

**CITY OF FRESNO**  
**ADDENDUM TO PROGRAM EIR NO. 10126 PREPARED FOR**  
**COPPER RIVER RANCH**

*Prepared in accordance with Section 15164 of the California Environmental Quality Act  
(CEQA) Guidelines*

The full Initial Studies: Master Environmental Impact Report No. 2012111015 (Fresno General Plan); Environmental Assessment No. A-16-015 (Mitigated Negative Declaration dated November 17, 2016 for Active Transportation Plan); Master Environmental Impact Report No. 10130 (2025 Fresno General Plan); and, Program EIR No. 10126 (Copper River Ranch) are on file in the Development and Resource Management Department,  
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**ENVIRONMENTAL  
ASSESSMENT NUMBER:**

EA No. PW00633

This addendum was not circulated for public review pursuant to Section 15164(c) of the CEQA Guidelines

**APPLICANT:**

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**PROJECT LOCATION:**

Located along the north side of the East Copper Avenue alignment between North Friant Road and North Chestnut Avenues

**(Council District 6, Councilmember Bredefeld)**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Environmental Assessment No. EA-PW00633 was filed by Steven Son PE, Public Works Manager with the City of Fresno, and pertains to approximately 4.0 acres of property located along the north side of the East Copper Avenue alignment between North Friant Road and North Chestnut Avenues in northeast Fresno. The City of Fresno proposes the Copper Avenue Trail Project, which is a capital improvement project (CIP), consisting of the construction of a 22-foot wide and approximately 7,920 linear foot long trail extension with a 12-foot wide asphalt bicycle/pedestrian trail, a drainage swale, and the installation of landscaping and irrigation system along East Copper Avenue, a designated Super Arterial. All required The trail traverses the PI (*Public and Institutional*), RM-1 (*Residential Multi-Family, Medium High Density*), RM-2 (*Residential Multi-Family, Urban Neighborhood Density*), RS-4 (*Residential Single Family, Medium-Low Density*), and CC (*Community Commercial*) zone districts and was planned for a multi-purpose trail by the Woodward Park Community Plan and the 2025 Fresno General Plan; as well as within the current Fresno General Plan adopted December 18, 2014 and the Active Transportation Plan adopted March 2, 2017.

The trail was already proposed and analyzed in the 2002 Copper River Ranch Program EIR No. 10126 (SCH 2000021003). This addendum is being prepared simply to provide details of the project. The proposed trail segment discussed in this addendum follows the alignment shown in Figure 1.8 of the EIR (page 1.12). The trail design is depicted in the attachments and includes a total minimum width/cross section of 22 feet with an asphalt trail of 12 feet and associated grading, irrigation and landscaping. Since the EIR was a program level document, the details of the trail design were not included, and that is the purpose of this addendum. The trail is proposed

on already disturbed land that is located on the north side of East Copper River Avenue, mostly within the public right of way. All easements and/or rights-of-way on adjacent private properties, as required to facilitate construction have been previously acquired. No mature trees or vegetation will be removed with this application.

Since the proposed project simply involves minor modifications to a project that was already analyzed in a previous EIR, it may be determined that: (1) The project falls within the scope of Copper River Ranch Program EIR No. 10126 (SCH 2000021003) and was planned and contemplated in Master Environmental Impact Report No. 2012111015 (Fresno General Plan) as well as Environmental Assessment No. A-16-015 (Mitigated Negative Declaration dated November 17, 2016 for Active Transportation Plan); (2) No substantial changes are proposed in the project which require major revisions to the previous environmental finding due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; (3) No substantial changes will occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken; and, (4) No new information, which was not known and could not have been known, at the time the environmental finding for Copper River Ranch Program EIR No. 10126 (SCH 2000021003) or Master Environmental Impact Report No. 2012111015 (Fresno General Plan) were certified; and, Environmental Assessment No. A-16-015 (Mitigated Negative Declaration dated November 17, 2016 for Active Transportation Plan) was adopted, has become available.

Therefore, the City of Fresno has determined that an addendum to Copper River Ranch Program EIR No. 10126 (SCH 2000021003) is appropriate given that none of the conditions described in Section 15162 of the CEQA Guidelines calling for preparation of a environmental document have occurred; and, new information added is only for the purposes of providing details, in accordance with Section 15164 of the CEQA Guidelines.

Section 15162 provides that when an environmental impact report (EIR) has been adopted for a project, no subsequent EIR shall be prepared for that project unless the lead agency determines, on the basis of substantial evidence in the light of the whole record, one or more of the following:

**FINDINGS PURSUANT TO SECTION 15162 OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES.**

- (1) *Substantial changes are proposed in the project which would require major revisions of the previous EIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects;*

**Finding (1):** The project consists of the construction of a 22 to 25-foot wide and approximately 7,920 linear foot long trail segment with a 12-foot wide asphalt bicycle/pedestrian trail, the installation of landscaping and irrigation system and related property acquisition. Copper River Ranch Program EIR No. 10126 (SCH 2000021003) evaluated and assessed potential impacts related to the development of a bicycle pedestrian trail along the north side of East Copper Avenue between North Friant and North Willow Avenues. Furthermore, the location and alignment for the proposed trail were planned and contemplated within the current Fresno General Plan adopted December 18, 2014 and the Active Transportation Plan adopted March 2, 2017.

The segment proposed within the scope of this addendum extends from North Friant Avenue to North Chestnut Avenue.

As the proposed trail remains consistent with its planned land use designation pursuant to the current Fresno General Plan and Active Transportation Plan, no substantial changes are proposed from those previously evaluated and the proposed project will not involve new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects as identified within the Copper River Ranch Program EIR No. 10126 (SCH 2000021003).

- (2) *Substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which will require major revisions of the previous Negative Declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects;*  
or,

**Finding (2):** Substantial changes have not occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which would require major revisions to the previous EIR as a result of the 22 to 25-foot wide by 7,920 foot long trail. Likewise, substantial changes have not occurred due to the proposed acquisition of adjacent property and development of the trail.

(3) *New information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous EIR was adopted, shows any of the following: (A) The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous EIR; (B) Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the previous EIR; (C) Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project; and, (D) Mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous EIR, would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment.*

**Finding (3):** No new information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous environmental determinations were adopted has become available.

Commentary and requirements received from responsible departments and agencies in response to requests for comments respective to the proposed project have not revealed any new information related to the potential of the proposed project to result in new significant environmental effects; or, increase the severity of previously identified significant effects.

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