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September 3, 1980

City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Resolution Approving Negative Declaration for
Florin Road and Riverside Boulevard Pedestrian Bridges

SUMMARY:

The Environmental Coordinator has reviewed the subject project and finds that it will not have a significant adverse effect on the physical environment and therefore recommends that the project and a Negative Declaration be approved by the City Council.

BACKGROUND:

In accordance with State EIR Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, dated December 1976, an Initial Study was performed. As a result of this study, it was determined that the Florin Road and Riverside Boulevard Pedestrian Bridges would not have a significant adverse effect on the physical environment and a draft Negative Declaration was prepared. On August 11, 1980 the Negative Declaration was filed with the County Clerk. On August 20, 1980 Notice of Opportunity for Public Review of the draft Negative Declaration was published in The Sacramento Union. The appropriate length of time has elapsed for receipt of comments regarding the Negative Declaration, with no comments having been received.

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BY THE CITY COUNCIL

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RECOMMENDATION:

The Environmental Coordinator recommends that the attached resolution be passed which will:

1. Determine that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. Approve the Negative Declaration.
3. Approve the project.
4. Authorize the Environmental Coordinator to file a Notice of Determination with the County Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

M. H. Johnson
for R.H. Parker
City Engineer

Recommendation Approved:

Walter J. Slipe
Walter J. Slipe, City Manager

September 10, 1980
District No. 8

RESOLUTION No.

Adopted by The Sacramento City Council on date of

September 10, 1980

RESOLUTION APPROVING NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Florin Road & Riverside Blvd. Pedestrian Bridges

WHEREAS, on August 11, 1980, R. H. Parker, the Environmental Coordinator of the City of Sacramento, filed a Negative Declaration with the County Clerk of Sacramento County for the following proposed City initiated project:

Florin Road & Riverside Blvd. Pedestrian Bridges

WHEREAS, the prescribed time for receiving appeals has elapsed and no appeals were received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

1. That the proposed project Florin Road & Riverside Blvd. Pedestrian Bridges will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. That the Negative Declaration for the above-described project is hereby approved.
3. That the above-described project is hereby approved for the purpose of Florin Road & Riverside Blvd. Pedestrian Bridges
4. That the Environmental Coordinator is authorized to file with the County Clerk a Notice of Determination for said project.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC REVIEW OF
INITIAL STUDY AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR
FLORIN ROAD AND RIVERSIDE BOULEVARD PEDESTRIAN
BRIDGES

Notice is hereby given that the City of Sacramento has conducted an Initial Study and prepared a Negative Declaration for the Florin Road and Riverside Boulevard Pedestrian Bridges.

The proposed project would consist of Constructing two pedestrian bridges over City streets.

Copies of the Initial Study and the Negative Declaration are available for review at the City Engineer's office, Room 207, City Hall, 9th and I Streets, Sacramento, California.

In order for any public comments concerning the adequacy of said Initial Study and Negative Declaration or other matters relating thereto, to be considered, they must be submitted, in writing, to reach the City Clerk's office, Room 203, City Hall, 9th and I Streets, Sacramento, California 95814 no later than August 31, 1980

Lorraine Magana
City Clerk

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NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Pursuant to Division 6, Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 7, Section 15083 of the California Administrative Code and pursuant to the Procedures and Guidelines for preparation and processing of Environmental Impact Reports (Resolution 78-172) adopted by the City of Sacramento, pursuant to Sacramento City Code Chapter 63, the Environmental Coordinator of the City of Sacramento, California, a municipal corporation, does prepare, make, declare, publish, and cause to be filed with the County Clerk of Sacramento County, State of California this Negative Declaration regarding the project described as follows:

1. Title and Short Description of Project:

FLORIN ROAD AND RIVERSIDE BOULEVARD PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES - The proposed project would consist of constructing two pedestrian bridges over city streets.

2. Location of Project:

One bridge is over Florin Road between Havenside Drive and Long River Drive. The other bridge is over Riverside Boulevard between Clipper Way and Greenhaven Drive.

3. The Proponent of the Project: City of Sacramento

4. It is found that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment. A copy of the initial study is attached, which documents the reasons supporting the above finding and any mitigation measures included in the project to avoid any potentially significant effects identified in the initial study.

5. The Initial Study was Prepared by Robert R. Jones

6. A copy of the Initial Study and this Negative Declaration may be obtained at 915 - I Street, Room 207, Sacramento, California 95814.

DATED: 8-7-80

ENDORSED:

Filed

AUG 13 1980

J.A. [unclear] AL WOODS

BY _____

Environmental Coordinator of
the City of Sacramento,
California, a municipal
corporation

By 

R. H. PARKER, City Engineer

CITY OF SACRAMENTO

INITIAL STUDY

References are to California Administrative Code, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Article 7, Section 15080.

1. Title and Description of Project (15080(c)(1))

FLORIN ROAD AND RIVERSIDE BOULEVARD PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES. The proposed project
would consist of constructing two pedestrian bridges over city streets.

2. Environmental Setting (15080(c)(2))

The bridges will each be located at City park sites and will serve to
connect park areas on opposite sides of the streets. The surrounding
areas are residential in character.

3. Environmental Effects - Attached checklist must be completed by person conducting initial study (15080(c)(3)).

4. Mitigation Measures - Attached list of mitigation measures must be completed by person conducting initial study (15080(c)(4)).

5. Compatibility with Existing Zoning and Plans (15080(c)(5))

The proposed project is compatible with existing zoning and plans of the area.

Date 8-7-80

R. R. Jones
(Signature)

Title Associate Engineer

CITY OF SACRAMENTO
INITIAL STUDY
ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FORM

C.C. No. 3608 & 3609

Date: 7-30-80

I. BACKGROUND

1. Name of Project FLORIN ROAD AND RIVERSIDE BOULEVARD PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES

2. City Department Initiating Project Engineering
3. Name of Individual Preparing Checklist Robert R. Jones
4. Is Checklist Being Prepared for CEQA Yes or NEPA No?
5. Source of Funding of Project Gas Tax and Bridge Fee District

II. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

(Explanations of all "yes" and "maybe" answers are required under Item III.)

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Maybe</u>	<u>No</u>
1. <u>Earth</u> . Will the proposal result in:			
a. Unstable earth conditions or in changes in geologic substructures?	—	—	<u>X</u>
b. Disruptions, displacements, compaction or overcovering of the soil?	<u>X</u>	—	—
c. Change in topography or ground surface relief features?	<u>X</u>	—	—
d. The destruction, covering or modification of any unique geologic or physical features?	—	—	<u>X</u>
e. Any increase in wind or water erosion of soils, either on or off the site?	—	—	<u>X</u>
f. Changes in deposition or erosion of beach sands, or changes in siltation, deposition or erosion which may modify the channel of a river or stream or the bed of the ocean or any bay, inlet or lake?	—	—	<u>X</u>
g. Exposure of people or property to geologic hazards such as earthquakes, landslides, mudslides, ground failure, or similar hazards?	—	—	<u>X</u>
2. <u>Air</u> . Will the proposal result in:			
a. Substantial air emissions or deterioration of ambient air quality?	—	—	<u>X</u>
b. The creation of objectionable odors?	—	—	<u>X</u>
c. Alteration of air movement, moisture or temperature, or any change in climate, either locally or regionally?	—	—	<u>X</u>
3. <u>Water</u> . Will the proposal result in:			
a. Changes in currents, or the course or direction of water movements, in either marine or fresh waters?	—	—	<u>X</u>
b. Changes in absorption rates, drainage patterns, or the rate and amount of surface water runoff?	<u>X</u>	—	—
c. Alterations to the course or flow of flood waters?	—	—	<u>X</u>
d. Change in the amount of surface water in any water body?	—	—	<u>X</u>
e. Discharge into surface waters, or in any alteration of surface water quality, including but not limited to temperature, dissolved oxygen or turbidity?	—	—	<u>X</u>
f. Alteration of the direction or rate of flow of ground waters.	—	—	<u>X</u>
g. Change in the quantity of ground waters, either through direct additions or withdrawals, or through interception of an aquifer by cuts or excavations?	—	—	<u>X</u>
h. Substantial reduction in the amount of water otherwise available for public water supplies?	—	—	<u>X</u>

	Yes	Maybe	No
1. Exposure of people or property to water related hazards such as flooding or tidal wave?	—	—	<u>X</u>
4. <u>Plant Life</u> . Will the proposal result in:			
a. Change in the diversity of species, or number of any species of plants (including trees, shrubs, grass, crops, microflora and aquatic plants)?	<u>X</u>	—	—
b. Reduction of the numbers of any unique, rare or endangered species of plants?	—	—	<u>X</u>
c. Introduction of new species of plants into an area, or in a barrier to the normal replenishment of existing species?	—	—	<u>X</u>
d. Reduction in acreage of any agricultural crop?	—	—	<u>X</u>
5. <u>Animal Life</u> . Will the proposal result in:			
a. Change in the diversity of species, or numbers of any species of animals (birds, land animals including reptiles, fish and shellfish, benthic organisms, insects or microfauna)?	—	—	<u>X</u>
b. Reduction of the numbers of any unique, rare or endangered species of animals?	—	—	<u>X</u>
c. Introduction of new species of animals into an area, or result in a barrier to the migration or movement of animals?	—	—	<u>X</u>
d. Deterioration to existing fish or wildlife habitat?	—	—	<u>X</u>
6. <u>Noise</u> . Will the proposal result in:			
a. Increase in existing noise levels?	<u>X</u>	—	—
b. Exposure of people to severe noise levels?	—	—	<u>X</u>
7. <u>Light and Glare</u> . Will the proposal produce new light or glare?	<u>X</u>	—	—
8. <u>Land Use</u> . Will the proposal result in a substantial alteration of the present or planned use of an area?	—	—	<u>X</u>
9. <u>Natural Resources</u> . Will the proposal result in:			
a. Increase in the rate of use of any natural resources?	—	—	<u>X</u>
b. Substantial depletion of any nonrenewable natural resource?	—	—	<u>X</u>
10. <u>Risk of Upset</u> . Does the proposal involve a risk of an explosion or the release of hazardous substances (including, but not limited to, oil, pesticides, chemicals or radiation) in the event of an accident or upset conditions?	—	—	<u>X</u>
11. <u>Population</u> . Will the proposal alter the location, distribution, density, or growth rate of the human population of an area?	—	—	<u>X</u>
12. <u>Housing</u> . Will the proposal affect existing housing, or create a demand for additional housing?	—	—	<u>X</u>
13. <u>Transportation/Circulation</u> . Will the proposal result in:			
a. Generation of substantial additional vehicular movement?	—	—	<u>X</u>
b. Effects on existing parking facilities, or demand for new parking?	—	—	<u>X</u>
c. Substantial impact upon existing transportation systems?	—	—	<u>X</u>
d. Alterations to present patterns of circulation or movement of people and/or goods?	—	—	<u>X</u>
e. Alterations to waterborne, rail or air traffic?	—	—	<u>X</u>
f. Increase in traffic hazards to motor vehicles, bicyclists or pedestrians?	—	—	<u>X</u>
14. <u>Public Services</u> . Will the proposal have an effect upon, or result in a need for new or altered governmental services in any of the following areas:			
a. Fire protection?	—	—	<u>X</u>
b. Police protection?	—	—	<u>X</u>
c. Schools?	—	—	<u>X</u>

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Maybe</u>	<u>No</u>
d. Parks or other recreational facilities?	<u>X</u>	—	—
e. Maintenance of public facilities, including roads?	<u>X</u>	—	—
f. Other governmental services?	—	—	<u>X</u>
15. <u>Energy</u> . Will the proposal result in:			
a. Use of substantial amounts of fuel or energy?	—	—	<u>X</u>
b. Substantial increase in demand upon existing sources of energy, or require the development of new sources of energy?	—	—	<u>X</u>
16. <u>Utilities</u> . Will the proposal result in a need for new systems, or substantial alterations to the following utilities:			
a. Power or natural gas?	—	—	<u>X</u>
b. Communications systems?	—	—	<u>X</u>
c. Water?	—	—	<u>X</u>
d. Sewer or septic tanks?	—	—	<u>X</u>
e. Storm water drainage?	—	—	<u>X</u>
f. Solid waste and disposal?	—	—	<u>X</u>
17. <u>Human Health</u> . Will the proposal result in:			
a. Creation of any health hazard or potential health hazard (excluding mental health)?	—	—	<u>X</u>
b. Exposure of people to potential health hazards?	—	—	<u>X</u>
18. <u>Aesthetics</u> . Will the proposal result in the obstruction of any scenic vista or view open to the public, or will the proposal result in the creation of an aesthetically offensive site open to public view?	—	—	<u>X</u>
19. <u>Recreation</u> . Will the proposal result in an impact upon the quality or quantity of existing recreational opportunities?	<u>X</u>	—	—
20. <u>Archeological/Historical</u> . Will the proposal result in an alteration of a significant archeological or historical site, structure, object or building?	—	—	<u>X</u>
21. <u>Mandatory Findings of Significance</u> .			
a. Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?	—	—	<u>X</u>
b. Does the project have the potential to achieve short-term, to the disadvantage of long-term, environmental goals? (A short-term impact on the environment is one which occurs in a relatively brief, definitive period of time while long-term impacts will endure well into the future.)	—	—	<u>X</u>
c. Does the project have impacts which are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? (A project may impact on two or more separate resources where the impact on each resource is relatively small, but where the effect of the total of those impacts on the environment is significant.	—	—	<u>X</u>
d. Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?	—	—	<u>X</u>

1. Earth

- b. Approach fills of compacted earth will be constructed at each end of both bridges. The maximum height of the fills is approximately 14 feet.
- c. Same as in 1.b. above.

3. Water

- b. The rate and amount of surface water run-off may increase somewhat due to the slightly greater amount of impervious walkway surfaces. The overall effect is negligible.

4. Plant Life

- a. Some existing shrubbery, grasses, and trees will have to be removed.

6. Noise

- a. Construction operations will create a certain amount of noise in the area of the project. The noise resulting from construction activities, although temporary, will have an adverse effect on the neighborhoods within the project area.

7. Light and Glare

A moderate amount of light with the possibility of glare may result from the construction of the lighting systems that will be a part of the project. The

SEE INSERT "A"

IV. Mitigation measures proposed to minimize environmental impacts for the project as identified above. (Explain in detail - if none, so state)

All the approach fills of the bridges will ultimately be landscaped. One approach fill at each bridge will be in a presently developed and landscaped park area. These fills will be landscaped as part of this project. The other approach fill at each bridge will be in a park area that is presently undeveloped. These fills will be landscaped in the future when the park areas are developed.

Rigid construction controls will be incorporated into the specifications and maintained during construction to minimize dust and noise pollution, enhance public safety and protect existing property and improvements.

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lighting system, however, should greatly enhance public safety.

14. Public Services

d. The two bridges will be located to serve City park sites and will serve to connect park areas on opposite sides of the streets. One side of the street at each location is presently developed as a park. The other side is future park area.

e. The structural portions of the bridges are considered low maintenance. The lighting system will require power and replacement bulbs. The landscaping will require normal landscape maintenance.

19. Recreation

The approach fills for each bridge will cover approximately 3,200 square feet (0.07 acre) of area of existing or future park land.

V. Alternatives to the project which would produce less of an adverse impact on the environment (lower density, less intense land use, move building on site, no project, et cetera)

If "no project" is constructed, there would be more useable park area, no need for additional landscaping, and no noise and dust from construction operations, however, there would be adverse safety implications with children attempting to cross Riverside Boulevard and Florin Road in order to reach their schools or to reach connecting portions of park areas.

VI. DETERMINATION

On the basis of this initial study:

- [X] I find the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- [] I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because the mitigation measures described in IV above have been added to the project or the possibility of a significant effect on the environment is so remote as to be insignificant.
- [] I find the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT IS REQUIRED.

Date 7-30-80

R. R. Jones
(Signature)
Title Associate Engineer