

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING COMMENTS ON THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER CONSERVANCY EATON TRAIL EXTENSION PROJECT DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND RECOMMENDING THE ADOPTION OF ALTERNATIVE 5

WHEREAS, the San Joaquin River is a valuable resource to the City of Fresno and its residents;

WHEREAS, The San Joaquin River Conservancy is a regionally governed agency created to develop and manage the San Joaquin River Parkway, a planned twenty-two mile natural and recreational area in the floodplain extending from Friant Dam to Highway 99 by acquiring approximately 5,900 acres from willing sellers and developing, operating, and managing those lands for public access and recreation and protecting, enhancing, and restoring riparian and floodplain habitat;

WHEREAS, the Lewis S. Eaton Trail is the backbone of the San Joaquin River Parkway, which provides a beautiful overlook of the river bottom as well as excellent hiking and equestrian facilities that enhance the quality of life in Fresno;

WHEREAS, the expansion of the Lewis S. Eaton Trail will provide greater opportunities for the residents of Fresno to enjoy the San Joaquin River and to enjoy the health benefits of outdoor recreation;

WHEREAS, the proposed automobile access to the trail extension would be inconvenient for motorists from Fresno, particularly those from disadvantaged communities and would increase vehicle miles travelled;

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WHEREAS, the Draft Environmental Impact Report identifies Alternative 5, which would provide automobile access from the Fresno side of the River at Palm and Nees Avenues; and

WHEREAS, Alternative 5 is consistent with the Fresno General Plan adopted in December 2014, and reflects previous Council actions regarding the manner in which river access would be provided to the public; and

WHEREAS, Alternative 5 was designed to address the potential impacts on air quality and vehicle miles traveled associated with the project and would provide greater, more convenient vehicle access for Fresno area residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. Council supports the extension of the Lewis S. Eaton Trail as put forth in Alternative 5 of the Draft Environmental Impact Report.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF FRESNO )  
ss. CITY OF FRESNO )

I, YVONNE SPENCE, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of, 2017.

AYES :  
NOES :  
ABSENT :  
ABSTAIN :

YVONNE SPENCE, CMC  
City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Talia Kolluri-Barbick      Date  
Supervising Deputy City Attorney