

**FRESNO CITY PLANNING COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION NO. 13581**

The Fresno City Planning Commission at its regular meeting on Wednesday, April 17, 2019, adopted the following resolution relating to the Southern Blackstone Avenue Smart Mobility Strategy and associated CEQA finding.

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno applied for and received State funding for transportation planning through the California Department of Transportation's (CALTRANS) Sustainable Communities Grant Program for the purposes of completing the Southern Blackstone Avenue Smart Mobility Strategy (Strategy); and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno entered into a Restricted Grant Agreement with CALTRANS on March 1, 2017, for the purposes of initiating and completing a Smart Mobility Study on Southern Blackstone Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Strategy's study area is located on Blackstone Avenue extending from Dakota Avenue to Highway 180; and

WHEREAS, the Strategy provides the City of Fresno with community-driven recommendations to rebalance the public right-of-way within the study area to accommodate the need of pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders; and

WHEREAS, the Strategy provides the City of Fresno with recommendations to make the study area safer for all roadway users; and

WHEREAS, the Strategy provides a detailed estimate of probable costs for near-term and long-term improvements as well as a funding matrix to implement the vision expressed in the document; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of the Strategy document does not formally commit the City to construction of improvements within the Strategy area but rather provides the City with a valuable resource when preparing future land-use plans and evaluating infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of the Strategy document provides project applicants with a selection of concepts that can be used in designing their projects to improve mobility, implement multimodal improvements, and realize the vision of complete streets within the strategy area; and

WHEREAS, the acceptance of the Strategy document is covered by the common sense exemption that there is no possibility that acceptance of the Strategy document will have a significant effect on the environment pursuant to section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fresno City Planning Commission as follows:

1. The Planning Commission recommends adoption (to the City Council) of a finding that there is no possibility that acceptance of the Southern Blackstone Avenue Smart Mobility Strategy will have a significant effect on the environment and is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3).
2. The Planning Commission recommends acceptance (to the City Council) of the Southern Blackstone Avenue Smart Mobility Strategy.

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

VOTING:           Ayes - Garcia, Bray, Sodi-Layne, McKenzie, Vang, Hardie  
                      Noes - None  
                      Not Voting - None  
                      Absent - Torossian

DATED: April 17, 2019

  
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MIKE SANCHEZ, Secretary  
Fresno City Planning Commission

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Filed by DARM Director  
Action: Recommend Approval