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Board of Supervisors  
County of Ventura  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009

**Subject:**      **Consideration and Adoption of the Final Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Rose Avenue Bike Lanes Projects from Central Ave to SR 118; Project No. 50623 and from Collins Street to Simon Way; Project No; 50621; Approve the Project; Supervisorial District No. 3.**

**Recommendations:**

1. Certify that:
  - (a) Your Board has reviewed and considered the Final Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Rose Avenue Bike Lanes Projects from Central Ave to SR 118; Project No. 50623 & from Collins St to Simon Way, Project No. 50621(Projects), together with comments received during the public review process.
  - (b) The IS/MND has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State CEQA Guidelines and the County of Ventura Administrative Supplement to the State CEQA Guidelines.
  - (c) The IS/MND reflects your Board's independent judgement and analysis.
2. Find on the basis of the whole record (including the IS/MND and comments received) that there is no substantial evidence that the Projects will have a significant effect on the environment.
3. Adopt the IS/MND including the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program set forth therein.
4. Approve the Project.



5. Designate the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California, as the custodian and location of the record of proceedings on which the decision is based.
6. Direct the Director of Public Works Agency to sign the Notice of Determination and file it with the County Clerk and Recorder and the State Office of Planning and Research within five days of your Board's action.

**Fiscal/Mandates Impact:**

There is no additional fiscal impact associated with this item.

**Discussion:**

The Rose Avenue Bike Lane Projects are separated into two phases. The southern segment is located along Rose Avenue from Collins Street to Simon Way and the northern segment is located along Rose Ave from Central Ave to SR 118 as shown on Exhibit 1 (Vicinity Map) and Exhibit 2 (Location Maps). The project consists of bikeway improvements on both segments along Rose Ave. The proposed improvements will include pavement widening and restriping of the roadway to accommodate Class II bike lanes on both sides of the road. The southern segment of Rose Ave will include the construction of concrete sidewalks, curbs, gutters, crosswalks, and signal pole upgrades. To support the proposed bikeway improvements the project will also include right-of-way acquisitions and the relocations of approximately 34 utility poles.

The improvements for both phases have been included under one environmental document. A draft Initial Studies and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) was prepared pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resource Code §21000, the State Guidelines, 14 CCR §15000 et seq., and the County of Ventura Administrative Supplement to State CEQA Guidelines. A public review period was established from April 4, 2024 to May 6, 2024. The Notice of Intent (NOI) was published in the Ventura Star on April 4, 2024, and posted on the County's website along with the Draft IS/MND on April 4, 2024. The NOI was mailed out to property owners within a 300-foot radius of the project site on April 4, 2024. The Draft IS/MND, notice of Availability and the NOI was posted with the State Clearinghouse on April 4, 2024.

Public Works Agency Roads and Transportation received two comments during the public comment period. Copies of the comment letters and responses are included in Exhibit 3 – IS/MND. The Notice of Determination will be filed after your Board's approval.



Implementation of the Avoidance and Mitigation Measures are identified in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program set forth in the IS/MND ensure that the proposed projects will have no significant effect on the environment.

**Strategic Plan:**

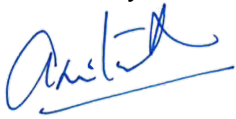
This item contributions to the Board of Supervisors 2024-2027 strategic priority to provide:

- III. Reliable infrastructure and sustainability through
  - 1. Maintaining and improving dependable public resources to serve the needs of our diverse communities.
  - 3. Investing in sustainable infrastructure, renewable energy and preservation of our natural resources.

This item has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office, and County Counsel.

If you have any questions concerning this item, please contact Anitha Balan at (805) 654-2077.

Sincerely,



Anitha Balan, PE  
Director  
Roads & Transportation

**Attachments:**

- Exhibit 1 – Vicinity Map
- Exhibit 2 – Location Maps
- Exhibit 3 – Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration

