



CITY OF ORLAND STAFF REPORT

SPECIAL MEETING DATE: January 23, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Paul W. Rabo, City Engineer

SUBJECT: **Road M ½ Reconstruction**
Review and Approval of Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration

BACKGROUND:

The proposed roadway reconstruction project will include the reconstruction of the roadway structural section, construction of curb, gutter and sidewalk where it is missing on the west side, installation of storm drain facilities, widening of the Lateral 40 canal crossing and placement of striping and signage.

The project includes preliminary engineering, right-of-way and construction funds from the State of California which are managed and allocated by the California Transportation Commission (CTC). The CTC will have a meeting on January 25th and 26th to review and approve the allocation of funds for multiple projects throughout the state.

ANALYSIS:

In order for the CTC to approve the funds already allocated to this project, the City is obligated to prepare project studies and reports to comply with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements. ECORP has prepared and published an Initial Study/Negative Mitigated Declaration (IS/MND). The 30-day public comment period ended January 19, 2024. The City has not received any comments that would require revisions or alterations to the IS/MND. Staff has prepared and submitted the necessary applications and supporting paperwork to the CTC, except for the Council's approval of the IS/MND. The Council's approval of the IS/MND needs to be submitted prior to the CTC meeting for the allocation application to be deemed complete.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution 2024-XX "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Orland to Approve the IS/MND for the Road M ½ Reconstruction Project."

FISCAL IMPACT OF RECOMMENDATION:

If Council does not adopt the resolution, a million dollars in State funding would be lost for the preliminary engineering and right-of-way phases of the project. The City would need to use local money to complete these phases or find additional funding sources which could lead to delays in project delivery.