OLD SACRAMENTO RIVERFRONT EMBARCADERO AND K STREET BARGE REPAIR PROJECT # PB15-030

### APPENDIX



COMMENT LETTERS AND RESPONSES



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### TRANSMITTAL

**DATE:** January 22, 2016

ATTN: Scott Johnson

FROM: King Tunson, 808-1358 Fire Department

### SUBJECT: MND Old Sacramento Embarcadero & K St. Barge Repair

1. Transportation and Circulation- Once completed, provide the Sacramento Fire Department with a copy of Traffic Control Plan. This information should be sent to Niko King, Deputy Chief of Operation at 5770 Freeport Blvd, Ste. 200, Sacramento, CA 95822.

### COMMENT LETTER 1: CITY OF SACRAMENTO FIRE DEPARTMENT

#### Response

The commenter requests that a copy of the Traffic Control Plan required for the project be provided to the Sacramento Fire Department. Information will be provided to project manager for inclusion in construction plans. The comment is noted.

### **Comment Letter 2**



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January 7, 2016

Mr. Scott Johnson City of Sacramento – Community Development Department 300 Richards Boulevard, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Sacramento, CA 95811

### Subject: Notice of Availability/Intent to Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Old Sacramento Riverfront Embarcadero and K Street Barge Repair Project File No. PB15-030

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (Regional San) has reviewed the Notice of Availability/Intent to Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the subject project and has the following comments.

It is noted that this project includes two phases with the first phase consisting of removing and replacing the existing boardwalk decking; replacing the existing wood fascia on the floodwall; repairing the existing barge, dock, stairs, and elevator; replacing lighting with a new lighting system; removing the one-story addition on the south side of the Steamers Building; adding stairs to the elevated cantilevered sections of the Embarcadero; ADA improvements to the Embarcadero; replacing railroad ties and new concrete panels installed between the ties and tracks returned to original position; replacing existing railings; and installing wood overlays on the cantilevered sections that are not on a concrete deck. The second phase includes removing a pier section at the north end of the project site; installing and new maintenance platform at the California Pacific Steamers Building; and upgrading the existing bike path.

The subject project will have no significant impacts on Regional San facilities, no further comments are needed at this time.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at (916) 876-6104 or by email: <u>armstrongro@sacsewer.com</u>.

Sincerely, Robb Armstror

Principal Engineering Technician Regional San Development Services & Plan Check

cc: SASD Development Services

### COMMENT LETTER 2: SACRAMENTO REGIONAL COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT

### Response

The commenter states that the project will have no significant impacts on Regional Sanitation facilities. The comment is noted.

### **Comment Letter 3**

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February 2, 2016

Scott Johnson City of Sacramento 300 Richards Blvd., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Sacramento, CA 95811

Subject: Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), Old Sacramento Riverfront Embarcadero and K Street Barge Repair

Dear Mr. Johnson,

The Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the MND, Old Sacramento Riverfront Embarcadero and K Street Barge Repair. SMUD is the primary energy provider for Sacramento County and the proposed project area. SMUD's vision is to empower our customers with solutions and options that increase energy efficiency, protect the environment, reduce global warming, and lower the cost to serve our region. As a Responsible Agency, SMUD aims to ensure that the proposed project limits the potential for significant environmental effects on SMUD facilities, employees, and customers.

It is our desire that the MND, Old Sacramento Riverfront Embarcadero and K Street Barge Repair will acknowledge any project impacts related to the following:

- Overhead and or underground transmission and distribution line easements. Please view the following links on smud.org for more information regarding transmission encroachment:
- <u>https://www.smud.org/en/business/customer-service/support-and-services/design-construction-services.htm</u>
- <u>https://www.smud.org/en/do-business-with-smud/real-estate-services/transmission-right-of-way.htm</u>
- Utility line routing
- Electrical load needs/requirements
- Energy Efficiency

SMUD would like to be involved with discussing the above areas of interest as well as discussing any other potential issues. We aim to be partners in the efficient and sustainable delivery of the proposed project. Please ensure that the information included in this response is conveyed to the project planners and the appropriate project proponents.

Environmental leadership is a core value of SMUD and we look forward to collaborating with you on this project. Again, we appreciate the opportunity to provide input on this MND. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Jose Bodipo-Memba, SMUD Environmental Specialist at 916-732-6493.

Sincerely,

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Rob Ferrera Environmental Specialist Environmental Management Workforce and Enterprise Services Sacramento Municipal Utility District

Cc: Rob Ferrera Jose Bodipo-Memba Pat Durham Joseph Schofield



### COMMENT LETTER 3: SACRAMENTO MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT

#### Response

The Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) states they would like to be involved with discussions related to how the project will affect transmission and distribution easements, utility line routing, electrical load needs/requirements, and energy efficiency. The comment is noted. The City's Department of Public Works has coordinated with affected utility providers to minimize potential service disruptions during construction. In relation to energy efficiency, as stated on page 24 of the Draft IS/MND, the City's General Plan Master EIR concluded that compliance with state regulation, coordination with energy providers and implementation of General Plan policies would reduce the potential impacts from construction of new facilities to a less-than-significant level.

### **Comment Letter 4**











MIWOK United Auburn Indian Community MAIDU of the Auburn Rancheria

Gene Whitehouse
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January 12, 2016

Scott Johnson City of Sacramento 300 Richards Blvd. 3rd Floor Sacramento, CA 95811

Subject: Re: Native American Notification (AB 52, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Public Resources Code 21080.3.1) of the Old Sacramento Riverfront Embarcadero and K Street Barge Repair Project

Dear Scott Johnson,

Thank you for requesting information regarding the above referenced project. The United Auburn Indian Community (UAIC) of the Auburn Rancheria is comprised of Miwok and Southern Maidu (Nisenan) people whose tribal lands are within Placer County and whose service area includes El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, and Yuba counties. The UAIC is concerned about development within its aboriginal territory that has potential to impact the lifeways, cultural sites, and landscapes that may be of sacred or ceremonial significance. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this and other projects in your jurisdiction.

In order to ascertain whether the project could affect cultural resources that may be of importance to the UAIC, we would like to receive copies of any archaeological reports that are completed for the project. We also request copies of future environmental documents for the proposed project so that we have the opportunity to comment on potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures related to cultural and natural resources. The information gathered will provide us with a better understanding of the project and cultural resources on site and is invaluable for consultation purposes. UAIC is aware of several significant historical resources and tribal cultural resources in your project area that qualify as eligible properties for listing to the local, state and federal registers.

We would like to make a few general points for consideration in developing the scope and content of this project:

- The UAIC recommends that projects within the projects jurisdiction include a full EIR analysis;
- All environmental documentation should be designed to incorporate known cultural sites into open space or other protected areas;
- UAIC's preference is to avoid all resources and protect them in place. The UAIC is interested in conservation easements for culturally significant prehistoric sites;
- The UAIC would like the opportunity to provide Tribal representatives to monitor projects if excavation and data recovery are required, or in cases where ground disturbance is proposed at or near sensitive cultural resources;
- The UAIC is interested in receiving cultural materials from prehistoric sites where excavation and data recovery has been performed for reburial directly on-site;
- Development of a Memorandum of Agreement for any direct adverse effects to historical resources including a burial, cultural resources treatment and tribal monitoring plans.
- UAIC recommends that Native American design elements be incorporated into the final bridge designs.

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MIWOK United Auburn Indian Community MAIDU of the Auburn Rancheria

The UAIC's preservation committee has identified cultural resources within your project area or in close proximity, and would like to request a site visit to confirm their locations and meet with you regarding this project. Therefore, they would like to set up a meeting and consult about the proposed project. The committee also would like to recommend that a tribal monitor be present during any ground disturbing activities. Thank you again for taking these matters into consideration, and for involving the UAIC early in the planning process. We look forward to reviewing the documents requested above and consulting on your project. Please contact Marcos Guerrero, Cultural Resources Manager, at (530) 883-2364 or by email at mguerrero@auburnrancheria.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Gene Whitehouse, Chairman

CC: Marcos Guerrero, CRM







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### COMMENT LETTER 4: UNITED AUBURN INDIAN COMMUNITY OF THE AUBURN RANCHERIA

#### Response 4-1

The United Auburn Indian Community (UAIC) expresses concern about development of the project in their aboriginal territory and requests copies of archaeological reports that are completed for the project, as well as any future environmental documents for the project in order to provide input.

The commenter is referred to Appendix B of the IS/MND, which provides a copy of the historical resources report prepared for the project. In addition, as stated on pages 42 through 45 of the IS/MND, there are no known significant archeological cultural resources in the project area; however, should cultural resources be discovered during project activities implementation of Mitigation Measures CULT-1 through CULT-4 would reduce potential impacts to a less-than-significant level.

#### Response 4-2

The UAIC mentions several issues in its comment letter. The City determined that the appropriate document required by CEQA was a mitigated negative declaration, and not a full EIR analysis since all potential impacts could be reduced to less-than-significant levels with implementation of mitigation measures.

Please refer to Response 4-1 related to protection of cultural resources. Mitigation Measures CULT-1 through CULT-4 would address the other issues raised in the comment.

#### Response 4-3

The UAIC requests a site visit to confirm identified cultural resources in the project area. As discussed on pages 42 through 45 of the IS/MND there are no known significant archeological cultural resources in the project area; however, should cultural resources be discovered during project activities implementation of Mitigation Measures CULT-1 through CULT-4 would reduce potential impacts to a less-than-significant level.

### **Scott Johnson**

From:	Randal Friedman <randalfriedman@gmail.com></randalfriedman@gmail.com>
Sent:	Thursday, January 21, 2016 3:29 PM
То:	Scott Johnson
Subject:	OLD SACRAMENTO CEQA DOCUMENT

Greetings – I'm an avid user of the Sacramento bike trails and have been very interested in the issue of the "gap" in Old Sacramento. Frankly, I've wondered for years how this could continue given the importance of the regional bike trail to Sacramento. For example, when I lived in Campus Commons I lived by a physician recruiter for Sutter. She told me that many of the Docs she was recruiting to Sacramento were avid bikers and were delighted when they realized what a resource there was with a bike trail spanning the width of the region. Except of course the "gap" that prevents you from going south all the way to Scott's in an easy manner. As the City continues to invest money in improving the paths to the south this gap is even more critical.

In this context, I cannot find a simple map that shows where this bike path will go so I don't know how to comment. Can you please direct me to such a map.

Thanks.

Randy

Randal Friedman California Government Affairs Manager Navy Region Southwest (916) 930-5605

#### COMMENT LETTER 5: RANDALL FRIEDMAN

#### Response

The commenter states that the "gap" in the regional bike trail system is even more critical as the City continues to make improvements to bike trails. This is not a comment on the IS/MND, but an opinion regarding the regional bike trail system. The comment will be provided to the Bikeway Coordinator and other regional bike trail decision-makers.

The commenter requests a map showing the area where the project would improve the existing bike trail. The commenter is referred to Figure 2, Overall Site Plan in the IS/MND. In addition, refer to page 13 of the IS/MND for a description of the proposed bike path upgrades.

### **Comment Letter 6**

#### LAW OFFICES OF

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February 2, 2016

#### **VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Scott Johnston, Associate Planner City of Sacramento, Community Development Department 300 Richard Boulevard, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Sacramento, CA 95811

> Re: Old Sacramento Riverfront Embarcadero PB15-030

Dear Mr. Johnston

I represent Practical Cycle LLC with respect to commenting on the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration on the Old Sacramento Riverfront Embarcadero ("Negative Declaration"). Page 13 of the Negative Declaration at page two references the existing bike path upgrade and notes that "[T]he widening of the bike trail can be partially accomplished through removal of the decorative wood beams and two mature trees."

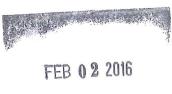
We suggest that the bike trail be widened as noted in the Negative Declaration for the following reasons:

1. Widening of the bike trail would lessen the possibility of accidents among bicyclists, pedestrians, and those with disabilities.

2. The failure to widen the bike trail would be in contravention of:

a. The McIver v. City of Sacramento consent decree in United States District Court





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Eastern District of California Case No. CIV. S-00-2078 WBS GGH.

b. The judgment in the Barden v. City of Sacramento, United States Court of

Appeals, Ninth Circuit, Case No. 01-15744.

3. The 427 signatures on the attached petition that provides:

"The vital segment of the Sacramento River Parkway on the waterfront between the Tower bridge and the I Street railroad bridge would connect Sacramento and the Bay Area via the Great California Delta Trail. This 'gap' also blocks riders from connecting to the American River Parkway and denies access to the Historic Riverfront Area for those with disabilities.

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In summary, there is every reason to accept the proposed removal of the decorative wood

beams and two mature trees to provide more access to the bike trail for bicyclists, pedestrians, and

those with disabilities.

Very Truly Yours,

KIRK S. RIMMER

cc: client



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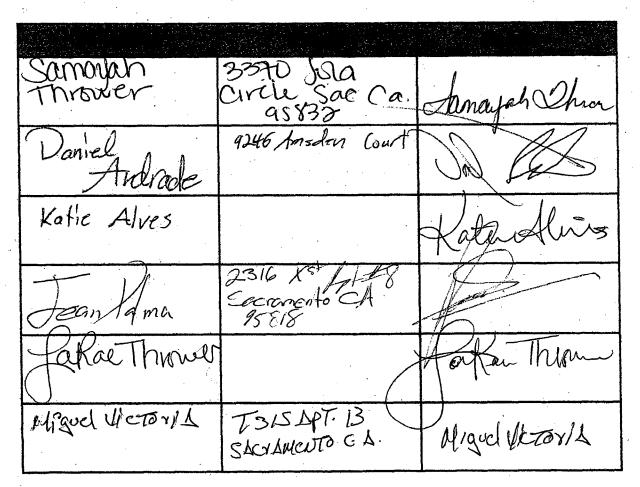
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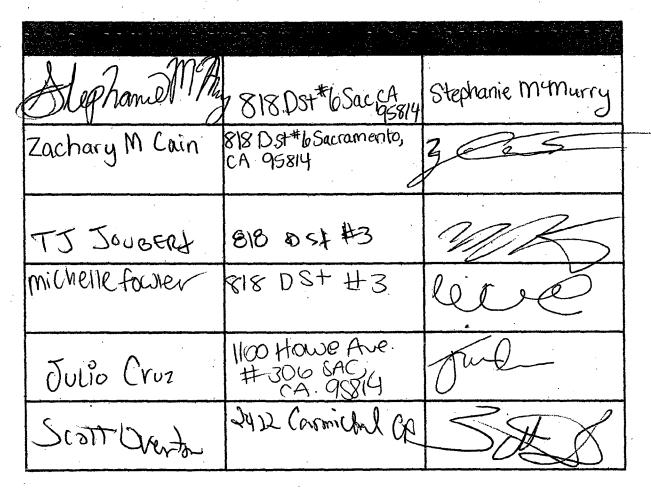
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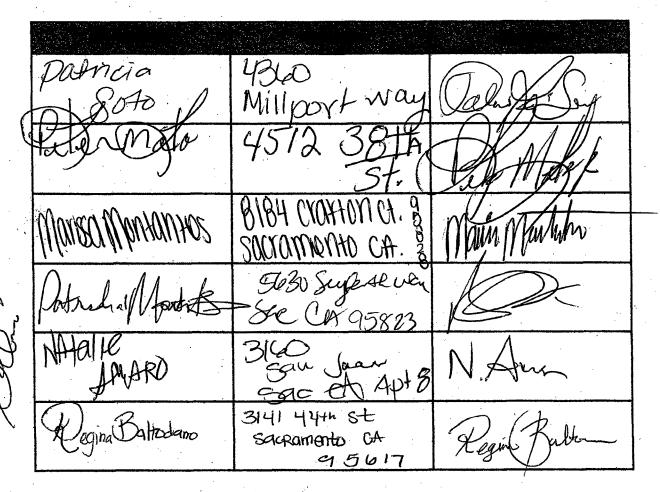


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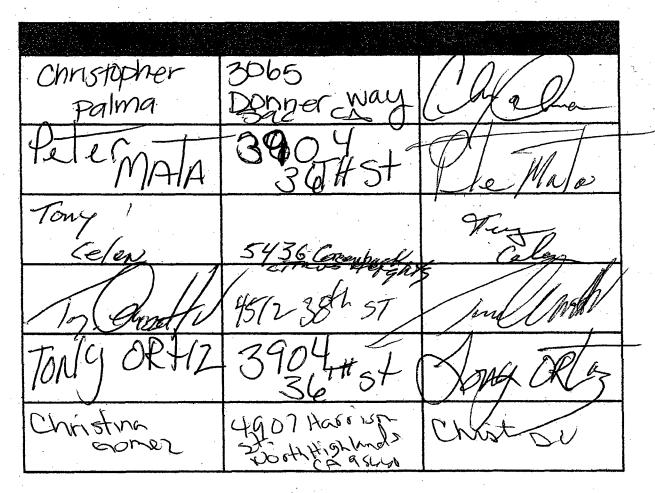
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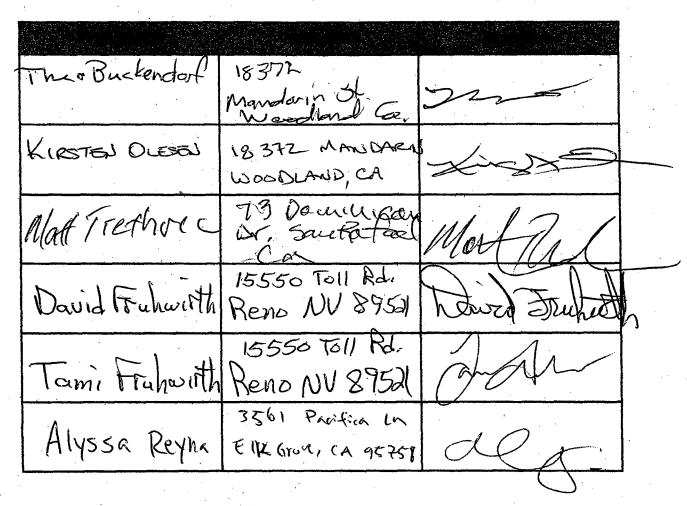
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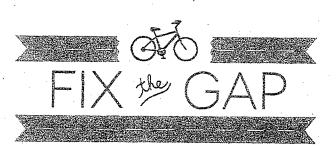


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Rick Dahms, CA	Aug 03, 06:37	# 138
Briza Ramirez, CA	Aug 02, 16:28	# 137
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marcella boyd, CA	Aug 01, 10:24	# 135
Emily Schile, CA	Jul 31, 06:35	# 134
David Burnside, CA	Jul 31, 05:31	# 133
Todd Barber, CA	Jul 30, 18:02	# 132
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Randall Mae, CA Ok I don't know about the "embarrassment to our city"   can be dangerous and not handicapped accessible at a	Jul 30, 05:54 part but that section of the t	<b># 130</b> rail is funky,
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Valerie Bellnap, CA	Jul 29, 15:49	# 123
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Gordon Vredenburg, CA I ride that area at least once a month. Terrible cor	Jul 29, 15:04 nditions! Please fix!!	# 120
Roger Johnson, CA This and the Sacramento River Parkway are need trail from Folsom Lake to the East Bay and San F		# 119 continuous
James Blackmarr, CA Bike utility in this section through Old Sac has con retired from being a bike commuter from my Rive When my wife and I ride to/through Old Sac, we I bypass the roughest concrete and the wood plan	r Garden home to the County Ad bail from the riverfront by the Hist	min Bldg.
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Bruce Facino, CA	Jul 27, 18:33	# 107
Sven Rothfuss, CA	Jul 27, 14:30	# 106
Miguel Perez, CA	Jul 27, 00:22	# 105
Joshuah Mello, CA	Jui 25, 17:22	# 103
Cecília Farias, CA	Jul 23, 10:21	# 102
Jim Hartley, CA Get off of Light Rail at the SVS, and bike ridir hundred feet of cars, buses, and pedestrian r Tower Bridge, and the bikeway hits a snag a better than this, Sacramento!!	ight of ways. Try to ride from Discove	ery Park to
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Jeffery Cross, CA	Jul 16, 16:14	# 88
Keith Walton, CA	Jul 16, 10:49	# 87
Jessika Burke, CA	Jul 16, 10:43	# 86
Roma Plant, CA	Jul 15, 20:00	# 85
Sachin Brahme, CA	Jui 15, 14:43	# 84
Eryn Shimizu, CA This section of Old Sacramento is the bigges and make my life just a little easier! Thank yo		<b># 83</b> e. Please fi
Dirk De Lu, New Zealand	Jul 13, 19:22	# 82
Leilani Barnett, CA	Jul 13, 17:27	# 81
Mark Whitley, CA	Jul 13, 16:41	# 80
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James Maddox, CA	Jul 13, 05:28	# 78
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Name not displayed, CA I'm a novice cyclist and have been down this use big improvements.	Jui 11, 13:14 trail. it's definitely not the best in towr	#76 a, and could
Gian Saeteurn, CA	Jul 10, 19:43	# 75
Jaime Gonzalez, CA	Jul 10, 16:11	#74
Francisco Prieto, CA This is long overdue - the riverfront is our gre	Jul 09, 22:16 patest asset and we've neglected it.	#73
James Garrett, CA	Jul 09, 18:54	# 72

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James Evans, CA	Jul 09, 14:57	# 71
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Kevin Ellingson, CA	Jul 09, 04:39	# 69
Name not displayed, CA	Jul 08, 15:51	# 68
Scott Gowin, CA	Jul 08, 15:02	# 67
Kellie Ramirez, CA	Jul 07, 20:56	# 66
Brandon Gayman, CA	Jul 07, 16:26	# 65
Cathy Detwiler, CA My husband commuted by bicycle on a daily basis for a d constantly worry about his safety. By doing the necessary quite so much.		
David Lile, CA	Jul 06, 15:26	# 63
Austin Rimmer, CA	Jul 06, 12:11	<b># 62</b>
Jeremy Poulos, CA	Jul 06, 10:04	# 61
Robert Nickerson, CA	Jul 06, 07:50	# 60
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Grant Nethery, CA If we can fix our freeways, we can fix our breathe-ways.	Jul 04, 17:36	
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Cullen Fowler-Riggs, CA	Jun 16, 18:30	# 53
Joan O'Connor, CA The current structure is a lawsuit waiting to happen.	Jun 14, 10:01	<b># 52</b>
Name not displayed, CA I need this! I use my bike to work every day!	Jun 13, 20:18	# 51
Jimmy Pan, CA Fixing this gap will greatly improve the usability of Americ continuous stretch of car traffic free bike path from South		
Jim Houpt, CA Riding across a large sandy lot, heavily populated by obl tracks to get to the bike trail is not acceptable. This is a s		
Candace Keefauver, CA	Jun 13, 14:33	# 48
Dorsey Griffith, CA As an avid cyclist, I ride the trail often. But I almost never condition. That means, I don't spend my money down the Oaks or Folsom, and enjoy their amenities instead of my	ere, either. Instead, I ride	up to Fair
Greg Norrish, CA	Jun 12, 20:18	# 46
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Along with the other thousands of Sacramentan's who utilize the bike trail and love riding throughout Sacramento, we urge you to repair this section of the trail. Thanks!

Serry Humphrey, CA	Jun 02, 21:13	# 36
like Sickels, CA	May 23, 10:24	# 35
Dan Sturges, CA Sacramento should have a grand entrance to o Bike trail. Not a decrepit and unsafe path. A ve returns in tourism and traffic alternatives		
Rick Houston, CA	May 22, 20:16	# 33
Daniel Dietze, CA	May 21, 09:48	# 32
cynthia shallit, CA Improve Sacramento Ríver access for bikes ai n old sac for starters.	May 19, 19:26 nd walkers. Fix the bike trail betweer	# 31 n I and J stree
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Kristyn Eagleton, CA	May 02, 08:59	# 19
Gary Summers, CA	May 01, 14:11	#6
Tim Castleman, CA	May 01, 11:03	#1

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#### COMMENT LETTER 6: LAW OFFICES OF KIRK S. RIMMER, REPRESENTING PRACTICAL CYCLE LLC

#### Response

The commenter states agreement with the proposed bike trail widening to provide more access to the bike trail. The commenter also requests the City include improvements to bikeway system from Tower Bridge to I Street Bridge, including an improved railroad crossing at J Street. The proposed project is a maintenance project to repair, replace, and enhance existing facilities. No impacts to the existing bike trail will result from implementation of the proposed project.

## Comment Letter 7

#### EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

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February 3, 2016

File Ref: SCH #2016012005

Scott Johnson City of Sacramento 300 Richards Blvd., 3rd Floor Sacramento, CA 95811

### Subject: Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Old Sacramento Riverfront Embarcadero and K Street Barge Repair (PB15-030) Project, Sacramento County

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The California State Lands Commission (CSLC) staff has reviewed the subject MND for the Old Sacramento Riverfront Embarcadero and K Street Barge Repair (PB15-030) Project (Project), which is being prepared by the city of Sacramento (City). The City, as the public agency proposing to carry out a project, is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.). The CSLC is a trustee agency for projects that could directly or indirectly affect sovereign lands and their accompanying Public Trust resources or uses.

#### **CSLC Jurisdiction and Public Trust Lands**

The CSLC has jurisdiction and management authority over all ungranted tidelands, submerged lands, and the beds of navigable lakes and waterways. The CSLC also has certain residual and review authority for tidelands and submerged lands legislatively granted in trust to local jurisdictions (Pub. Resources Code, §§ 6009, subd. (c), 6301, 6306). All tidelands and submerged lands, granted or ungranted, as well as navigable lakes and waterways, are subject to the protections of the Common Law Public Trust.

As general background, the State of California acquired sovereign ownership of all tidelands and submerged lands and beds of navigable lakes and waterways upon its admission to the United States in 1850. The State holds these lands for the benefit of all people of the State for statewide Public Trust purposes, which include but are not limited to waterborne commerce, navigation, fisheries, water-related recreation, habitat preservation, and open space. On navigable non-tidal waterways, including lakes, the State holds fee ownership of the bed of the waterway landward to the ordinary low water mark and a Public Trust easement landward to the ordinary high water mark, except where the boundary has been fixed by agreement or a court. Such boundaries may not be readily apparent from present day site inspections.

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Based on information provided, the proposed Project area includes a portion of sovereign land waterward of the ordinary high water mark. Sacramento Superior Court case No. 329923 (*State Lands Commission v. City of Sacramento*) establishes the boundary between State sovereign lands in the bed of the Sacramento River and the City's interest in the waterfront lands between the high water mark and Front Street.

A portion of the proposed Project area is currently subject to CSLC Lease PRC 7001.1, a General Master Lease – Public Agency Use to the City. Based on the information provided in the Draft MND, staff has determined that the proposed Project is consistent with the terms of the existing General Master Lease and a lease amendment is not required.

Should the Project description change regarding the use of CSLC jurisdictional land and existing authorized uses of CSLC Lease PRC 7001.1, please contact Dobromir Tutov in the CSLC's Land Management Division (see contact information below) to determine if the modification(s) would trigger the need for a lease amendment. Please be advised that if the Project description changes and a lease amendment is required, then the CSLC will need to rely on the MND to support a lease amendment. Therefore, CSLC staff requests that the City consider our comments prior to adoption of the Final MND.

# **Project Description**

The Project includes two phases. The first phase would consist of the following:

- Remove and replace the existing boardwalk decking;
- Replace the existing wood fascia on the floodwall;
- Repair the existing barge, dock, stairs, and elevator;
- Replace lighting with a new lighting system;
- Remove the one-story addition to the south side of the Streamers Building;
- Add stairs to the elevated cantilevered sections of the Embarcadero;
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements to the Embarcadero;
- Replace railroad ties and new concrete panels installed between the ties and tracks to return to original position;
- Replace existing railings; and
- Install wood overlays on cantilevered sections that are not on a concrete deck.

The second phase includes the following:

- Remove a pier section at the north end of the Project site;
- Install a new maintenance platform at the California Pacific Steamers Building; and
- Upgrade the bike path.

# Environmental Review

CSLC staff requests that the City consider the following comments on the Project's MND.

 <u>Project Description</u>: The information provided under "Project Construction" does not provide details regarding how removal of the existing pier at the north end of the Project site would be conducted during the second phase. Table 4,

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Anticipated Permits and Approvals, mentions temporary in-water work, but with no elaboration as to what that would entail. CSLC staff requests that more detail be provided in regards to this Project component. Please provide information as to whether the existing pilings would be removed as part of pier removal, and if so, how that will be accomplished. If the pilings are planned for removal, please contact Dobromir Tutov (see contact information below) to discuss further.

- 2. <u>Biological Resources</u>: Impacts resulting from in-water work (e.g., piling removal [if applicable] or construction of the wall footing) could result in turbidity. Water quality best management practices have been incorporated into the MND to prevent impacts to the Sacramento River and special-status fish species. However, mitigation measures for impacts caused by in-water work should include species specific work windows as directed by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service, to fully reduce the significance of potential impacts to special-status fish species.
- 3. <u>Land Use</u>: CSLC staff requests that language be added to the discussion on page 23 of the MND, in order to fully disclose the existing land management of the Project area. Staff suggests the following (also noted above), "A portion of the proposed Project area is currently subject to CSLC Lease PRC 7001.1, a General Master Lease Public Agency Use to the City."

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the MND for the Project. If the Project description changes and a lease amendment is required by the CSLC as previously explained, then please send copies of future Project-related documents, including electronic copies of the Final MND, Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and Notice of Determination, when they become available. Refer questions concerning environmental review to Cynthia Herzog, Senior Environmental Scientist, at (916) 574-1310 or via e-mail at cynthia.herzog@slc.ca.gov. For questions concerning CSLC leasing jurisdiction, please contact Dobromir Tutov, Land Management Specialist, at (916) 574-0722, or via e-mail at Dobri.Tutov@slc.ca.gov.

Sincerely

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#### COMMENT LETTER 7: CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION

#### Response 7-1

The California State Lands Commission (CSLC) states that a portion of the project area is subject to CSLC Lease PRC 7001.1, a General Master Lease – Public Agency Use to the City, and has found the project to be consistent with the terms of the existing lease. The comment is acknowledged.

## Response 7-2

The CSLC requests additional information related to the pier removal and in-water work. The commenter is referred to page 13 of the IS/MND, which provides a description of the in-water work associated with pier removal.

## Response 7-3

The CSLC states that mitigation measures for in-water work should include species-specific work windows, as directed by the California Department of Wildlife (CDFW), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). As provided in Table 4, Anticipated Permits and Approvals (page 21 of the IS/MND), Phase 2 of the project (in-water work) will require permits from CDFW, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Flood Protection Board, and City of Sacramento prior to construction of the project. It is not anticipated that the project will require a NMFS permit. Through the permitting process any additional mitigation measures beyond those recommended in the IS/MND will be identified by the appropriate permitting agency to ensure significant impacts related to aquatic resources will not occur.

#### Response 7-4

The CSLC recommends adding language to the IS/MND stating a portion of the project area is subject to CSLC Lease PRC 7001.1, a General Master Lease – Public Agency Use to the City. Page 23 of the IS/MND is revised to read as follows:

#### Land Use

The Project area is zoned by the City as a Central Business District (C-3) Commercial Zone with the area south of L Street and north of the Capitol Mall also having a Special Planning District designation. The areas north, south, and east of the Project Site are also zoned as Central Business District Commercial Zones with the area east of 3rd Street also having a having a Special Planning District designation. The Sacramento River is zoned by the City as part of the American River Parkway-Floodplain Zone (ARP-F). The City of Sacramento General Plan lists the Project area as Parks and Recreation with the area east of the railroad tracks listed as a Traditional Center with the surrounding area listed as a Central Business District. In addition, a portion of the project area is subject to CSLC Lease PRC 7001.1, a General Master Lease – Public Agency Use to the City.

## Response 7-5

The CSLC states that if the project description changes a lease amendment may be required, and requests copies of future CEQA documents related to the project.

The project has not been revised since publication of the IS/MND nor is it anticipated to be revised. As stated on the title page of the IS/MND, a copy of the document and supportive documentation may be reviewed or obtained at the City of Sacramento, Community Development Department, 300 Richards Boulevard, 3rd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95811 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (or 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with prior arrangement). The document is also available on the CDD website at:

http://portal.cityofsacramento.org/Community-Development/Planning/Environmental/Impact-Reports



February 4, 2016

## VIA E-MAIL (SRJOHNSON@CITYOFSACRAMENTO.ORG)

Scott Johnson, Associate Planner City of Sacramento, Development Department 300 Richards Boulevard, 3rd Floor Sacramento, CA 95811

## Re: Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Old Sacramento Riverfront Embarcadero and K Street Barge Repair (P15-030): Comments

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Please accept these comments on the above referenced Mitigated Negative Declaration ("MND"). We would be pleased to provide documentation or additional information to assist you in considering our comments. If you believe any of our comments arise from mistaken facts or assumptions, we would appreciate hearing your concerns so we can respond to those concerns.

# **OUR INTEREST**

We are Friends of the Sacramento River Parkway, devoted to the completion of the Sacramento River Parkway from Sutter County to the Freeport Bridge. Our focus for many years has been on areas of the levee that are blocked by private fences in the Pocket and Little Pocket neighborhoods of Sacramento. The homeowners who claim the right to block the levee have stalled the Parkway's completion for more than forty years.

Since 2012, we have also been focusing on a plan initially proposed by the California Department of Parks and Recreation to build a bicycle trail through Old Sacramento along the railroad right-of-way used for the excursion train. Given the once-in-a-quarterto-once-in-a-half-century opportunity presented by the replacement of the old riverfront boardwalk, the city should not squander an opportunity to clear the way for such a monumental improvement for bicycle access to and through Old Sacramento.

# THE MND INCORPORATES A PROBLEMATIC TERMINOLOGY ERROR

First, we need to address an apparent error that permeates the MND. The MND states that "[t]he Sacramento River is zoned by the City as part of the American River Parkway-Floodplain Zone (ARP-F)." (MND, p. 24; see also p. 3.) In fact, Sacramento zoning maps show some limited areas in and near Old Sacramento zoned as ARP-F. However,



the multi-use trail from the Jibboom Street Bridge into Old Sacramento from the north, and the continuation of the multi-use trail going south from Old Sacramento onto the Riverfront Promenade is the Sacramento River Parkway or the Sacramento River Bike Trail, not the American River Parkway or the American River Bike Trail. Thus, the MND repeatedly and incorrectly concludes that:

- "[t]he riverfront boardwalk receives pedestrian and bicycle traffic from the American River Bike Trail" (MND, p. 3);
- "[t]he Project site includes portions of the American River Bike Trail" (*id.*, p. 25);
- "[t]he Sacramento River is considered a scenic vista and views are provided from the . . . American River Bike Trail"(*id.*, p. 25);
- "Phase 2 of the Project involves the widening and resurfacing of the existing American River Bike Trail" (*id.*, p. 38);
- "[t]he proposed Project site is located within and adjacent to the American River Parkway" (*id.*, p. 48);
- "Phase 2 of the Project includes adding a maintenance platform on the river side of Steamers, widening and improvement of the American River Bike Trail in the Project vicinity" (*id.*, p. 52);
- "[t]he Project site is located along the Sacramento River and within Old Sacramento, and includes the Delta King, American River Bike Trail, and other areas intended for recreational use" (*id.*, p. 60);
- [t]he purpose of these improvements is . . . to enhance the American River Bike Trail" (*id.*, p. 61);
- "[w]ithin the Project area, the American River Bike Trail runs through the Project site and provides the main bicycle access" (*id.*, p. 64).

The reference to the American River Parkway or American River Bike Trail rather than the Sacramento River Parkway and Sacramento River Bike Trail is a difference with important distinctions. Sacramento County has primary jurisdiction for the American River Parkway. The City of Sacramento currently has sole jurisdiction over the Sacramento River Parkway.

Many other distinctions exist between the two parkways, including the critical difference that the American River Parkway Plan governs use and development of the American River Parkway and has no application to the Sacramento River Parkway. Failure to



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understand this distinction may create ambiguities and unintended consequences. Furthermore, the error frustrates our efforts to bring attention to the need for the city to complete the Sacramento River Parkway.

## THE MND SHOULD MORE FULLY EXPLAIN THE REASON FOR PHASE 2 UPGRADES TO THE EXISTING BIKE TRAIL

The MND refers to Phase 2 as "optional components." (MND, p. 1-1.) However, the MND also notes that the trail upriver from the boardwalk's replacement to the I Street Bridge "needs upgrades to address safety and access issues." (MND, p. 13.) While this is accurate, we believe that the MND should better explain the need for the bike trail upgrade between I Street and J Street.

Further explanation of the proposed upgrade between the access points at I Street and J Street, consisting in large part of widening and flattening the trail, may be necessary to ensure that the Project coordinates with the Old Sacramento State Historic Park General Plan ("OSSHPGP). The OSSHPGP contemplates a desperately needed safety improvement:

The Sacramento River Parkway Multi-Use Trail would be improved in OSSHP from its current terminus near I Street through Riverfront Park to J Street, providing additional bike and pedestrian access through State Park property. The City's Bikeway Master Plan identifies the proposed route of the Sacramento River Parkway Multi-Use Trail through Old Sacramento, along the Sacramento River. Other additional bike routes through Old Sacramento shall be planned and determined by the City. To improve bicycle and pedestrian safety, enforcement of a walk-only zone along I Street, in OSSHP has been proposed due to the hazardous condition of bikes crossing multiple railroad tracks at the current location. This would only be implemented after alternative bike routes have been provided.

(OSSHPGP, June 2014, p. 4-12.)

Most bicyclists use the I Street access as the primary access point to the Sacramento River Bike Trail, in large part because the J Street to I Street trail is narrow, hilly, and until recently, quite rough. Using the I Street access requires bicyclists to ride across a broad sand-like lot in front of the California State Railroad Museum and the Sacramento History Museum, dodge pedestrians who are largely unaware of bicyclists, and cross several non-parallel railroad tracks that are not designed for bicycles to cross, creating serious risks of falling and injury. We believe State Parks has also cited multiple pedestrian-bicycle conflicts or accidents as a contributor to the need for making I Street a "walk-only zone." Moving primary access to J Street requires bicyclists to cross only



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two sets of parallel tracks that can be improved to limit the risks to bicyclists, in an area where pedestrians and bicyclists are less likely to be in conflict.

While a discussion about the movement of bike trail access from I Street to J Street mitigates a pre-existing condition rather than a condition created by the Project, we believe an explanation of the need to improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists is a worthy addition to the MND. Furthermore, the added discussion helps to explain that, although the bike trail upgrade is "optional" until funding becomes available, planners should not lose sight of the significant reasons why the upgrade is ultimately a necessity.

## THE MND SHOULD EXPLICITLY ALLOW FOR A FUTURE BIKE TRAIL ALONG THE RAIL RIGHT-OF-WAY

Finally, we note that among questions that the MND must address is whether the Project "fail[s] to adequately provide for access by bicycle[.]" (MND, p. 62.) While the MND concludes that the Project will provide "[n]o additional significant environmental effect" (*ibid.*), we suggest that the MND could go further to account for bicycle access by taking one, relatively small step.

We understand that a specific concept for a bike trail along the railroad right-of-way may not yet be reflected in any master plans, but as Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates has expressed in its comments on the MND, a Class I bike trail along the riverfront is reflected in Sac Grid 2.0. After much study, we believe the only practical route for a Class I bike trail is the plan put forth initially by State Parks for the trail along its railroad right-of-way.

The MND does tout the city's current designation of a "Class III Bike Route along 2nd Street." (MND, p. 64.) But, with all due respect, we believe the City needs to rethink this conclusion. We believe most bicyclists will agree that Second Street is not an appropriate bike route. Cars parallel park or stop for valet parking on one side of the street, creating the risk of doors opening in the paths of bicyclists. Cars park diagonally on the other side of the street where a bicyclist is often in drivers' blind spots as they back out. Add to this situation that the area is often populated heavily by tourists who are oblivious to bicyclists, has intersections that lack any traffic controls, and is used by horse-drawn carriages that create difficult passing decisions for bicyclists.

The City of Sacramento likely has only one opportunity to fix the problem by utilizing the only route available for a Class I bike trail through Old Sacramento. We recognize that no funding is available yet for a Class I bike trail and that location of a proposed trail will require its incorporation into City plans. Nevertheless, the MND should direct that the Project do nothing that will frustrate efforts to locate a Class I bike trail along the railroad right-of-way.



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We recommend that the design and placement of the boardwalk's replacement and its accoutrements should keep the path clear for a bike trail. Such planning is likely to add nothing to the cost of the boardwalk's replacement but it will mitigate the impact to bicycling access from a design that does not contemplate a bike path. Therefore, we urge that the MND require that the Project's design allow room for a future bike path along the railroad right-of-way.

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We thank you in advance for your consideration of these comments. We also endorse and reference comments that have been submitted by Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates and by Keith S. Rimmer, Esq., on behalf of Practical Cycle LLC. If we can provide any additional information, please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours truly,

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## COMMENT LETTER 8: FRIENDS OF THE SACRAMENTO RIVER PARKWAY

#### Response 8-1

The commenter notes that several references to the American River Parkway and the American River Bike Trail are incorrect throughout the IS/MND, and the IS/MND should correctly refer to the Sacramento River Parkway and Sacramento River Bike Trail. The commenter is correct. The IS/MND will be revised throughout to correct this error.

#### Response 8-2

The commenter requests further explanation of the proposed bike trail improvements.

The proposed project is a maintenance project to repair, replace, and enhance existing facilities. The existing trail contains uneven surfaces, timbers in place create pinch points constricting the width of the path, and there are areas where the path has pavement to wooden plank transitions. Resurfacing, widening and replacing the wooden planks with stamped concrete will improve the safety and accessibility of the bike path. No impacts to the existing bike trail will result from implementation of the proposed project.

#### Response 8-3

The commenter requests that the project should allow for a future bike trail along the railroad right-of-way. The commenter's request is not within the scope of the proposed project. The purpose of this IS/MND is to address the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project. The proposed project is a maintenance project to repair, replace, and enhance existing facilities. No impacts to the existing bike trail will result from implementation of the proposed project.

This is not a comment on the adequacy of the IS/MND, but an opinion regarding the regional bike trail system. The comment will be provided to the Bikeway Coordinator and other regional bike trail decision-makers.

# **Comment Letter 9**



## SACRAMENTO AREA BICYCLE ADVOCATES

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January 31, 2016

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Subject: Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Old Sacramento Riverfront Embarcadero Repair (PB15-030)

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the subject draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). We are keenly interested in bicycling connections in and through Old Sacramento because it is a critical regional nexus for bicycle travel between the bike trails that run upriver and downriver from Old Sacramento.

The "Project Background" section of the MND states that the "riverfront boardwalk receives pedestrian and bicycle traffic from the American River Bike Trail . . . ", seriously understating the importance of the boardwalk location to bicycling. In fact the boardwalk is at the critical point linking bicycle travel upriver and downriver on the Sacramento River Bike Trail, not the American River Bike Trail. The Sacramento River Parkway and Bike Trail begins at the Jibboom Street Bridge, near the mouth of the American River. Also, the boardwalk is critical for access by bicyclists who arrive from upriver or downriver to the recreational attractions and shopping venues in Old Sacramento. Because of this importance, the City's Downtown Transportation Study (also known as Sac Grid 2.0) shows a future Class I bike path along the waterfront through Old Sacramento (see Preferred Bicycle Network).

The "purpose" of the proposed project, as stated on page 5 of the MND, is to make the Old Sacramento Embarcadero and surrounding Historic District "accessible and safe for residents and visitors . . . " yet none of the project objectives mentions improving bicycle access, a serious oversight. In contrast, the City's 2035 General Plan states that the "City shall provide a continuous bikeway network . . . connecting destinations and activity centers . . . ".

Phase 2 of the proposed project includes upgrading the existing bike path connecting from the boardwalk upriver to the underpass of the I Street Bridge to address safety and access issues. Why does the proposed project not include addressing the much worse safety and access issues for bicyclists connecting downriver from the boardwalk toward Capitol Mall and to the downriver Sacramento River Bike Trail?

Page 64 of the MND describes "Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities" as part of the "Environmental Setting" for Transportation and Circulation issues. The description contains many factual errors and should be corrected. Most importantly, it incorrectly states that "the American River Bike Trail runs through the Project site and provides the main bicycle access."

The Standards of Significance for identifying significant impacts of the proposed project are 1) adverse effect on bicycle travel or bicycle paths and 2) failure to adequately provide access by bicycle (page 66). In fact, the proposed project fails to provide adequate bicycle access by not linking downriver toward the Capitol Mall. Currently many bicyclists arrive at Old Sacramento from downriver locations or desire to travel from Old Sacramento in the downriver direction along the Sacramento River Bike Trail. By failing to

provide a downriver linkage from the boardwalk, the proposed project continues the existing barrier to these bicyclists and forces them to seek other routes that must be shared with motor vehicles.

We request that the MND correctly acknowledge 1) the critical importance of the boardwalk to regional biking connectivity and 2) that the City is planning to install a Class I bike path along the riverfront as documented in Sac Grid 2.0. We also request that the proposed project include a link for bicyclists to travel downriver from the boardwalk to Capitol Mall and the downriver Sacramento River Bike Trail. Finally, we request that the City's Division of Transportation undertake a special planning study of all of the bikeway connections to and through Old Sacramento because of its regional importance to bicycle travel along the river as well as between West Sacramento and Downtown Sacramento. Currently Old Sacramento is a serious hindrance to regional bicycle travel.

SABA works to ensure that bicycling is safe, convenient, and desirable for everyday transportation. Bicycling is the healthiest, cleanest, cheapest, quietest, most energy efficient, and least congesting form of transportation.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Sincerely,

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## COMMENT LETTER 9: SACRAMENTO AREA BICYCLE ADVOCATES

#### Response 9-1

The commenter states that the MND understates the importance of the Boardwalk location to bicycling. The project is not intended to resolve the noted inadequacies of the regional bike trail system. The proposed project is a maintenance project to repair, replace, and enhance existing facilities. No impacts to the existing bike trail will result from implementation of the proposed project. This is not a comment on the adequacy of the IS/MND, but an opinion regarding the regional bike trail system. The comment will be provided to the Bikeway Coordinator and other regional bike trail decision-makers.

## Response 9-2

The commenter states that the project objectives should include improving bicycle access. The project is not intended to resolve the noted inadequacies of the regional bike trail system. The proposed project is a maintenance project to repair, replace, and enhance existing facilities. No impacts to the existing bike trail will result from implementation of the proposed project. This is not a comment on the adequacy of the IS/MND, but an opinion regarding the regional bike trail system. The comment will be provided to the Bikeway Coordinator and other regional bike trail decision-makers.

#### Response 9-3

The commenter notes that several references to the American River Parkway and the American River Bike Trail are incorrect throughout the IS/MND, and the IS/MND should correctly refer to the Sacramento River Parkway and Sacramento River Bike Trail. The commenter is correct. The IS/MND will be revised throughout to reflect this error.

#### Response 9-4

The commenter states that the project fails to provide adequate bicycle access by not linking downriver toward the Capitol Mall. The commenter's request is not within the scope of the proposed project. The purpose of this IS/MND is to address the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project. As discussed on page 68 of the IS/MND, the project does not include features that would create significant pedestrian or bicycle conflicts. As a result, no mitigation is required, including addressing the regional bike trail system.

This is not a comment on the adequacy of the IS/MND, but an opinion regarding the regional bike trail system. The comment will be provided to the Bikeway Coordinator and other regional bike trail decision-makers.