

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE TO ADOPT THE INITIAL STUDY AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND APPROVE THE HALCYON COMPLETE STREETS PLAN

WHEREAS, in 2013, the City of Arroyo Grande’s (“City”) consultant prepared a technical memorandum for a Halcyon Road Corridor Study; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 the South Halcyon Corridor Study identified needed improvements to City infrastructure to create a street that can accommodate multi-modal forms of transportation; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 the City received a Caltrans Sustainable Communities Transportation Planning Grant to create a Complete Streets Plan; and

WHEREAS, the phrase “Complete Streets” describes a street that is planned, designed, operated, and maintained to provide safe mobility for all users, including bicyclists, pedestrians, transit vehicles, truckers, and motorists, appropriate to the street’s function and context; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Circulation Element of the General Plan includes goals, policies, and objectives that support the Halcyon Complete Streets Plan and are consistent with AB 1358, known as “The California Complete Streets Act”; and

WHEREAS, the City developed the Halcyon Road Complete Streets Plan to provide for safe mobility and accessibility for all users throughout the Halcyon Road corridor, including bicyclists, pedestrians, transit vehicles, trucks, and motorists (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.), the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, title 14, § 15000 et seq.), and the City’s Local CEQA Guidelines (collectively, “CEQA”), the City is the lead agency for the proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, in April 2023, in compliance with State CEQA Guidelines section 15063, an Initial Study (IS) was prepared for the Project to analyze whether the Project may cause a potentially significant effect on the environment; and

WHEREAS, based on the information contained in the Initial Study, which concluded that the Project could have potentially significant impacts but that those impacts could be reduced to less than significant levels with implementation of the proposed mitigation measures, the Planning Commission determined that a Mitigated

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Negative Declaration (“MND”) should be prepared for the Project, and a MND was prepared pursuant to CEQA; and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2023, the Planning Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing to consider the staff report, recommendations by staff, and public testimony concerning the Halcyon Road Complete Streets Plan. Following the public hearing, the Planning Commission voted to forward the Halcyon Road Complete Streets Plan to the City Council with a recommendation in favor of its adoption; and

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2023, the City Council conducted a duly noticed public hearing to consider the Halcyon Road Complete Streets Plan, including: (1) the public testimony and agenda reports prepared in connection with the Halcyon Road Complete Streets Plan; (2) the policy considerations discussed therein; and (3) the consideration and recommendation of the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Arroyo Grande, at its regularly scheduled public meeting on July 25, 2023 adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration and approved the Halcyon Road Complete Streets Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Arroyo Grande hereby adopts a Resolution to adopt the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact Report and approve the Halcyon Road Complete Streets Plan as attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by this reference.

On motion by Council Member _____, seconded by Council Member _____, and by the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

the foregoing Resolution was adopted this 25th day of July, 2023.

CAREN RAY RUSSOM, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JESSICA MATSON, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

WHITNEY MCDONALD, CITY MANAGER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ISAAC ROSEN, CITY ATTORNEY