

RESOLUTION NUMBER 5743

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERRIS, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND APPROVING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT (GPA) 20-05177 TO UPDATE THE NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION SECTION OF THE CITY OF PERRIS CIRCULATION ELEMENT, AND MAKING FINDINGS IN SUPPORT THEREOF.

WHEREAS, The City of Perris was selected to participate in the Southern California Association of Government's (SCAG) Disadvantaged Communities Active Transportation Planning Initiative (DCPI), and initiated drafting the Active Transportation Plan to provide a comprehensive plan for a network of trails, bike lanes, sidewalks, and other elements aimed at supporting safe walking and bicycling throughout the City and providing connections to nearby destinations; and

WHEREAS, The City of Perris initiated an application for a General Plan Amendment (GPA) 20-05177 to the Non-Motorized Transportation section of the City of Perris General Plan Circulation Element in order to implement and adopt the Active Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Active Transportation Plan is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as it meets the definition of a Feasibility or Planning Study under CEQA Guidelines, Section 15262; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Active Transportation Plan meets Goal I of the General Plan; to provide a comprehensive transportation system that will serve projected future travel demand, minimize congestion, achieve the shortest feasible travel times and distances, and address future growth and development of the City; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Active Transportation Plan meets Goal II of the General Plan; to provide a well planned, designed, constructed, and maintained street and highway system that facilitates the movement of vehicles and provides safe and convenient access to surrounding developments; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Active Transportation Plan meets Goal IV of the General Plan; to provide safe and convenient pedestrian access and non-motorized facilities between residential neighborhoods, parks, open space, and schools that service those neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Active Transportation Plan builds on the Perris Trails Master Plan, adopted 2013, and provides an updated vision for walking and biking in the community; and

WHEREAS, in the process of drafting the Active Transportation Plan, community participation events were scheduled to gather input from public agency stakeholders, residents, and recreational participants; and

WHEREAS, notice was duly provided to the public, stake holders of government agencies and all other interested parties; and

WHEREAS, a duly noticed public hearing has occurred concerning the Active Transportation Plan and General Plan Amendment (GPA) 20-05177; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on November 4, 2020, at which time all interested persons were given full opportunity to be heard and to present evidence; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on December 8, 2020, at which time all interested persons were given full opportunity to be heard and to present evidence; and

WHEREAS, prior to taking actions, the City Council has heard, been presented with, and/or reviewed all of the information and data which constitutes the administrative record for the above-mentioned approvals, including all oral and written evidence presented to the City during all project meetings and hearings; and

WHEREAS, all other legal prerequisites to the adoption of this Resolution have occurred.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Perris as follows:

Section 1. The above recitals are all true and correct.

Section 2. The City Council hereby determines that the Active Transportation Plan meets the definition of a Feasibility or Planning Study under CEQA Guidelines, Section 15262, and is therefore exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Section 3. Based on the information contained in the staff report and supporting exhibits and plans for the General Plan Amendment, the City Council hereby finds:

- a) The proposed project will not result in a significant adverse effect on the environment and will not negatively affect public health, safety, and welfare as the plan provides a comprehensive network of trails, bike lanes, sidewalks, and other elements aimed at supporting safe walking and bicycling through the City and providing connections to nearby destinations to encourage a more active lifestyle instead of automobile use.
- b) The Active Transportation Plan and General Plan Amendment 20-05177 is consistent with and will contribute to achieving the goals and objectives established by the General Plan non-motorized sections of the Circulation Element to minimize automobile congestion and to provide a well-planned network of trails, bike lanes, sidewalks, and other elements aimed at supporting safe walking and bicycling throughout the City.
- c) The Active Transportation Plan and General Plan Amendment 20-05177 will preserve and enhance existing residential neighborhoods by providing greater

connectivity throughout the City by improving safety standards and minimizing potential conflicts with pedestrians and bicycles with motor vehicles.

Section 4. For the foregoing reasons, the City Council approves and adopts the Active Transportation Plan; and approves General Plan Amendment 20-05177 to amend the Non-Motorized Transportation section of the City of Perris General Plan Circulation Element in order to implement the Active Transportation Plan, based on the information in the staff report and findings contained in the Resolution.

Section 5. The City Council declares that should any provision, section, paragraph, sentence, or word of this Resolution be rendered or declared invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, or by reason of any preemptive legislation, the remaining provisions, sections, paragraphs, sentences, and words of this Resolution shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. The Mayor shall sign this Resolution and the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution.

ADOPTED, SIGNED, and APPROVED this 8th day of December 2020.

Michael M. Vargas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nancy Salazar, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) §
CITY OF PERRIS)

I, Nancy Salazar, CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF PERRIS, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution Number (Next in order) was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Perris at a regular meeting thereof on the 8th day of December 2020, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RABB, ROGERS, MAGAÑA, CORONA, VARGAS
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

Nancy Salazar, City Clerk

Attachments:

2. Revised Non-motorized section of the General Plan Circulation Element
(due to the size of file, the document is available at the following webpage link)
<https://www.cityofperris.org/departments/development-services/planning/environmental-documents-for-public-review/-folder-241>
3. Active Transportation Plan and Facility Design Guidelines *(due to the size of files, the documents are available at the following webpage link)*
<https://www.cityofperris.org/departments/development-services/planning/environmental-documents-for-public-review/-folder-241>