

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-12
OF THE
TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)**

***ADOPTING CEQA FINDINGS, A STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING
CONSIDERATIONS AND A MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING
PROGRAM RELATED TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT CERTIFIED
BY THE ASSOCIATION OF MONTEREY BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS FOR THE
2018 MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN***

WHEREAS, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County is the state-designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency for Monterey County; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 65080 (d) requires that each RTPA that does not contain an urbanized area must adopt and submit an updated Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) to the California Transportation Commission and the Department of Transportation no later than every five years; and

WHEREAS, Transportation Agency for Monterey County has prepared a Regional Transportation Plan in accordance with California Transportation Commission (CTC) 2010 Regional Transportation Plan Guidelines, prepared pursuant to Government Code Section 14522; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) (Public Res. Code, §21000 et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs. §15000 et seq.), the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) is the lead agency for the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS), which incorporates the Transportation Agency for Monterey County RTP; and

WHEREAS, AMBAG has overseen, in coordination with the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County and San Benito County Council of Governments the preparation of the Environmental Impact Report (“EIR”) for each County’s Regional Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, AMBAG was designated the Monterey County RTP EIR lead agency by Transportation Agency for Monterey County, which is a Responsible Agency for the Monterey County RTP EIR; and

WHEREAS, AMBAG has prepared and certified the Final EIR (SCH#2015121080) for the 2040 MTP/SCS, which incorporates the Transportation Agency for Monterey County RTP, in compliance with CEQA; and

WHEREAS, the Final EIR consists of: (1) the Final EIR volume, which is a complete revision of the Draft EIR; and (2) all appendices to the Final EIR, including Appendix F, which consists of comments received on the Draft EIR, a list of persons,

organizations and public agencies commenting of the Draft EIR, responses to significant environmental issues raised in the review and consultation process and other information; and

WHEREAS, CEQA Findings have been prepared in compliance with Public Resources Code §§21081 and 21081.5, and CEQA Guidelines Section §15091 and 15096(h), for every significant impact of the 2018 Monterey County RTP identified in the EIR and for each alternative evaluated in the EIR, including an explanation of the rationale for each finding (attached hereto as Attachment A); and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Monterey County RTP will have significant unavoidable impacts that cannot be avoided or substantially lessened, and a Statement of Overriding Considerations has been prepared in compliance with Public Resources Code §21081, and CEQA Guidelines §15093 and 15096(h), (attached hereto as Attachment A), which concludes that specific economic, legal, social, technological and other benefits of the 2018 Monterey County RTP outweigh the significant and unavoidable impacts identified in the EIR; and

WHEREAS, a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program has been prepared in compliance with Public Resources Code §21081.6 and CEQA Guidelines §15097 (attached hereto as Attachment B) to ensure implementation of the mitigation measures identified in the Final EIR; and

WHEREAS, all other legal prerequisites to the adoption of this Resolution have occurred; and

WHEREAS, prior to taking action on the Project, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board of Directors has considered all of the information in the EIR administrative record pertaining to the Transportation Agency for Monterey County RTP, including the Final EIR, and all oral and written evidence presented to it during all meetings and hearings;

NOW, THEREFORE:

- a. **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board of Directors that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated by this reference; and
- b. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board of Directors finds that the Final EIR consists of: (1) the Final EIR; and (2) all appendices to the Final EIR (Appendices A-F), including Appendix F, which consists of comments and recommendations received on the Draft EIR, a list of persons, organizations and public agencies commenting of the Draft EIR, responses to significant environmental points raised in the review and consultation process and other information; and
- c. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board of Directors makes and adopts the Findings required by Public Resources Code §§21081 and 21081.5. and CEQA Guidelines §15091 and 15096(h), which are attached hereto as Attachment A and incorporated fully by this reference; and
- d. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board of Directors adopts the Statement of Overriding Considerations as required by Public Resources Code §21081, and CEQA Guidelines §15093 and 15096(h), which is attached hereto as Attachment A and incorporated fully by this reference; and
- e. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board of Directors adopts the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program as required by Public Resources Code §21081.6 and CEQA Guidelines §15097, which is attached hereto as Attachment B and incorporated fully by this reference.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, State of California this 27th day of June, 2018 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

JOHN PHILLIPS, CHAIR
TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

ATTEST:

DEBRA L. HALE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY