



Folsom City Council Meeting

Additional Information Transmittal

MEETING DATE:	4/28/2026
AGENDA SECTION:	Old Business
STAFF REPORT TITLE	Resolution No. 11603 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Contract Amendment #1 with R.E.Y. Engineers, Inc. for the Riley Street Safety Improvement Project, Project No. PW2101, in the Amount of \$1,616,074 using \$1,430,710 from a Federal Grant and \$185,364 from the Transportation Improvement Fund (Fund 446) and Appropriation of Funds in the Transportation Improvement Fund (Fund 446)
FROM:	Public Works Department

Staff is providing the attached additional information for the above-referenced agenda item.

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April 28, 2026

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SUBJECT: Comments to City Council re: April 28, 2026, Agenda Item No. 19 – Resolution No. 11603 Amending Contract for Riley Street Safety Improvement Project

Dear City Councilmembers:

The conceptual design of sidewalks and retaining walls along Riley Street between Bidwell Street and Sutter Street as illustrated on the “Riley Street Safety Improvement Project APE Map, February 2026” (Sheets 1 and 2, pkt. pgs. 390 and 391) of the City Council’s Agenda Item No. 19 staff report would result in substantial modifications along this primary corridor through Folsom’s Historic District and would adversely affect the historic quality and character of historic resources.

I request that the City Council reconsider the conceptual design for Riley Street improvements prior to advancing additional funds for the current design concept. The current design concept would have a substantial adverse effect on the character of the Historic District and would not be eligible for a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) categorical exemption as contemplated in the staff report.

The staff report acknowledges that, “Caltrans environmental reviewers provided feedback that requires more extensive and detailed environmental technical studies than were initially anticipated and were originally included in the scope of work.” That the necessary environmental technical studies were underestimated in the original scope of work is just one indication that the City is prematurely pursuing improvements along Riley Street. This project is in need of a process that identifies alternatives that would achieve the project objectives while lessening the significant effects on historic resources that will result from the current conceptual design.

The conceptual design represents substantial alteration to the existing condition of Riley Street and intersecting side streets, and fails to integrate with the historic character of the Historic District and its neighborhood streets. By way of example, under existing conditions, the north side of Mormon Street east of Riley Street contains a sidewalk separated from the street by a landscaped median and elevation change. The conceptual design illustrates a new sidewalk at street grade typical of a modern residential area design and without any apparent attempt to interconnect with the existing sidewalk along the north side of Mormon Street, and nowhere does the conceptual plan demonstrate any effort to integrate the proposed Riley Street design with Historic District character.

Protection of the character of the Historic District requires more thorough consideration of project alternatives to minimize impacts on the Historic District.

Sincerely,



Bob Delp

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