

NOTICE OF FRESNO CITY PLANNING COMMISSION AND CITY COUNCIL HEARINGS REGARDING THE FRESNO ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fresno City Planning Commission and City Council, in accordance with the procedures of Chapter 15, Sections 5007 and 5801-5812 of the Fresno Municipal Code (FMC), will conduct public hearings to consider the draft Active Transportation Plan and related Plan Amendment and Environmental Assessment. These applications have been filed by the City of Fresno Development and Resource Management Department Director.

Project Description. The project is the adoption of the Fresno Active Transportation Plan. Adoption of this document would require amendments to the City of Fresno General Plan Paths and Trails Map (Figure MT-2) and amendments to the text of the General Plan. The intent of the Active Transportation Plan is to act as a guidance document for active transportation in the City of Fresno, with the goals of equitably improving the safety and perceived safety of walking and bicycling in Fresno, increasing walking and bicycling trips in Fresno by creating user-friendly facilities, improving the geographic equity of access of walking and bicycling facilities in Fresno, and to fill key gaps in Fresno's walking and bicycling networks.

Project Location. The Active Transportation Plan applies to all land within the City of Fresno Sphere of Influence, as depicted in the map, below.

The specific applications filed for the Project are described as follows:

1. **Environmental Assessment No. A-16-015** recommends that a Mitigated Negative Declaration be adopted for the proposed Active Transportation Plan and related plan amendment.
2. **PLAN AMENDMENT NO A-16-015** proposes the amendment of the Paths and Trails Map (Figure MT-2) and related text of the Fresno General Plan to incorporate Active Transportation Plan recommendations.

Public hearings on these items are scheduled with the Fresno Planning Commission and City Council as noted below. The Planning Commission's recommendation is advisory to the City Council. The City Council's action is final.

FRESNO CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

Date: Wednesday, December 7, 2016
Time: 6:00 p.m., or thereafter
Place: City Hall Council Chamber,
Second Floor, 2600 Fresno Street, Fresno,
CA 93721

FRESNO CITY COUNCIL

Date: Thursday, December 15, 2016
Time: 2:00 p.m., or thereafter
Place: City Hall Council Chamber,
Second Floor, 2600 Fresno Street, Fresno,
CA 93721

Anyone can come to the public hearing and present written testimony, or speak in favor or against the project proposal. However, all documents submitted to the City Council for its consideration must be given to the City Clerk at least **24 hours before** the Council Agenda item is to be heard, as per the City Council's meeting rules and procedures. Documents submitted less than 24 hours before might not be included in the administrative record of proceedings.

If you challenge the above applications in court, you may only be able to raise those issues you, or someone else, raised at the public hearings described in this notice, or in written correspondence sent to the City Council at or before the public hearing. The recommendations of the Planning Commission for the Environmental Assessment and Plan Amendment will be considered by the City Council.

For more information :

Copies of the proposed Active Transportation Plan and the Environmental Assessment, and related documents may be viewed online at www.fresno.gov/atp.

Printed copies of the Active Transportation Plan are also available at the Traffic and Engineering Services Division Counter (Room 4016 at the north end of the fourth floor of City Hall) and the City Clerk's office (Room 2133 at City Hall). Copies have also been distributed to the Fresno County Main Library Branch as well as several other branch libraries for public availability.

If you have any questions, you may contact the Department of Public Works at (559) 621-8650. **Si necesita información en Español, comuníquese con Sophia Pagoulatos al teléfono (559) 621-8062.** Written comments may be sent via email to ATP@fresno.gov or US Mail to:

City of Fresno
c/o Randy Bell
Public Works Department
Fresno City Hall
2600 Fresno Street, Rm. 4016
Fresno, CA 93721

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CITY OF FRESNO

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

EA No. A-16-015 Environmental Assessment No.
A-15-001 for Adoption of the Active Transportation Plan

APPLICANT:

The City of Fresno
Development and Resource Management Department
Development Services Division
2600 Fresno Street, Rm. 3076
Fresno, California 93721
Contact : Sophia Pagoulatos, Planning Manager

PROJECT LOCATION:

All modifications under consideration fall within the City of Fresno General Plan Planning Area, which includes all areas within the City's current City limits and the areas within the current Sphere of Influence (SOI).

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FRESNO COUNTY CLERK

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FRESNO COUNTY CLERK
2221 Kern Street, Fresno, CA 93721

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Plan Amendment No. A-16-015 proposes the amendment of the Paths and Trails Map (Figure MT-2) and amendments to the text of the General Plan to incorporate Active Transportation Plan recommendations.

The City of Fresno has conducted an initial study of the above-described project and it has been determined to be a subsequent project that is not fully within the scope of the Master Environmental Impact Report (MEIR) prepared for the Fresno General Plan (SCH # 2012111015). Therefore, the Development and Resource Management Department proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for this project.

With the project specific mitigation imposed, there is no substantial evidence in the record that this project may have additional significant, direct, indirect or cumulative effects on the environment that are significant and that were not identified and analyzed in the MEIR. After conducting a review of the

adequacy of the MEIR pursuant to Public Resources Code, Section 21157.6(b)(1), the Development and Resource Management Department, as lead agency, finds that no substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the MEIR was certified and that no new information, which was not known and could not have been known at the time that the MEIR was certified as complete, has become available. The project is not located on a site which is included on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code including, but not limited to, lists of hazardous waste facilities, land designated as hazardous waste property, hazardous waste disposal sites and others, and the information in the Hazardous Waste and Substances Statement required under subdivision (f) of that Section.

Plan Amendment A-16-015 and the proposed environmental finding have been scheduled to be heard by the Planning Commission on **December 7, 2016** and by the City Council on **December 15, 2016**. The hearing will be held in the Fresno City Council Chambers located at Fresno City Hall, 2nd Floor, 2600 Fresno Street, Fresno, California, 93721. Your written and oral comments are welcomed at the hearing and will be considered in the final decision.


Additional information on the proposed project, including the proposed environmental finding of a mitigated negative declaration and the initial study may be obtained from the Development and Resource Management Department, Fresno City Hall, 2600 Fresno Street, 3rd Floor Fresno, Room 3070, California 93721-3604. Please contact Sophia Pagoulatos at (559) 621-8062 for more information. ***Para información en español, comuníquense con Sophia Pagoulatos al teléfono (559) 621-8062.***

ANY INTERESTED PERSON may comment on the proposed environmental finding. Comments must be in writing and must state (1) the commenter's name and address; (2) the commenter's interest in, or relationship to, the project; (3) the environmental determination being commented upon; and (4) the specific reason(s) why the proposed environmental determination should or should not be made. Any comments may be submitted at any time between the publication date of this notice and close of business on **December 7, 2016**. Please direct comments to Sophia Pagoulatos, Supervising Planner, City of Fresno Development and Resource Management Department, City Hall, 2600 Fresno Street, Room 3076, Fresno, California, 93721-3604; or by email to Sophia.Pagoulatos@fresno.gov; or comments can be sent by facsimile to (559) 498-1026.

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SUBMITTED BY:


Sophia Pagoulatos, Supervising Planner
CITY OF FRESNO DEVELOPMENT AND
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
DEPARTMENT

DATE: November 17, 2016

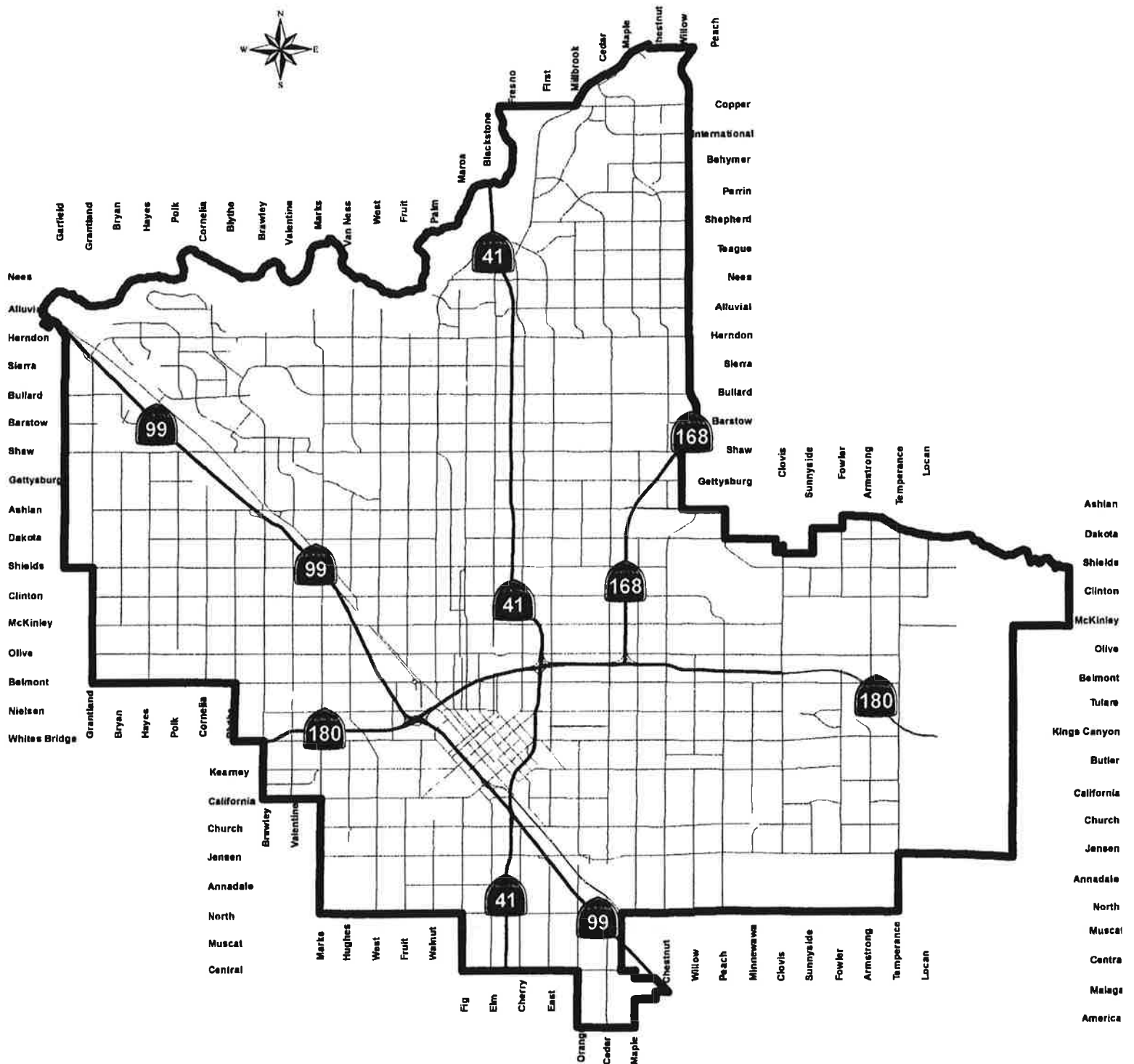
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City of Fresno

Active Transportation Plan

Area of Applicability Map



 Existing Sphere of Influence

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