

ADOPTION AGENDA, DISCUSSION, OTHER LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

ITEM-330: University City North/South Transportation Corridor Study.

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(University Community Area. District 1.)

STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION:

Take the following actions:

Authorizing the Mayor to proceed with the preparation of a full, separate, independent project-specific Environmental Impact Report under the provisions of CEQA and its Guidelines for the Bridge Alternative, which the Council must certify before any implementation, if any, of that Bridge Alternative is approved and commenced;

Confirming and reiterating that the EIR for the University City North/South Transportation Corridor Study ("University N/S Study") dated June 13, 2006, on file in the Office of the City Clerk and incorporated herein by reference, is certified as having been completed in compliance with CEQA, and the EIR reflects the independent judgment of the City of San Diego as Lead Agency only for the environmental review for the University N/S Study;

Declaring that the information contained in the University N/S Study EIR, together with any comments received during the public review process, was reviewed and considered by this Council prior to selecting the Bridge Alternative for preparation of a full, separate, independent project-specific EIR under CEQA. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the certification of the University N/S Study EIR and the selection of the Bridge Alternative for further environmental review are not "projects" within the meaning of CEQA, Public Resources Code Section 21065 ("CEQA project");

Rescinding the adoption of the Statement for the Bridge Alternative on file in the Office of the City Clerk, without prejudice to the later consideration and adoption, if any, of any Statement following the preparation and certification of a full, separate, independent project-specific EIR under CEQA for the Bridge Alternative;

Rescinding the adoption of the Mitigation, Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Bridge Alternative on file in the Office of the City Clerk, without prejudice to the later consideration and adoption, if any, of the Mitigation Program following the preparation and certification of a full, separate, independent project-specific EIR under CEQA for the Bridge Alternative;

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Initiating the preparation of an environmental impact report for a community plan amendment to delete the Genesee Avenue Widening Alternative from the University Community Plan, which review the Council must consider and certify before any such amendment, if any, is adopted;

Rescinding the Notice of Determination filed August 4, 2006 (State Clearinghouse No. 2004031011), because this Resolution confirms that the certification of the University N/S Study EIR and the selection of the Bridge Alternative for further environmental review are not considered CEQA projects;

Directing the City Attorney to prepare the appropriate resolutions in accordance with Charter Section 40.

STAFF SUPPORTING INFORMATION:

The City Council will consider the adoption of a resolution clarifying the findings and directions given to the Mayor and City staff per Resolution Number R-301787, adopted August 21, 2006, regarding the University City North/South Transportation Corridor Study and further actions to be taken by staff following adoption of the study.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS: None with this action.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL and/or COMMITTEE ACTION:

City Council Hearing of August 1, 2006, Resolution Number R-301787.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS:

None required for this action.

KEY STAKEHOLDERS:

City of San Diego, University City Planning Group, Project Design Consultants, University City North/South Transportation Corridor Public Working Committee, UC Golden, UC Connection, Friends of Rose Canyon, San Diego Coastkeeper, and Endangered Habitats League.

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