Resolution No.

STOCKTON CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN INITIAL STUDY/PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND APPROVING A PRECISE ROAD PLAN FOR THE MINER AVENUE COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT, LOCATED BETWEEN CENTER STREET AND THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD UNDERPASS (P16-0560)

The applicant, the City of Stockton Public Works Department, has submitted a Precise Road Plan application for the Miner Avenue Complete Streets Project; and

The project area, located in the greater downtown area, is a ten-block segment of Miner Avenue, between Center Street and the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) underpass; and

The project, along with its environmental document, is a federally-funded project being managed by the Public Works Department; and

The Precise Road Plan incorporates the conceptual "Miner Avenue Streetscape Plan" that was adopted by the City Council in March of 2012; and

The project improvements consist of a lane reduction from four to two lanes, the addition of Class II bicycle lanes throughout the project area, median islands with landscaping, a potential round-about at the intersection of Miner Avenue and San Joaquin Street, traffic signal modifications at the signalized intersections, the installation of streetlights, pedestrian and bicycle amenities, and "parklets" (small landscaped amenity areas), as well as the addition of bulb-out round corners for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant street crossings and bollards; and

The completion of the Miner Avenue Complete Streets Project would provide equal priority to pedestrians, motorized vehicles, bicycles, and transit, and the redevelopment of the area has the potential to attract new residents, employees, and visitors to the downtown area; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON, AS FOLLOWS:

The City Council adopts the Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project, and approves a Precise Road Plan for the Miner Avenue Complete Streets Project as set forth in Exhibit 1, attached hereto, based on the following Findings of Fact and Conditions of Approval: 1. The Precise Road Plan must be consistent with the general land uses, objectives policies, and programs of the General Plan and other adopted goals and policies of the City. The project complies with General Plan Land Use Policy No. 4.6, Commercial Strip Centers; Economic Development Policy No. 1.1, Internal City Image; and Transportation and Circulation Policy No. 5.1, Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities, as follows:

Land Use Policy No. 4.6, Commercial Strip Centers – Approval of the Precise Road Plan shall discourage the creation of new strip commercial areas along arterial streets, because Miner Avenue is currently an autodominated environment with minimal amenities for pedestrians and bicyclists. The conceptual "Streetscape Plan" for the Miner Avenue adopted by the City Council in March of 2012, incorporates a "Complete Streets" approach that gives equal priority to pedestrians, motorized vehicles, bicycles, and transit to reduce traffic congestion and enhance the visual appearance of the corridor.

Economic Development Policy No.1.1, Internal City Image – Approval of the Miner Avenue Precise Road Plan shall continue to promote a healthy image of Stockton among its citizens and the wider business community, because significant downtown investments have been constructed in the past decade. These investments include the renovation of the historic Cabral Station at the east end of the corridor, the Downtown Transit Center, the Weber Point Event Center, the Stockton Ballpark, and the Stockton Arena at the west end of the corridor. The completion of the project would offer the redevelopment potential to attract people, employees and visitors, and improve safety in the downtown area.

Transportation and Circulation Policy No. 5.1, Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities – Approval of the Precise Road Plan would complete the Miner Avenue Complete Streets Project that would give equal priority to pedestrians, motorized vehicles, bicycles, and transit. The project would encourage pedestrian and bicycle travel as viable modes of movement throughout this corridor and provide safe and convenient pedestrian and bicycle facilities within as well as link commercial areas, residential neighborhoods, and employment areas.

2. The Precise Road Plan must be in compliance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The City Council has reviewed and considered the Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Miner Avenue Precise Road Plan Project and finds that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment, based on the mitigation measures that have been incorporated into the project and, therefore, adopts the Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration under CEQA.

Conditions of Approval

a. Comply with all applicable Federal, State, County, and City codes, regulations, and adopted standards and pay all applicable fees.

b. A Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (P16-0560) has been prepared and approved for the project. The <u>"Mitigation Monitoring Plan for the</u> <u>Miner Avenue Precise Road Plan Project</u>" has been adopted and the project must comply with the mitigation measures that were developed to clearly reduce any potentially significant impacts to a "less-than-significant" level.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED ______ February 21, 2017 _____.

MICHAEL D. TUBBS Mayor of the City of Stockton

ATTEST:

BONNIE PAIGE City Clerk of the City of Stockton