



DATE: July 1, 2009

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Development Services Department

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE SAN LUIS REY RIVER TRAIL EXTENSION PROJECT PHASE II, AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY ENGINEER TO CALL FOR BIDS**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council approve plans and specifications for the San Luis Rey River Trail Project Phase II located between Tyler Street and North Santa Fe Avenue and the San Luis Rey River, and authorize the City Engineer to call for bids; and adoption of a resolution adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project.

BACKGROUND

The San Luis Rey River (SLRR) and its watershed are the largest in San Diego County, support critical habitat for three endangered species, and provide the opportunity for compatible recreation along a scenic Class 1 Bikeway, the San Luis Rey River Trail (SLRRT). The SLRRT borders the southern side of the SLRR beginning at the intersection of Neptune and Cleveland Streets and continues approximately 7 miles east to College Boulevard. A Class 1 Bikeway is defined as off-street facilities with exclusive rights-of-way, designated for the exclusive use of bicyclists and pedestrians.

On January 23, 2008, City Council awarded a contract in the amount of \$299,299 to Hazard Construction Company of San Diego for the SLRRT Extension Project Phase I. In addition, \$558,060 in state grant funds were appropriated to the Mission Resource River Parkway fund for construction of Phase I and II of the SLRRT Extension Project.

Phase I of the SLRRT Extension Project was for the repaving of the sewer easement and fence installation from College Boulevard to the first City-owned easement at Andrew Jackson Street (Segment 1). The project was completed in September of 2008.

Additional community meetings were held on November 19, 2008, and December 4, 2008, to discuss Phase II of the SLRRT Extension Project (Segment 3) and the associated Mitigated Negative Declaration. As an outcome from the community meetings, which was attended by City staff, members of the Bicycle Committee and adjacent property owners, a majority of the property owners present reached an overall consensus for the development of the Phase II portion of SLRRT Extension Project (Segment 3) and felt that there was a need for the project.

ANALYSIS

Phase II (Segment 3) of the SLRRT Extension Project is for the paving of the sewer easement access road from Tyler Street to North Santa Fe which is approximately 0.85 mile. A more detailed project description includes rough and precise grading, asphalt paving of a 10-foot-wide path, centerline and edge-striping and bicycle appropriate signage. The project also includes repair and replacement of 4 storm drain crossings as well as fencing and landscape treatments that will be placed along the City sewer easement and access points.

A Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been prepared for Phase II of the SLRRT Extension Project (Segment 3). In addition to the MND, the project has also obtained regulatory permits from the California Department of Fish and Game, San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board, United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the United States Army Corps of Engineers. As part of the compensatory mitigation for the project, 0.17-acres of the site will be restored with California native plantings.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Mission Resource River Parkway grant fund from the State Resources Agency provided a total of \$558,060 for the SLRRT Extension Project. The Mission Resource River Parkway grant fund (272.557187.5392) has \$303,766 available for Phase II construction.

The remaining funding of \$300,000 will be provided by TransNet Local Street Improvement funds. Staff will request that the City Council adopt an amendment to the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) to include the bike trail among Oceanside's TransNet projects when the construction contract is presented for award.

The estimated cost of construction is \$600,000. Therefore, sufficient funds are available for this project.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The City's standard insurance requirements will be met.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

Does not apply.

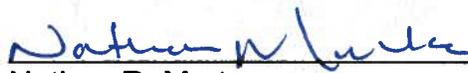
CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

The referenced documents have been reviewed by the City Attorney and approved as to form.

RECOMMENDATION

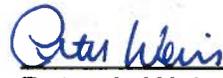
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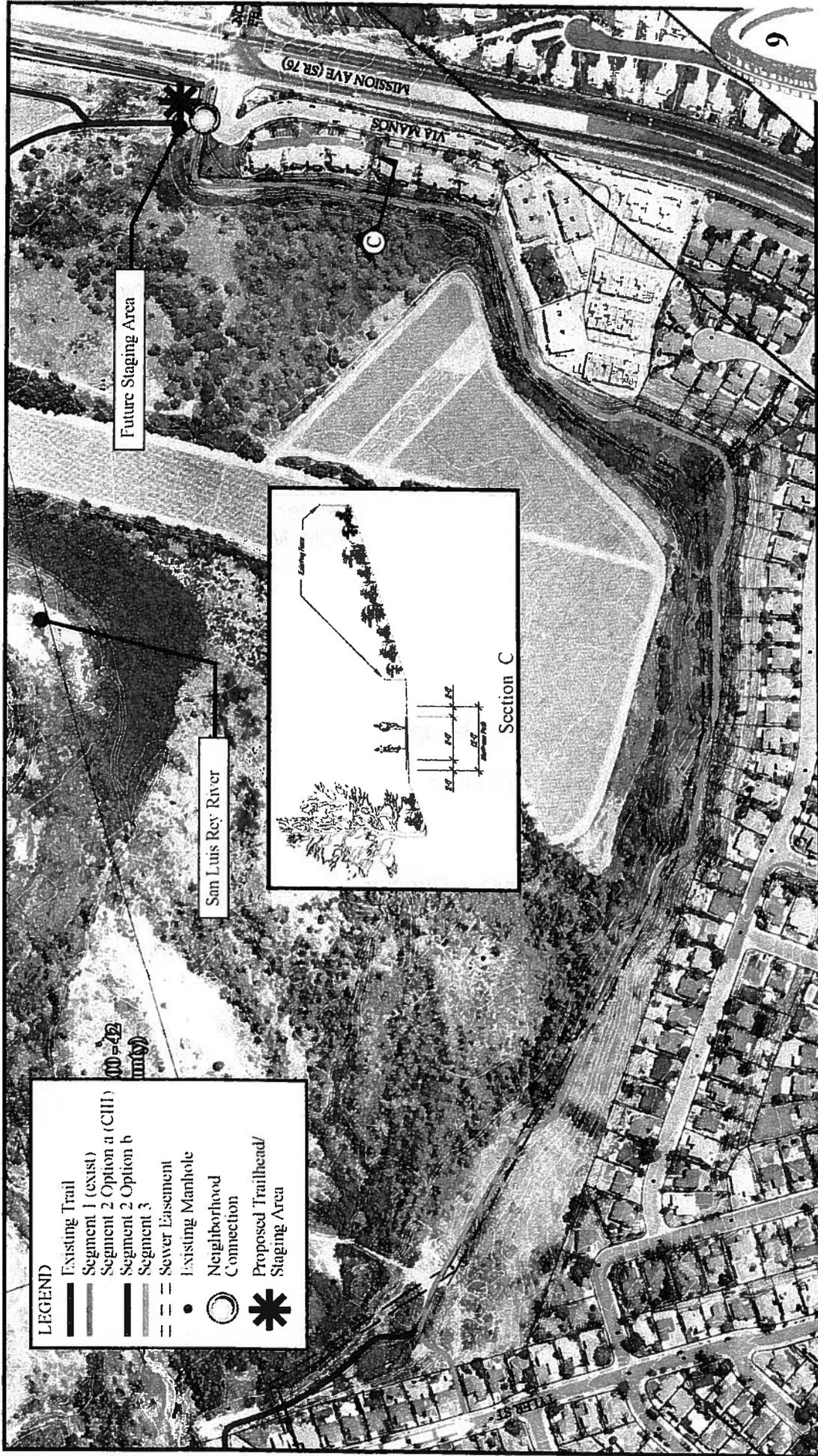






Attachments

SLRRT Phase II (Segment 3) Exhibit

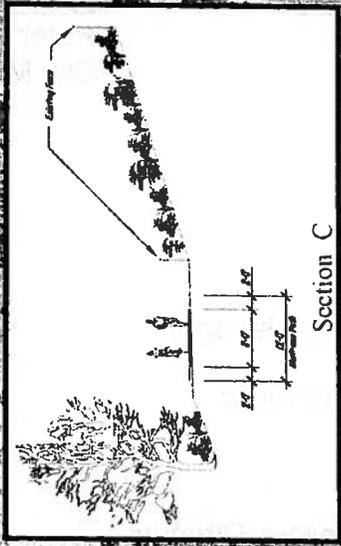


LEGEND

	Existing Trail
	Segment 1 (EXIST)
	Segment 2 Option a (CIII)
	Segment 2 Option b
	Segment 3
	Sewer Easement
	Existing Manhole
	Neighborhood Connection
	Proposed Trailhead/ Staging Area

Future Staging Area

San Luis Rey River



Trail Reach
College Blvd. -to-North Santa Fe Ave.

200' 100' 0' 100' 300'

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San Luis Rey River Trail

Oceanside, CA

1 RESOLUTION NO.

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
3 OCEANSIDE ADOPTING A MITIGATED NEGATIVE
4 DECLARATION FOR THE SAN LUIS REY RIVER TRAIL
5 EXTENSION PROJECT PHASE II

6 (City of Oceanside - Applicant)

7 WHEREAS, the City of Oceanside proposes to construct the San Luis Rey River Trail
8 Extension Project, Phase II, and the Oceanside City Council has reviewed and considered the
9 Plans and Specifications for said project;

10 WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, and State
11 Guidelines thereto, a Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared with respect to the
12 project, stating that if the mitigation measures are implemented there will not be an adverse
13 impact upon the environment; and

14 WHEREAS, studies and investigations made by the City Council and in its behalf reveal
15 the following facts:

16 FINDINGS:

- 17 1. The Mitigated Negative Declaration, together with any comments received, and the
18 Mitigation and Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) incorporated into the
19 plans and specifications for the project, were presented to the City Council, and the
20 City Council reviewed and considered the information contained in these documents
21 prior to making a decision on the project.
- 22 2. The Mitigated Negative Declaration and MMRP have been determined to be accurate
23 and adequate documents, which reflect the independent judgment and analysis of the
24 City Council. On the basis of the entire record before it, the City Council finds that
25 there is no substantial evidence that the project, with implementation of the
26 mitigation measures proposed, will have a significant impact on the environment.
- 27 3. The documents or other materials that constitute the record of proceedings upon
28 which this decision is based will be maintained by the City of Oceanside Planning
Division, 300 North Coast Highway, Oceanside, California 92054.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oceanside does resolve as follows:

2 SECTION 1. The Plans and Specifications for the San Luis Rey River Trail Extension
3 Project, Phase II are hereby approved.

4 SECTION 2. The Mitigated Negative Declaration, including the mitigation measures
5 provided therein, is hereby adopted.

6 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Oceanside, California,
7 this _____ day of _____, 2009, by the following vote:

8 AYES:

9 NAYS:

10 ABSENT:

11 ABSTAIN:

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13 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE

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16 ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Clerk



City Attorney