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RESOLUTION 25-XXX

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES APPROVING THE DECORATIVE ELEMENTS FOR THE NIBLICK ROAD BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND FINDING NO FURTHER ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW IS REQUIRED UNDER STATE CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15162

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution 20-116 approving a plan for Niblick Road, which would maintain the existing number and width of vehicle travel lanes, while repurposing the westbound bicycle lane and sidewalk into a 10-foot-wide elevated bicycle and pedestrian path; and

WHEREAS, in December 2022, the City applied for a Cycle 6 Active Transportation Program (ATP) Grant. The California Transportation Commission (CTC) awarded the City a \$13.9 million grant. The grant requires the City to contribute \$3.4 million for a project total of \$17.3 million; and

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2024, the City held a public open house to share preliminary concept plans for the Niblick Road Corridor and gather further input from the community; and

WHEREAS, on February 11, 2025, the mitigated negative declaration prepared for the project and preliminary design concepts were presented to the Planning Commission. The Commission voted to adopt Resolution PC 25-001 to recommend the City Council adopt the MND for the project. The Planning Commission also provided comments and recommendations for desired changes to the preliminary design concepts; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2025, the mitigated negative declaration prepared for the project and the preliminary concept plans were presented to the Council. The Council voted to adopt Resolution 25-030 to approve the mitigated negative declaration. The Council also voted to form an ad hoc committee of Planning Commissioners appointed by the City Manager to work on final decorative details for the Niblick Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Plan; and

WHEREAS, Planning Commissioners Christensen, Covarrubias, and Koegler were appointed to the Niblick Road Ad Hoc Committee. The committee met 3 times (April 10, 2025, May 20, 2025, and July 17, 2025) to provide guidance for the final decorative elements; and

WHEREAS, the ad hoc committee's recommended decorative elements were presented to the public at an Open House on August 13, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the decorative elements were presented to the City Council at their regular meeting on September 16, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. All of the above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The City Council hereby approves the decorative elements for the Niblick Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Plan attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 3. The project will be funded by a \$13.9 million Active Transportation Program grant awarded to the City by the California Transportation Commission with a City contribution of \$3.4 million from the general fund.

Section 4. The City prepared an MND (SCH 2024120426) for the Project, which was circulated between December 12, 2024 and January 10, 2025. On February 11, 2025, the Planning Commission

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conducted a duly noticed public hearing and considered the entire administrative record (as of that date), including staff reports, the MND, Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (“MMRP”), and oral and written testimony from interested persons, all of whom were given an opportunity to be heard. On March 18, 2025, the City Council adopted Resolution 25-030, adopting the MND and MMRP for the Project based on its findings that there is no substantial evidence supporting a fair argument that the Project will have a significant effect on the environment with the incorporation of mitigation measures. The finalization of the Project’s design elements do not present substantial changes to the Project that will require major revisions of the MND due to the involvement of new significant effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects. The finalization of the Project’s design elements include minor revisions such as the finalization of safety fence design and materials, light fixtures with banners, wall treatments, crosswalk materials, bus stop shelters, landscaping, features to celebrate Paso Robles High School and general appearance upgrades to open space areas. The finalization of design features are within the scope of considerations analyzed in the MND. As such, none of these features present a substantial change that introduces new significant environmental impacts that have not been previously analyzed in the MND. Moreover, there have been no changes that have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the Project is undertaken which will require major revisions of the MND due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects. There is also no new information of substantial importance relevant to the Project of its environmental impacts that have been analyzed in the MND. Therefore, no Subsequent MND or EIR is required under State CEQA Guidelines section 15162, because there are no substantial changes proposed in the project, there have been no substantial changes that have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the project will be undertaken, the project will not result in new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects, and there is no new information of substantial importance that would allow for a Subsequent MND or EIR under State CEQA Guidelines section 15162. Therefore, no further environmental review is required. The City Clerk shall cause a notice of determination to be filed and posted with the County Clerk and State Clearinghouse within five days of the approval of this resolution.

Section 5. The resolution shall be effective immediately upon its approval.

APPROVED this 16th day of September, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

John R. Hamon, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Martin, City Clerk

Exhibit A – Decorative Elements for the Niblick Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Plan