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## ALUC Summary

### Parks Master Plan Technical Amendment

The City of Fresno Parks, After School, Recreation and Community Services Department (PARCS) proposes a technical amendment to the Parks Master Plan. The Parks Master Plan was adopted on January 25, 2018, as a guiding document for the development, maintenance, and improvements of parks and recreational facilities throughout the city. Measure P, the Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Transactions and Use Tax ordinance, provides a local funding source for parks through a 3/8-cent dedicated sales tax in the City of Fresno. Measure P went into effect in 2021.

The purpose of the technical amendment was to incorporate Measure P ordinance requirements and funding categories into the Parks Master Plan. Additionally, the technical amendment provides updated park asset information and updated demographic and recreational trend information, reflecting the most recent census data available. The proposed amendment includes the following revisions to the Parks Master Plan:

- **Census Data:** Updated population growth and park acreage needs figures to reflect more current estimates.
- **Measure P Integration:** Incorporated references to Measure P and updated funding source from a 3/8-cent sales tax approved in 2018, and how it impacts park funding, maintenance, and improvements.
- **Maintenance and Funding:** Emphasized the need for increased annual funding for park maintenance and lifecycle replacement costs, updating figures to reflect current needs.
- **Strategic Enhancements:** Updated the list of parks targeted for strategic enhancements and redevelopment, reflecting current priorities.
- **Equity and Access:** Continued focus on addressing park deserts and improving access in high-need areas, incorporating urban greening strategies to enhance underserved neighborhoods.
- **Community Partnerships:** Expanded strategies for partnering with local agencies, school districts, and community organizations to maximize recreational opportunities and support park development.

The proposed amendment will not result in a change of the goals and recommendations defined in the Parks Master Plan and is functionally a minor technical change, within the meaning of CEQA Guidelines Section 15164. The proposed amendment to the Parks

Master Plan still provides consistency with the goals and recommendations from the original Plan, which its environmental impacts were analyzed under the MND. The proposed amendment to the Parks Master Plan consists of a minor technical change such that an addendum to the mitigated negative declaration (MND) for environmental assessment number A-17-06 is appropriate pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15164 and Public Resources Code Section 21166.

Therefore, the City of Fresno has determined that an Environmental Assessment No. P24-03198, an addendum to the MND for Environmental Assessment No. A-17-016 is appropriate given that none of the findings described in Section 15162 of the CEQA Guidelines calling for preparation of a subsequent Environmental Impact Report or negative declaration have occurred; and, new information added is only for the purposes of providing minor changes or additions, in accordance with Section 15164 of the CEQA Guidelines.

Information related to the Parks Master Plan technical amendment can be found at [www.fresno.gov/parks/parksmasterplan](http://www.fresno.gov/parks/parksmasterplan).

The technical amendment does not affect the airports or airport land uses as evaluated, but ALUC approval is required.

Attachments:

[Final Draft of Parks Master Plan Technical Amendment](#)

Addendum to Mitigated Negative Declaration for Environmental Assessment (coming soon - under City Attorney review)