

RESOLUTION NO. .

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (FEIR) FOR THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AS COMPLETE AND ADEQUATE PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT IDENTIFIED IN THE FEIR THAT CANNOT BE MITIGATED TO LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, the County’s Project Development Unit (PDU) has prepared an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the design and construction of the County Government Center Campus Development Project (Project); and

WHEREAS, a Notice of Preparation for the Project’s EIR was filed with the California Office of Planning and Research, distributed to responsible agencies, and published on September 15, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a Notice of Completion and public availability of the Draft EIR was published on January 18, 2018 and was sent to the California Governor’s Office of Planning and Research and State Clearinghouse, and a Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Draft EIR was posted at the San Mateo County Clerk’s office; and

WHEREAS, the Draft EIR was made available for public review and comment for a 45-day period that concluded on March 5, 2018; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2018, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors held a public hearing to receive comment on the Draft EIR at the Hall of Justice, 400 County Center in Redwood City; and

WHEREAS, the PDU has considered and responded to all comments received on the Draft EIR during the comment period, and has revised the EIR appropriately, where necessary, with such responses and revisions incorporated into a Final EIR; and

WHEREAS, the EIR concludes that most potential environmental impacts of construction of the Project are either not significant, or will not be significant if appropriately mitigated, with the exception of one unavoidable impact that may be significant; specifically, a significant traffic impact during the peak P.M. hour at the Main Street/Woodside Road Westbound Ramp intersection when projected vehicle trips generated by the Project are added to existing background vehicle trips through this intersection; and

WHEREAS, the Final Environmental Impact Report for the County Government Center Campus Development Project was published on May 24, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors has reviewed and considered the Final EIR in full compliance with State and CEQA Guidelines and requirements; and

WHEREAS, the California Environmental Quality Act requires that a Statement of Overriding Considerations be adopted for any potentially significant impacts identified in the EIR that are not avoided or substantially lessened, and the Statement of Overriding Considerations must state in writing the specific reasons to support the action based on the Final EIR and/or other information in the record; and

WHEREAS, the Final EIR does identify one such impact, namely, the traffic impact at the Main/Woodside Road Westbound Ramp intersection during the peak P.M. hour, described in the EIR as “Impact TRA-2”;

WHEREAS, signalization of the Main/Woodside Road Westbound Ramp would effectively mitigate the identified impact, but the Main Street/Woodside Road Westbound Ramp intersection is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the City of Redwood City (the City), the County does not have concurrent jurisdiction with the City to implement this mitigation, and the City is solely responsible for signalization improvements at this intersection subject to approval by the California Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, while the Main Street/Woodside Road intersection signalization is on the project list for work to be paid for with proceeds from the City’s Traffic Impact Fee, it is not a prioritized project on the list and, therefore, payment of a “fair share” Traffic Impact Fee to the City will not itself guarantee implementation of signalization or any other effective mitigation measure at the Main Street/Woodside Road intersection in the foreseeable future and mitigate or substantially lessen the projected Impact TRA-2 to below significant levels;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED that:

1. The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final EIR for the Project in connection with a related action for approval of a contract for construction services; and
2. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and made part of this Resolution;
and

3. The Board of Supervisors certifies that the Final EIR for the Project has been presented to the Board of Supervisors, that the Final EIR is completed in full compliance with State law and CEQA Guidelines and requirements, that there was legally-required public review of the EIR, that the Board has considered all comments on the EIR and responses to comments, and all other relevant comments submitted prior to or at the meeting of June 5, 2018, that the Final EIR adequately discusses all significant environmental issues, and that the Final EIR reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the Board of Supervisors; and
4. Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the Project which avoid or substantially lessen any significant environmental effect as identified in the Final EIR, with the exception of Impact TRA-2, which identifies a traffic impact at the Main/Woodside Road Westbound Ramp intersection during the peak PM hour; and
5. Such changes or alterations as may effectively mitigate Impact TRA-2 are within the responsibility and jurisdiction of the City of Redwood City (another public agency) and not the County as the agency making the finding, and such changes should be adopted by such other agency, namely the City of Redwood City and the County does not have concurrent jurisdiction with the City to deal with any identified feasible mitigation measures or alternatives; and
6. The Board of Supervisors approves and adopts the Mitigation Monitoring Program for the Final EIR attached as Exhibit A; and

7. The Board of Supervisors adopts the Statement of Overriding Considerations attached as Exhibit B.