File No. 17-0665

MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND) and TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Taylor Yard Bikeway/Pedestrian Bridge Over the Los Angeles River Project (E1907487).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that on the basis of the whole record, there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment and that the Corrected MND/Final Initial Study, attached to the Council file, reflects the City's independent judgment and analysis.

2. ADOPT, pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines, the:

    a. Corrected MND/Final Initial Study

    b. Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, as amended.

3. APPROVE the Taylor Yard Bikeway/Pedestrian Bridge Over the Los Angeles River Project (E1907487) as detailed in the Initial Study and June 12, 2017 Board of Public Works (BPW) report, attached to the Council file.

4. SPECIFY that the documents constituting the record of proceedings in this matter are in the custody of the City Clerk located at 200 North Spring Street and in the files of the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) located at 1149 South Broadway Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90015-2213.

5. INSTRUCT the BOE to notify the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power of this action.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The BPW reports that the Taylor Yard Bikeway/Pedestrian Bridge Over the Los Angeles River Project has a construction budget of approximately $19,200,000. Funding for the design and environmental documentation was largely provided by the Metro and LADWP. Funding for the construction will be identified by Metro. The General Fund is supporting City project management staff costs.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

Summary:

On June 28, 2017, your Committee considered a June 12, 2017 BPW report, MND/Final Initial Study (both initial and corrected versions) and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program relative to the Taylor Yard Bikeway/Pedestrian Bridge Over the Los Angeles River Project (Project). According to the BPW, the BOE is in the process of designing a bikeway/pedestrian bridge that will span the Los Angeles River from Elysian Valley on the west to

Taylor Yard on the east. The environmental review for the Project, including CEQA compliance, is being funded by Metro and LADWP.

The proposed Project would be located across the Los Angeles River and in the surrounding area in the Silverlake-Echo Park-Elysian Park Community Plan area. Specifically, the northern abutment of the proposed bridge would be located adjacent to Kerr Road, and its southern abutment would be located adjacent to the Los Angeles River Greenway Trail (bikeway), approximately between Altman Street and Dorris Place, adjacent to 2331 Dorris Place. Proposed intersection pedestrian striping enhancements at San Fernando Road/Cypress Avenue would occur north of the proposed bridge. Additionally, a two-way bike path and pedestrian path would be developed on Kerr Road, connecting the proposed bridge to San Fernando Road. Two Americans with Disabilities Act compliant ramps will also be constructed in the project vicinity.

During discussion of this matter, representatives from the BOE submitted a list of technical corrections to the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program and this list has been attached to the Council file. These technical corrections do not change any of the BPW's recommendations. After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the June 12, 2017 BPW report, as amended in Committee, and detailed in the above recommendations. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MEMBER	VOTE
BONIN:	YES
KORETZ:	YES
HUIZAR:	YES
MARTINEZ:	YES
RYU:	YES

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