

FRESNO CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 13802

The Fresno City Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on July 5, 2023, adopted the following Resolution relating to the Kings Canyon Corridor Transit-Oriented Development Connectivity Study.

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno (City) applied for and received Fresno County Measure C Transit-Oriented Development grant funds through the Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG) for the purposes of completing the Study; and

WHEREAS, the City entered into a Grant Agreement with the Fresno COG on October 30, 2019 for the purposes of developing a Market Analysis and BRT Station Area Planning Framework along the Ventura / Kings Canyon Corridor (Corridor) called the Kings Canyon Corridor Transit-Oriented Development Connectivity Study (Study); and

WHEREAS, the City entered into a consultant services agreement with Citythinkers to assist in the preparation of the Strategy, and also entered into an agreement with Every Neighborhood Partnership and Jackson CDC to assist with outreach; and

WHEREAS, the Study Area is located along the Corridor in the area bounded by East Tulare Avenue to the north, East Butler Avenue to the south, South Argyle Avenue to the east, and Highway 41 to the west; and

WHEREAS, the Study serves as a resource for the City, partner agencies, private sector agencies, and community members, which can be used in the planning for the implementation of transit-oriented development along high-quality transit corridors in the city; and

WHEREAS, the community's input was an essential element to the development of the Study, and the outreach process was comprised of pop-ups, mobile workshops, presentations, tabling, workshops, interviews, surveys, and the sharing of information through zines (short for magazines); and

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2023, the Council District 5 Project Review Committee reviewed the Study and recommended approval; and,

WHEREAS, on July 5, 2023, the Fresno City Planning Commission held a public hearing to consider the Study, receive public comment, and consider the Planning and Development Department's report recommending adoption of the proposed Study; and,

WHEREAS, the Fresno City Planning Commission took action to approve the subject application; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Fresno City Planning Commission, based upon the testimony and information presented at the hearing and upon review and consideration of the environmental documentation provided, as follows:

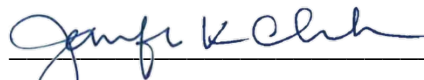
1. The Commission finds in accordance with its own judgement that the Environmental Assessment is appropriate, a determination that the proposed study is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 as a feasibility and planning study. The Planning Commission has determined that the Study is statutorily exempt from CEQA because it provides information on how to implement transit-oriented development along high-quality transit corridors but does not include any land use changes or rezoning, nor does it commit the City of Fresno to any particular actions set forth in the document.
2. The Commission finds in accordance with its own judgement that the acceptance of the proposed Kings Canyon Transit-Oriented Development Connectivity Study is in the best interest of the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fresno City Planning Commission hereby recommends to the City Council that the Kings Canyon Corridor Transit-Oriented Development Connectivity Study, pertaining to approximately 2,880 acres located in Southeast Fresno, be accepted.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Fresno City Planning Commission upon a motion by Commissioner Bray, seconded by Commissioner Diaz.

VOTING: Ayes - Vang, Hardie, Bray, Diaz, Lyday
 Noes - None
 Not Voting - None
 Absent - Wagner

DATED:



JENNIFER K. CLARK, Secretary
Fresno City Planning Commission

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Development Connectivity Study

Action: Recommend acceptance (to the City
Council)