

**BEFORE THE  
FRESNO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-03**

IN THE MATTER OF:  
**FRESNO COUNTY REGIONAL  
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

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RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE NEGATIVE  
DECLARATION FOR THE FRESNO COUNTY  
REGIONAL ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG) has prepared a comprehensive County-wide Active Transportation Plan that outlines the future of walking and bicycling in Fresno County; and

WHEREAS, Fresno COG is the lead agency for purposes of environmental review of the Project under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq., and the State "Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act"; and

WHEREAS, Fresno COG caused to be prepared an Initial Study in December 2017, for the adoption of the Active Transportation Plan (Project) to evaluate potentially significant environmental impacts and on the basis of that study it was determined that no significant environmental impacts would result from this Project; and

WHEREAS, on the basis of the Initial Study, a Negative Declaration has been prepared, circulated, and made available for public comment pursuant to CEQA; and

WHEREAS, Fresno COG submitted the Initial Study / Negative Declaration (IS/ND) to the State Clearinghouse and distributed it to those agencies which have jurisdiction by law with respect to the Project; posted the Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration concerning the Project with the Fresno County Clerk and published such Notice in the *Fresno Bee* on December 1, 2017; and mailed the Notice of Intent to Adopt / Notice of Availability of a Negative Declaration to other interested parties; and

WHEREAS, the draft IS / ND with appendices and supporting information sources were duly noticed for public review and comment from December 1, 2017 to January 8, 2018, as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, a hearing concerning Fresno COG's intent to adopt a Final IS / ND was duly noticed and held on January 8<sup>th</sup> and again on January 25<sup>th</sup>, at which time any interested parties were afforded an opportunity to be heard in addition to the public review and comment period referenced above as part of the Environmental Record.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Policy Board finds, determines and resolves as follows:

1. The Board adopts the foregoing recitals as true and correct.
2. The Board finds that the IS / ND for the Project are adequate and have been completed in compliance with CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines.
3. The Board finds that it has independently reviewed and considered the Environmental Record, including the Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration, as a final Negative Declaration, prior to adopting the final Negative Declaration.
4. On the basis of the Environmental Record as the whole record before the Board, including the Initial Study and any comments received, the Board finds, in its independent judgment and analysis, that there is no substantial evidence the Project will have a significant effect on the environment.
5. The Board approves and adopts the findings set forth herein, and the Negative Declaration, based on the Environmental Record.
6. The Board authorizes Fresno COG staff to cause a Notice of Determination concerning the adoption of the Negative Declaration for the Project to be filed in the office of the Fresno County Clerk and with the Office of Planning and Research in accordance with CEQA and State CEQA Guidelines.

This foregoing resolution is hereby approved and adopted at a regular meeting the Policy Board of the Fresno Council of Governments, held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amarpreet Dhaliwal, Chair

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of the Fresno Council of Governments duly adopted at a regular meeting dated above.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tony Boren, Executive Director