

CITY OF MERCED
Planning Commission

Resolution #4019

WHEREAS, the Merced City Planning Commission at its regular meeting of April 3, 2019, held a public hearing and considered **General Plan Amendment #19-01**, initiated by the City of Merced. This application involves the review and recommendation to the City Council for a request to modify the City of Merced Circulation Plan (Figures 4.1 and 4.2) and all associated maps and descriptions throughout the General Plan, to vacate excess right-of-way and easements along Mission Avenue, between Coffee Street and State Highway 99; and,

WHEREAS, the Merced City Planning Commission concurs with Findings A through D of Staff Report #19-09; and,

NOW THEREFORE, after reviewing the City's Draft Environmental Determination, and discussing all the issues, the Merced City Planning Commission does resolve to hereby recommend to City Council adoption of a Categorical Exemption regarding Environmental Review #19-07, and approval of General Plan Amendment #19-01.

Upon motion by Commissioner HARRIS, seconded by Commissioner DREXEL, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Drexel, Harris, Martinez, Padilla, Rashe, and Chairperson Dylina

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Camper

ABSTAIN: None

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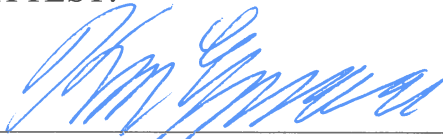
April 3, 2019

Adopted this 3rd day of April 2019



Chairperson, Planning Commission of
the City of Merced, California

ATTEST:



Secretary

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- 4.3 General Plan Amendment #19-01 and Vacation #18-01, initiated by the City of Merced. This application involves a request to modify the City of Merced Circulation Plan (Figures 4.1 and 4.2) and all associated maps and descriptions throughout the General Plan, for the purpose of vacating excess right-of-way and easements along Mission Avenue, between Coffee Street and State Highway 99.

Associate Planner MENDOZA-GONZALEZ reviewed the report. For further information, refer to Staff Report #19-09.

Public testimony was opened at 7:25 p.m.

Speaker from the Audience in Favor:

GREGORY WELLMAN, Merced, representing the applicant

No one spoke in opposition to the project.

Public testimony was closed at 7:30 p.m.

The Commission asked for clarification from staff on the motion they would need to make. Staff indicated that a motion should be made on the General Plan Amendment and a separate one on the vacation.

Commissioner PADILLA inquired about the ownership of the land described in the proposed vacation.

Chief Deputy City Attorney FINCHER clarified that ownership could not be determined before they received a title report, but that it would not affect the decision before the Commission.

Commissioner PADILLA expressed concern over how the land would be transferred and suggested postponing the decision.

Planning Manager ESPINOSA explained that issues related to the ownership of the property are reserved for City Council, and should not affect the Commission's recommendation on whether the roadway is needed in the future.

M/S HARRIS-DREXEL, and carried by the following vote, to adopt a Categorical Exemption regarding Environmental Review #19-07, and to recommend approval of General Plan Amendment #19-01 (RESOLUTION #4019).

AYES: Commissioners Drexel, Harris, Martinez, Padilla, Rashe, and Chairperson Dylina

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Camper

ABSTAIN: None

M/S HARRIS-RASHE, and carried by the following vote, to find that the proposed Vacation (to vacate Mission Avenue, west of Coffee Street), is consistent with the *Merced Vision 2030 General Plan*.

AYES: Commissioners Drexel, Harris, Martinez, Padilla, Rashe, and Chairperson Dylina

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Camper

ABSTAIN: None