

**SALINAS PLANNING COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-_____**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A REPORT AND ESTABLISHING FINDINGS ON THE
CONFORMITY TO THE GENERAL PLAN OF A PROPOSED LAND ACQUISITION
FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PHASE 1 OF THE BORONDA ROAD CONGESTION
RELIEF PROJECT**

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2019, the Salinas City Council held a duly noticed and agendized public hearing to consider the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR); the proposed West Area Specific Plan; and related entitlements; and

WHEREAS, by Resolutions approved and Ordinances adopted on December 17, 2019, herein incorporated by this reference, the Salinas City Council certified the Final EIR, adopted the CEQA Findings, adopted the Statement of Overriding Considerations, and adopted the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the project and adopted the WASP, among other actions; and

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2020, the Salinas City Council approved the Boronda Road Congestion Relief Project and allocated funding sufficient to complete Phase 1 thereof; and

WHEREAS, the environmental impacts of the Boronda Road Congestion Relief project were analyzed in a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which was adopted by the Salinas City Council on November 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in order to complete Phase 1 of the Boronda Road Congestion Relief Project, the City must acquire approximately 6.65 acres of privately-owned property located on the north side of East Boronda Road; and

WHEREAS, the owners of the land north of East Boronda Road and necessary for the completion of Phase 1 have offered to donate the required property to the City; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 65402(a) requires a report to the planning agency (Planning Commission) as to the conformity of the property acquisition and proposed future development to the General Plan prior to City Council consideration of any property acquisition; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has reviewed and considered the information provided in the report related to the proposed acquisition by donation and intended use on relation to the WASP and the 2002 General Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Salinas Planning Commission that the Planning Commission accepts the report on the conformity of the proposed land acquisition for the future construction of Phase 1 of the Boronda Road Congestion Relief Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Salinas Planning Commission adopts the following findings as the basis for its determination of conformity and that the foregoing recitations are true and correct and are included herein by this reference as findings:

1. The proposed land acquisition is exempt from additional review under the California Environmental Quality Act.

The environmental impacts of the West Area Specific Plan (WASP) and the Boronda Road Congestion Relief Project were analyzed in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

2. The proposed land acquisition is in accordance with the goals and the policies of the 2002 Salinas General Plan.

The proposed land acquisition and future development of the East Boronda Road improvements necessary to support the WASP is consistent with and in conformity with the 2022 General Plan: Goal C-1 (Provide and maintain a circulation system that meets the current and future needs of the community.); Policy C-1.3 (Require that new development and any proposal for an amendment to the Land Use Element of the General Plan demonstrate that traffic service levels meeting established General Plan standards will be maintained on arterial or collector streets.); Policy C-1.6 (Discourage diversion of traffic to local streets by providing maximum capacity on arterial streets and locating high traffic-generating uses on or near arterial frontages.); and Policy C-1.7 (Design roadway capacities to adequately serve planned land uses.).

PASSED AND APPROVED this 4th day of September 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Salinas, that said Resolution was passed and approved by the affirmative and majority vote of said Planning Commission at a meeting held on September 4, 2024, and that said Resolution has not been modified, amended, or rescinded, and is now in full force and effect.

SALINAS PLANNING COMMISSION

Date: _____

Courtney Grossman
Secretary

