

PROJECT NUMBER: 0662-6R4153
CP# 17-30

PROJECT NAME: Fred Jackson Way First Mile/Last Mile Connection Project

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DATE: May 30, 2019

APPROVED BY: [Signature]

DATE: 6/3/19

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Categorical Exemption: §1530___ [Class ___] Mitigated Negative Declaration
 Environmental Impact Report Required Conditional Negative Declaration

The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. The recommendation is based on the following: There is no substantial evidence that the project or any of its aspects may cause a significant effect on the environment, pursuant to 15063 (b) (2) of the CEQA guidelines.

What changes to the project would mitigate the identified impacts: N/A

USGS Quad Sheet: Richmond	Base Map Sheet #: J-4	Parcel #: N/A
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GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- 1. Location:** North Richmond, an unincorporated city in western Contra Costa County, along Fred Jackson Way between Grove Avenue and Brookside Drive.
- 2. Project Description:** The purpose of this project is to improve facilities and connectivity for pedestrians and bicyclists. The project consists of complete street improvements and streetscape enhancements along Fred Jackson Way.

In the southern segment of the project, on each side of the street the sidewalk will be widened to widths varying between 7 feet and 9 feet into the existing roadway (which currently has width to accommodate the widened sidewalk). Additional work within the paved roadway will include potential resurfacing and restriping to include buffered bike lanes. Other modifications may include bulb outs, street trees and Green Infrastructure Facilities.

In the northern segment of the project, a five-foot wide pedestrian path will be constructed on the east side of the roadway and buffered bike lanes will be added on both sides of the roadway. To incorporate the new pedestrian path and bike lanes, a portion of the roadway will be widened and restriped, and then the pedestrian pathway will continue separated from the roadway. The proposed pedestrian path will require right-of-way acquisition. It is expected that a few non-native trees will be removed. Potential tree removal includes but is not limited to two eucalyptus trees, and is not to exceed 16 trees. Removal of trees will be avoided to the extent feasible. No structural modifications will be made to the bridge at Wildcat Creek, but the striping will be modified to narrow vehicle-travel lanes to accommodate bike lanes.

Both segments will include drainage modifications, ADA compliant curb ramps, and possible utility relocations/adjustments. Appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be implemented to protect storm drain inlets. Tree and vegetation trimming may be necessary throughout the project area. In order to minimize damage to trees, any roots exposed during construction activities will be clean cut. One lane will be open during construction activities. Standard lane closures and traffic control will be utilized during construction. Emergency vehicles will have access at all times. Real Property transactions, including right-of-way acquisition may be necessary in support of this project. Project construction is anticipated to begin in May of 2021 and take approximately three months to complete.

- 3. Does it appear that any feature of the project will generate significant public concern?**
 Yes No maybe (Nature of concern):
- 4. Will the project require approval or permits by other than a County agency?**
 Yes No The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) under aegis of the Federal Highway Administration
- 5. Is the project within the Sphere of Influence of any city?** Yes (Richmond)