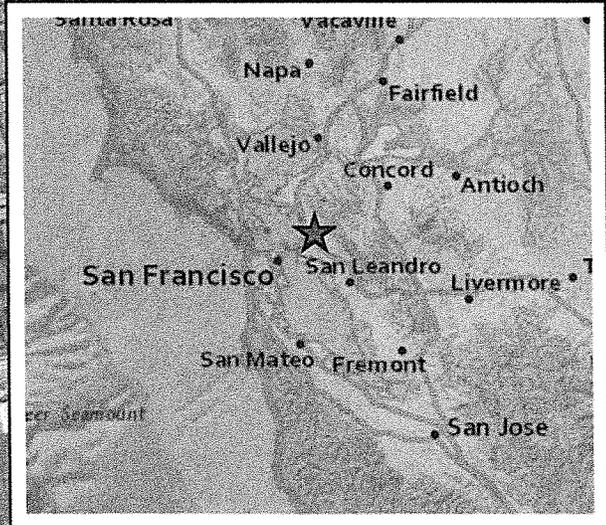


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Berkeley Pedestrian Master Plan Initial Study
Regional Location and
City Jurisdictional Boundary

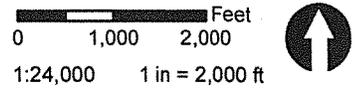


**SRTS - LeConte Elementary
Project Location**

January 19, 2015

Legend

■ Project Location



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