RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INSTALLATION OF A PUBLIC ART PROJECT ON WELL #211; A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF MODESTO AND THE LA LOMA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION RELATING TO THE PROJECT; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE MOU

WHEREAS, Section 4-22.04 of the Municipal Code of the City of Modesto authorizes the Culture Commission to approve or deny art project proposals, and

WHEREAS, the Culture Commission met on January 18, 2017 and approved a request by the La Loma Neighborhood Association to install a public art project on Well #211 at 904 Edgebrook Drive, subject to approval by the City to locate the project on public property and to meet the City requirements for installation.

WHEREAS, the La Loma Neighborhood Association proposes installation of a community art project to enhance the identity of the neighborhood and to engage the public, and

WHEREAS, the La Loma Neighborhood Association will create and install the piece at its own cost and expense, and

WHEREAS, The City must approve the method of installation of the art project before it is installed and the City does not anticipate any damage will be caused to Well #211 as a result of the installation.

WHEREAS, the La Loma Neighborhood Association will be responsible for all ongoing maintenance and repair of the project pursuant to the terms of the MOU, and

WHEREAS, the City will own the public art project once it becomes affixed to Well #211.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Modesto hereby approves the installation of a public art project to Well #211.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the attached Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Modesto and the La Loma Neighborhood Association is hereby approved and the City Manager, or his designee, is authorized to execute the Memorandum of Understanding.

The foregoing resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Modesto held on the 11th day of April, 2017, by Councilmember Grewal, who moved its adoption, which motion being duly seconded by Councilmember Madrigal, was upon roll call carried and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers: Ah You, Grewal, Kenoyer, Madrigal, Ridenour, Zoslocki, Mayor Brandvold

NOES: Councilmembers: None

ABSENT: Councilmembers: None

ATTEST: [Signature]

STEFANIE LOPEZ, City Clerk

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: [Signature]

ADAM U. LINDGREN, City Attorney
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

THIS Memorandum of Understanding ("Memorandum of Understanding" or "agreement"), made and entered into on __________, effective as of the last signature herein, in the City of Modesto, State of California, ("Effective Date") by and between the CITY OF MODESTO, a municipal corporation of the State of California, hereinafter referred to as the "CITY," and the La Loma Neighborhood Association, a California nonprofit organization, hereinafter referred to as "ASSOCIATION". The CITY and ASSOCIATION shall be collectively referred to as the "parties."

I. Recitals

This Memorandum of Understanding is made with regard to the following Recitals:

WHEREAS, the CITY owns and maintains a parcel in the CITY and pumping station Well # 211 located at 904 Edgebrook Drive, Modesto California ("Property"); and

WHEREAS, the ASSOCIATION desires to enhance this Property with the installation of a community art project, depicted in Exhibit A attached hereto and hereinafter incorporated by reference, which shall be a 14x4 framed panel which shall be covered with porcelain tiles that each have upon them art that has been painted by local neighbors in the La Loma neighborhood ("Project") and affixed to Well #211; and

WHEREAS, the CITY has made a strategic commitment to develop and maintain a safe and inviting community in which to live, work and play. Additionally, the City has adopted a Public Art Commission and is committed to making the City a more aesthetically pleasing and enjoyable place to live that reflects the City's diverse culture, history, future, and geography; and

WHEREAS, the CITY and the ASSOCIATION wish to affirm and formalize the understanding between the parties related to the ASSOCIATION's placement of the Project on City property; and

WHEREAS, both parties understand that ASSOCIATION does not have insurance and it is not feasible for ASSOCIATION to obtain insurance coverage for this Project, the CITY agrees to take its normal liability as it relates to the use of the Property by the public. This liability shall be limited during the construction and maintenance operations of the Project as outlined herein; and

WHEREAS, the parties intend this MOU to be binding and enforceable in a court of law.

II. Terms

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of this Memorandum of Understanding, and the mutual promises, covenants and stipulations hereinafter contained, the parties agree as follows:
A. Recitals.

The parties agree that the aforementioned recitals are true and correct and are incorporated into the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding.

B. Term of Memorandum of Understanding.

The CITY shall allow placement of the Project on the Property until such time as either party terminates this Memorandum of Understanding, the Association ceases to exist, or the Project is destroyed.

C. Use of Property.

Use of the Property shall be for display of the Project only and may be terminated at any time, for any reason, by the CITY, pursuant to section F of this Memorandum of Understanding.

D. Ownership.

CITY shall own the Project once it is affixed to Well #211.

E. Installation.

1. ASSOCIATION shall secure the Project to Well #211. The method and means of affixing the Project on the Property shall be approved by City prior to installation and City staff must be present during the time the Project is affixed to Well #211.

2. The Project shall in no way interfere with the purpose and function of Well #211 nor shall it be installed in a manner that would cause damage to the Property.

F. Maintenance.

1. ASSOCIATION shall be responsible for the maintenance of the Project. For purposes of this agreement, “maintenance” shall mean the process of maintaining or preserving the Project, which includes, but is not limited to, the removal of graffiti or repair to the Project due to vandalism, weather, deterioration, or any other cause.

2. CITY shall contact ASSOCIATION and advise them of any necessary maintenance. Any maintenance that shall be performed by the ASSOCIATION must first be approved by the CITY.

3. The ASSOCIATION agrees to conduct any maintenance of the Project at its own expense.
4. CITY will continue to provide maintenance to the Property, including maintenance to the exterior of Well #211, at its own expense, but shall not contribute to the maintenance of the Project.

G. Termination.

Should the ASSOCIATION fail to maintain the Project the CITY shall issue a "notice of non-compliance" with this Memorandum of Understanding. The ASSOCIATION will have ten (10) days from the receipt of the notice to complete the required maintenance. If the ASSOCIATION does not comply with the notice, the CITY shall have the right to immediately terminate this Memorandum of Understanding and to remove the Project. If the Project is removed, the CITY may, in its discretion, relocate, store, or destroy the Project.

The CITY or the ASSOCIATION shall be able to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding, for any reason, upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party.

H. Insurance.

ASSOCIATION shall ensure that any and all general contractors working on the Project performing construction or maintenance, provide at their own expense and maintain at all times the following insurance with insurance companies licensed in the State of California and shall provide evidence of such insurance to City as may be required by the City Manager of City. The policies or certificates thereof shall provide that, thirty (30) days prior to cancellation or material change in the policy, notices of same shall be given to the Risk Manager of City by registered mail, return receipt requested, for all of the following stated insurance policies.

1. General Liability insurance with a minimum limit of liability per occurrence of $1,000,000 for bodily injury and $1,000,000 for property damage or $1,000,000 combined single limit. This insurance shall indicate on the certificate of insurance the following coverages and indicate the policy aggregate limit applying to: premises and operations; broad form contractual; independent contractors and subcontractors; products and completed operations; and/or professional liability

2. Automobile Liability insurance with a minimum limit of liability per occurrence of $1,000,000 for bodily injury and $100,000 for property damage or $1,000,000 combined single limit. This insurance shall cover any automobile for bodily injury and property damage.

3. Workers Compensation in compliance with the statutes of the State of California, plus employer's liability with a minimum limit of liability of $1,000,000.

4. The CITY, its agents, officers, employees, and volunteers shall be named as an additional insured on all insurance policies required herein, except Workers' Compensation. The Workers' Compensation insurer shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the CITY, its agents, officers, employees, and volunteers for losses arising from work performed on the Project. The insurance policy(ies) shall include a provision that the coverage is primary as respects the CITY; shall include no special limitations to coverage provided to additional insured; and, shall be placed with insurer(s) with acceptable Best's rating of A:VII or with approval of the Risk Manager.
Manager. Certificates must be delivered evidencing existence of the insurance listed above to the CITY prior to the time the contract is signed.

5. Contractor's or Organizations shall provide CITY with separate endorsements evidencing proof of the CITY's additional insured status as to both the general liability and automobile liability insurance policies. In addition, Contractor's or Organizations shall provide CITY with a Workers Compensation subrogation waiver by way of a separate endorsement. All endorsements referenced above must include the applicable policy number.

If at any time any of said policies shall be unsatisfactory to CITY, as to form or substance or if a company issuing such policy shall be unsatisfactory to CITY. ASSOCIATION shall promptly ensure contractors and organizations obtain a new policy, submit the same to Risk Manager of CITY for approval and submit a certificate thereof as herein above provided. Upon failure of ASSOCIATION to furnish, deliver or maintain such insurance and certificates as above provided, this Memorandum of Understanding, at the election of CITY, may be forthwith declared suspended or terminated. Failure of ASSOCIATION to ensure contractors and organizations obtain and/or maintain any required insurance shall not relieve ASSOCIATION from any liability under this Memorandum of Understanding, nor shall the insurance requirements be construed to conflict with or otherwise limit the obligations of ASSOCIATION concerning indemnification. If any insurance policy maintains higher limits than the minimum shown above, the CITY requires and shall be entitled to coverage for the higher limits maintained.

I. Waivers.

The ASSOCIATION agrees to ensure that all volunteers, contractors or organizations performing construction or maintenance on the Project sign a waiver of liability, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit A, as required by the CITY. This waiver will be provided to the CITY shortly after the execution of the waiver by all volunteers, contractors, or organizations and will limit the liability for the CITY in respect to the construction and maintenance of the Project.

J. Compliance With Laws.

The ASSOCIATION and its agents shall not do or suffer to be done on or about the Property anything that would or does violate or conflict with any applicable law, ordinance, rule or regulation which is now in force or effect or which may hereafter be enacted or adopted by federal, state, county or municipal authority.

K. Partnership Disclaimer.

It is mutually understood and agreed that nothing in this agreement is intended or shall be construed as in any way creating or establishing the relationship of co-partners between the parties hereto, or as constituting the ASSOCIATION as agents or representatives of CITY for any purpose or in any manner whatsoever.
L. Entire Agreement.

This Memorandum of Understanding contains the sole and only agreement of the parties relating to the Project described herein. Any prior agreements, promises, negotiations or representations not expressly set forth in this Memorandum of Understanding are of no force or effect.

M. Notices.

All notices pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding shall be in writing and served on the other party (a) by personal delivery, or (b) by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the respective addresses set forth below:

CITY: Cynthia Birdsill, CEDD Director
1010 Tenth Street, Ste. 3300
Modesto, CA 95356

ASSOCIATION: La Loma Neighborhood Association
Attn. Deborah Steinberg
1112 Highland Ave
Modesto, CA 95354

N. Amendments.

This Memorandum of Understanding, including any exhibits hereto, shall not be amended, except in writing and signed by the parties. Any amendment or addendum to this Memorandum of Understanding shall expressly refer to this agreement.

O. No Limitation on Property Rights.

Nothing contained herein shall limit or restrict the CITY'S ownership of the Property and the ASSOCIATION may continue use of the Property until such time as this Memorandum of Understanding is terminated. The parties agree that this Memorandum of Understanding does not vest any property rights with the ASSOCIATION.

P. Governing Law.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be governed according to the laws of the State of California and venue shall be proper in Stanislaus County Superior Court.

Q. Time.

Time is of the essence in every provision of this contract.

R. Partial Invalidity.
If any provision in this Memorandum of Understanding is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall nevertheless continue in full force without being impaired or invalidated in any way.

S. Waiver.

The waiver by any party to this Memorandum of Understanding of a breach of any provision hereof shall be in writing and shall not operate or be construed as a waiver of any other or subsequent breach hereof unless specifically stated in writing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Modesto, a municipal corporation, has authorized the execution of this Memorandum of Understanding in duplicate by its City Manager and attestation by its City Clerk under authority of Resolution No. 2017-__, adopted by the Council of the City of Modesto on the ____ day of March, 2017, and La Loma Neighborhood Association has caused this agreement to be duly executed in duplicate as of the Effective Date

CITY OF MODESTO

a municipal corporation

By: __________________________
James N. Holgersson, City Manager

ATTEST: (Seal)

By __________________________
Stephanie Lopez, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: __________________________
Adam U. Lindgren, City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO RISK MANAGEMENT FORM:

* Corporations - signature of two (2) officers required or one (1) officer plus corporate seal

* LLC - signature of two (2) officers required

Partnership - signature of a partner required

Sole Proprietorship - signature of proprietor required
MODESTO CITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-136

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH MODESTO JUNIOR COLLEGE (MJC) FOUNDATION AND STANISLAUS COUNTY, COMMENCING JULY 1, 2017, TO PROVIDE A MJC BUS PASS PROGRAM FOR THE MODESTO AREA EXPRESS (MAX) TRANSIT SYSTEM WITH AN ANNUAL REVENUE OF $100,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Modesto operates the Modesto Area Express (MAX) bus system, and

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County operates the StaRT bus system, and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to promote ridership to college students on the MAX bus system, and

WHEREAS, college students are a demographic that utilize the bus due to their economic status, growing reluctance to use a personal vehicle and general focus on a sustainable environment, and

WHEREAS, the Modesto Junior College (MJC) Foundation is willing to enter into an agreement with the City and the County to start a bus pass program for all MJC students, and

WHEREAS, MJC will pay a set amount of $100,000 per year for the first two years of the agreement to the City’s MAX system, and

WHEREAS, the revenues from the MJC bus program will be budgeted for the operations of MAX’s fixed route system as part of the annual budget process.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Modesto that it hereby approves an agreement with MJC Foundation and Stanislaus County, commencing July 1, 2017 to provide a bus pass program for the MAX transit system with
an annual revenue of $100,000, and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute the agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney.

The foregoing resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Modesto held on the 11th day of April, 2017, by Councilmember Madrigal, who moved its adoption, which motion being duly seconded by Councilmember Zoslocki, was upon roll call carried and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers: Ah You, Grewal, Kenoyer, Madrigal, Ridenour, Zoslocki, Mayor Brandvold

NOES: Councilmembers: None

ABSENT: Councilmembers: None

Attest:           

(Seal)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By:              ADAM U. LINDGREN, City Attorney
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FINAL REPORT AS PRESENTED FOR THE PROJECT TITLED "RETIME DOWNTOWN TRAFFIC SIGNALS - 2010 PROJECT" AS COMPLETE, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO COMPLETE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO FILE ALL DOCUMENTS WITH THE STANISLAUS COUNTY CLERK RECORDER

WHEREAS, the Retime Downtown Traffic Signals - 2010 Project has been completed by City of Modesto staff, and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the City of Modesto was awarded a grant from the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) program to develop more efficient traffic signal timing plans along 18 designated corridors in the City, and

WHEREAS, staff collected traffic data which was used to retime 72 traffic signals within the downtown area of Modesto, and

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2016, timing plans were installed to minimize the impact on motorists.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Modesto that the Retime Downtown Traffic Signals - 2010 Project is hereby accepted as complete.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Clerk is authorized to complete all necessary steps to file all documents with the Stanislaus County Clerk Recorder.
The foregoing resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Modesto held on the 11th day of April, 2017, by Councilmember Grewal, who moved its adoption, which motion being duly seconded by Councilmember Madrigal, was upon roll call carried and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers: Ah You, Grewal, Kenoyer, Madrigal, Ridenour, Zosocki, Mayor Brandvold

NOES: Councilmembers: None

ABSENT: Councilmembers: None

(Seal)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: ADAM U. LINDGREN, City Attorney

ATTEST: STEPHANIE LOPEZ, City Clerk

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RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AWARD OF BIDS FOR PUMP STATION REJUVENATION SERVICES TO DON PEDRO PUMP, HUGHSON, CA, AS “PRIMARY” CONTRACTOR, AND HOWK SYSTEMS, MODESTO, CA, AS “SECONDARY” CONTRACTOR, FOR A TWO YEAR AGREEMENT WITH THREE ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OPTIONS AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE CITY, FOR AN ESTIMATED ANNUAL COST OF $600,000, AND $3,000,000 OVER FIVE YEARS, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ISSUE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS FOR AN ESTIMATED ANNUAL COST OF $600,000

WHEREAS, the City Manager authorizes the Purchasing Manager to issue formal Request for Bids (RFB) for pump station rejuvenation services, and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2017, the Purchasing Division issued RFB No. 1617-21 Pump Station Rejuvenation Services on the City’s website under the commodity codes for pumps and pump accessory maintenance and repair, seventeen companies chose to download the RFB document, and

WHEREAS, bids were formally opened in the City Clerk’s Office. Two (2) companies chose to respond, both were local vendors. All companies provided responsive and responsible bids, and

WHEREAS, to ensure continued services to the City, contracts shall be awarded to more than one contractor to provide for backup should the primary contractor be unable to meet the City’s needs. A secondary contractor may be awarded a specific job if the primary contractor is unable to perform the service, the primary contractor is unable to complete the specific job within the time frame required by the City, or if the primary contractor is unable to maintain acceptable quality standards required by the City, and

WHEREAS, based on the responsive and responsible bids received, City staff recommends the award of bids for pump station rejuvenation services for the Utilities
Department, Water Services Division and Wastewater Services Division, to Don Pedro Pump, Hughson, CA, as “primary” contractor, and Howk Systems, Modesto, CA, as “secondary” contractor, and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2017, Council approved Resolution No. 2017-86 implementing a spending freeze to maintain fiscal sustainability of the City. As allowed by the resolution, the City Manager’s Office approved an exception to this freeze for this procurement. Justification for this exception is based upon the need of the Utilities Department to strengthen and maintain a safe infrastructure of water supply and sewers to ensure reliable fire protection, water and storm/sewer service to City of Modesto customers.

WHEREAS, Modesto Municipal Code Section 8-3.203 generally requires all purchases, which meet or exceed $50,000 for material, equipment or contractual services to be formally bid. The award of bids for the Pump station rejuvenation services to Don Pedro Pump, Hughson, CA, as “primary” contractors and Howk Systems, Modesto, CA, as “secondary” contractor, conforms to the Modesto Municipal Code, and

WHEREAS, the cost for these services will be covered by the Water and Wastewater funds through existing budget in the following cost centers and projects:

- 4100-45050-53150 Repair and Maintenance Services
- CIP - 100800 Well Rehabilitation
- 4210-44314-53100 UPP – Jennings Plant Maintenance
- 4210-44313-53100 UPP – Sutter Plant Maintenance
- 4210-44315-53100 UPP – Sewer Lift Stations
- 4480-44311-53100 UPP – Stormwater Lift Stations
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Modesto that it hereby approves the award of bids for pump station rejuvenation services to Don Pedro Pump, Hughson, CA, as “primary” contractor, and Howk Systems, Modesto, CA, as “secondary” contractor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to issue purchase agreements for an estimated annual cost of $600,000.

The foregoing resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Modesto held on the 11th day of April, 2017, by Councilmember Grewal, who moved its adoption, which motion being duly seconded by Councilmember Madrigal, was upon roll call carried and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers: Ah You, Grewal, Kenoyer, Madrigal, Ridenour, Zoslocki, Mayor Brandvold

NOES: Councilmembers: None

ABSENT: Councilmembers: None

ATTEST: STEPHANIE LOPEZ, City Clerk

(Seal)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: ADAM U. LINDGREN, City Attorney
RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH DF ENGINEERING, INC., MODESTO, CA, FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE NINTH STREET STORM DRAIN BASIN AND PUMP STATION PROJECT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $89,750 FOR THE IDENTIFIED SCOPE OF SERVICES, PLUS $8,975 FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES, IF NEEDED, FOR A MAXIMUM TOTAL AMOUNT OF $98,725, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, the proposed storm drain basin on 9th Street was initially part of the Kansas Needham Overpass Project but was not constructed due to site issues, and

WHEREAS, this storm drain basin is necessary for additional storm water storage, and

WHEREAS, the basin will be designed to maximize the horizontal footprint and vertical depth to achieve optimal storage capacity, and

WHEREAS, a pump station will be also constructed to transfer storm water into the existing nearby MID canal Lat. No.4 once a certain water level in the basin is filled, and

WHEREAS, in addition to the storage basin, new storm drain conveyance and storage improvements will be provided to alleviate the localized flooding experienced at the nearby area of 9th Street and Tully Road, and

WHEREAS, these improvements will provide remediation measures to mitigate storm water from ponding at different locations along 9th Street and will allow the intersections to function in their normal state during storm events without storm water impeding the traffic flow, and

WHEREAS, City staff is recommending the use of a consultant to increase project delivery efficiencies, and
WHEREAS, on September 13, 2016, by Resolution 2016-356, Council approved a prequalified list of local consultants for Civil Engineering Services for Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Administrative Directive 3.1, Selection Procedures for Professional Consultants Who Provide Architectural and Engineering Services for Capital Projects, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was sent to four (4) pre-qualified local consultants for Civil Engineering Services for Capital Improvement Program Projects, and

WHEREAS, on December 23, 2017, staff received and distributed two (2) proposals to a selection committee consisting of Utilities engineering staff, and

WHEREAS, the selection committee evaluated the proposals and determined that DF Engineering, Inc., to be the most qualified and responsive, and

WHEREAS, DF Engineering’s sealed cost proposal was opened after the selection ranking had been finalized, and

WHEREAS, DF Engineering’s proposal cost and scope were reviewed and determined to be reasonable to provide engineering design services, and

WHEREAS, the scope of services to be provided under the agreement includes:
1) Project Management; 2) Meetings with City Staff; 3) Topographic Survey; and 4) Hydraulic calculations, 5) Preparation of Plans and Specifications, 6) Bid Phase Support and 7) Engineering Support During Construction and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2017, by Resolution No. 2017-86, Council approved implementing a spending freeze in order to maintain fiscal sustainability of the City, and
WHEREAS, as allowed by this resolution, the City Manager’s Office approved an exception to this freeze for this procurement, and

WHEREAS, justification for this exception is based upon public safety needs, the project being budgeted in the current Fiscal Year 2016-2017 storm drain fund, and it will not require a budget transfer from reserves to provide the required services, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Modesto Municipal Code 8-3.204(a) Exceptions to Formal Bidding Requirements, this agreement is for professional services and therefore, exempt from the bid requirement, and

WHEREAS, however, staff still went through a RFP process pursuant to Administrative Directive 3.1, and

WHEREAS, staff recommends approval of the agreement with DF Engineering for engineering design services for the Ninth Street Storm Drain Basin and Pump Station Project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Modesto that it hereby approves an Agreement with DF Engineering, Inc., Modesto, CA, for design services for the Ninth Street Storm Drain Basin and Pump Station Project, in an amount not to exceed $89,750 for the identified scope of services, plus $8,975 for additional services, if needed, for a maximum total amount of $98,725.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute the agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney.
The foregoing resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Modesto held on the 11th day of April, 2017, by Councilmember Grewal, who moved its adoption, which motion being duly seconded by Councilmember Madrigal, was upon roll call carried and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers: Ah You, Grewal, Kenoyer, Madrigal, Ridenour, Zoslocki, Mayor Brandvold

NOES: Councilmembers: None

ABSENT: Councilmembers: None

ATTEST: [Signature]

SEAL

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: [Signature]

ADAM U. LINDGREN, City Attorney
RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EXEMPTION TO THE HIRING FREEZE FOR ONE SENIOR SOFTWARE ANALYST AND ONE SENIOR SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN ASSIGNED TO THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Council Resolution No. 2017-86, adopted February 28, 2017, imposed a citywide hiring freeze to ensure City hiring practices are consistent with long term fiscal sustainability and comply with current and future anticipated budget constraints, and

WHEREAS, staff has taken actions to implement the provision of Resolution No. 2017-86; and

WHEREAS, there are currently six vacant positions in the Information Technology Department, and

WHEREAS, certain positions are critical to the daily support of emergency service technology at the City of Modesto Police Department and Modesto Fire Department, and

WHEREAS, not filling these positions will negatively impact technology support and service delivery for a department that responds to public safety emergencies, and

WHEREAS, certain positions are critical to the management of the applications support specialists and to manage software upgrades and implementation projects, and

WHEREAS, not filling these positions may impact project timelines and may create cost overruns for projects and could create severe system outage and impact business operations.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Modesto that the Hiring Freeze Exceptions for one Senior Software Analysts and one Senior Systems Technician are hereby approved.

The foregoing resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Modesto held on the 11th day of April, 2017, by Councilmember Madrigal, who moved its adoption, which motion being duly seconded by Councilmember Kenoyer, was upon roll call carried and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers: Ah You, Grewal, Kenoyer, Madrigal, Ridenour, Zoslocki, Mayor Brandvold

NOES: Councilmembers: None

ABSENT: Councilmembers: None

ATTEST: [Signature]

STEPHANIE LOPEZ, City Clerk

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: [Signature]

ADAM U. LINDGREN, City Attorney
RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EXEMPTION TO THE HIRING FREEZE FOR NON-BENEFITED PART TIME POSITIONS ASSIGNED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Council Resolution No. 2017-86, adopted February 28, 2017, imposed a citywide hiring freeze to ensure City hiring practices are consistent with long term fiscal sustainability and comply with current and future anticipated budget constraints, and

WHEREAS, staff has taken actions to implement the provision of Resolution No 2017-86; and

WHEREAS, certain part-time non benefited positions are critical to the Parks Operations Division and other department programs, and

WHEREAS, without non-benefited part time staff, the City must reduce programs and service levels to a wide variety of services, and

WHEREAS, without part time positions, the City parks will not be maintained at the current levels, tagging abatement will not be completed in a timely manner and mandated fire breaks and fuel reduction will not be completed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Modesto that exception to the hiring freeze non-benefited part time positions assigned to the Public Works Department is hereby approved.
The foregoing resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Modesto held on the 11th day of April, 2017, by Councilmember Madrigal, who moved its adoption, which motion being duly seconded by Councilmember Kenoyer, was upon roll call carried and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers: Ah You, Grewal, Kenoyer, Madrigal, Ridenour, Zoslocki, Mayor Brandvold

NOES: Councilmembers: None

ABSENT: Councilmembers: None

ATTEST: STEPHANIE LOPEZ, City Clerk

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: ADAM U. LINDGREN, City Attorney
RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EXEMPTION TO THE HIRING FREEZE FOR NON-BENEFITED PART TIME POSITIONS ASSIGNED TO THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Council Resolution No. 2017-86, adopted February 28, 2017, imposed a citywide hiring freeze to ensure City hiring practices are consistent with long term fiscal sustainability and comply with current and future anticipated budget constraints, and

WHEREAS, staff has taken actions to implement the provision of Resolution No 2017-86; and

WHEREAS, certain part-time non benefited positions are critical to the contractual obligations for events that have been committed by the Community and Economic Development Department, and

WHEREAS, without non-benefited part time staff, the City will be in breach of commitments for bookings and will compromise the ability to continue to program events at Centre Plaza, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Modesto that exception to the hiring freeze non-benefited part time positions assigned to the Community and Economic Development Department is hereby approved.
The foregoing resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Modesto held on the 11th day of April, 2017, by Councilmember Madrigal, who moved its adoption, which motion being duly seconded by Councilmember Kenoyer, was upon roll call carried and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers: Ah You, Grewal, Kenoyer, Madrigal, Ridenour, Zoslocki, Mayor Brandvold

NOES: Councilmembers: None

ABSENT: Councilmembers: None

ATTEST: 

STEPHANIE LOPEZ, City Clerk

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: ADAM U. LINDGREN, City Attorney
RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE FOLLOWING SUBSEQUENT PROJECT IS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT COVERED BY THE MODESTO URBAN AREA GENERAL PLAN MASTER ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (SCH NO. 2007072023): CODE AMENDMENT FOR DIGITAL FREEWAY BILLBOARDS

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2008, the City Council of the City of Modesto certified the Final Master Environmental Impact Report ("Master EIR") (SCH No. 2007072023) for the Modesto Urban Area General Plan, and

WHEREAS, the City of Modesto has proposed a code amendment for digital freeway billboards ("subsequent project"), and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 21157.1 of the Public Resources Code, the City of Modesto’s Community & Economic Development Department prepared an Environmental Assessment Initial Study EA/C&ED 2016-27 ("Initial Study") which analyzed whether the subsequent project may cause any significant effect on the environment that was not examined in the Master EIR and whether the subsequent project was described in the Master EIR as being within the scope of the report, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with CEQA guidelines beginning on January 17, 2017, the City caused to be published a 20-day notice of the City’s intent to make a finding that the subsequent project conforms with the Master EIR, and

WHEREAS, said matter was considered by the City Council at a duly noticed public hearing which was held on April 11th, 2017, at 5:30 p.m., in the Tenth Street Place Chambers located at 1010 Tenth Street, Modesto, California.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Modesto that the Council has reviewed and considered the Initial Study prepared for the proposed
code amendment for digital freeway billboards, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, and incorporated herein by reference, and based on substantial evidence in the Initial Study makes the following findings:

1. An Initial Study was prepared by the City of Modesto that analyzed whether the subsequent project may cause any significant effect on the environment that was not examined in the Master EIR and whether the subsequent project was described in the Master EIR as being within the scope of the report.

2. The subsequent project will have no additional significant effect on the environment, as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 21158 of the Public Resources Code, that was not identified in the Master EIR.

3. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required.

4. The subsequent project is within the scope of the project covered by the Master EIR.

5. All applicable policies, regulations, and mitigation measures identified in the Master EIR have been applied to the subsequent project or otherwise made conditions of approval of the subsequent project.

6. No substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the Master EIR was certified, and no new information, which was not known and could not have been known at the time that the Master EIR was certified as complete, has become available.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Modesto that the Community & Economic Development Director is hereby authorized and directed to file a notice of approval or determination within five (5) business days with the Stanislaus County Clerk pursuant to Section 21152 of the Public Resources Code.
The foregoing resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Modesto held on the 11th day of April, 2017, by Councilmember Kenoyer, who moved its adoption, which motion being duly seconded by Councilmember Ridenour, was upon roll call carried and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers: Ah You, Grewal, Kenoyer, Madrigal, Ridenour, Zoslocki, Mayor Brandvold

NOES: Councilmembers: None

ABSENT: Councilmembers: None

ATTEST: 

SEAL

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: 

ADAM U. LINDGREN, City Attorney
EXHIBIT A

Initial Study

EA/C&ED 2016-27
City of Modesto

Finding of Conformance to
General Plan Master EIR:

Initial Study Environmental Checklist
C&ED No. EA No. 2016-27

For the proposed:
Zoning Code Amendment
CODE-16-001
Digital Freeway Billboards

Prepared by:
City of Modesto
Community & Economic Development Department
Planning Division

December 12, 2016
City of Modesto
Master EIR Initial Study Environmental Checklist

I. PURPOSE

CEQA allows for the limited environmental review of subsequent projects under the City’s Master Environmental Impact Report ("Master EIR" or "MEIR"). This Initial Study Environmental Checklist ("Initial Study") is used in determining whether Zoning Code Amendment, Digital Freeway Billboards, is "within the scope" of the project analyzed in the Modesto Urban Area General Plan Master EIR (SCH# 2007072023) (Public Resources Code section 21157.1). When the Initial Study supports this conclusion, the City will issue a finding of conformance.

A subsequent project is "within the scope" of the Master EIR when:

1. it will have no additional significant effects on the environment that were not addressed as significant effects in the Master EIR; and

2. no new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required.

“Additional significant effects” means a project-specific effect that was not addressed as a significant effect in the Master EIR. [Public Resources Code Section 21158(d)]

The determination must be based on substantial evidence in the record. “Substantial evidence” means facts, reasonable assumptions predicated upon facts, or expert opinion based on facts. It does not include speculation or unsubstantiated opinion. (CEQA Guidelines Section 15384)

II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Title: Zoning Code Amendment, Digital Freeway Billboards

B. Address or Location: Various locations along State Highway 99

C. Applicant: City of Modesto

D. City Contact Person: Paul Liu
   Project Manager: Paul Liu
   Department: Community and Economic Development
   Phone Number: 209-577-5267
   Email address: pliu@modestogov.com

E. Current General Plan Designation(s): Not applicable

F. Current Zoning Classification(s): Not applicable

G. Surrounding Land Uses: Not applicable

H. Project Description, including the project type listed in Section II.C (Anticipated Future Projects) of the Master EIR (Attach additional maps/support materials as needed for complete record): The proposed project is an amendment the Zoning Code allow digital freeway
billboards. The Zoning Code amendment include a requirement for a conditional use permit approval for new digital freeway billboards and specific development standards such as sign height, size, location, aesthetics, and illumination level. No application to construct a new digital billboard is part of this proposal.

I. Other Public Agencies Whose Approval is Required: None

III. FINDINGS/DETERMINATION (SELECT ONE ON THE BASIS OF THE ANALYSIS IN SECTION IV)

1. **X** Within the Scope - The project is within the scope of the Master EIR and no new environmental document or Public Resources Code Section 21081 findings are required. All of the following statements are found to be true:
   
   A. The subsequent project will have no additional significant effect on the environment, as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 21158 of the Public Resources Code, that was not identified in the Master EIR.
   
   B. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required.
   
   C. The subsequent project is within the scope of the project covered by the Master EIR.
   
   D. All applicable policies, regulations, and mitigation measures identified in the Master EIR have been applied to the subsequent project or otherwise made conditions of approval of the subsequent project.
   
   E. No substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the Master EIR was certified, and no new information, which was not known and could not have been known at the time that the Master EIR was certified as complete, has become available.

2. **__** Mitigated Negative Declaration Required - On the basis of the above determinations, the project is not within the scope of the Master EIR. A mitigated negative declaration will be prepared for the project. The following statements are all found to be true:
   
   A. The subsequent project is within the scope of the project covered by the Master EIR.
   
   B. All applicable policies, regulations, and mitigation measures identified in the Master EIR have been applied to the subsequent project or otherwise made conditions of approval of the subsequent project.
   
   C. The project will have one or more potential new significant effects on the environment that were not addressed as significant effects in the Master EIR. New or additional mitigation measures are being required of the project that will reduce the effects to a less-than-significant level.
   
   D. No substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the Master EIR was certified, and no new information, which was not known and could not have been known at the time that the Master EIR was certified as complete, has become available.
3. **Focused EIR Required** - On the basis of the above determinations, the project is not within the scope of the Master EIR. A Focused EIR will be prepared for the project. All of the following statements are found to be true:

A. The subsequent project is within the scope of the project covered by the Master EIR.

B. All applicable policies, regulations, and mitigation measures identified in the Master EIR have been applied to the subsequent project or otherwise made conditions of approval of the subsequent project.

C. The project will have one or more new significant effects on the environment that were not addressed as significant effects in the Master EIR. New or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required as a result.

D. No substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the Master EIR was certified, and no new information, which was not known and could not have been known at the time that the Master EIR was certified as complete, has become available.

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4. **Within the Scope Analysis of this Document:**

The Master EIR allows projects to be found within the scope of the MEIR if certain criteria are met. If the following statements are found to be true for all 21 impact categories included in this Initial Study, then the proposed project is addressed by the MEIR analysis and is within the scope of the MEIR. Any "No" response must be discussed.

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<td>(1) The lead agency for subsequent projects shall be the City of Modesto or a responsible agency identified in the Master EIR.</td>
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<td>(2) City policies which reduce, avoid, or mitigate environmental effects will continue to be in effect and, therefore, would be applied to subsequent projects where appropriate. The policies are described in the list of policies in place and mitigation measures attached to the Initial Study template. Project impacts would be mitigated to a less-than-significant level using MEIR mitigations only.</td>
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<td>(3) Federal, State, regional, and Stanislaus County regulations do not change in a manner that is less restrictive on development than current law (i.e., would not offer the same level of protection assumed under the Master EIR).</td>
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<td>(4) No specific information concerning the known or potential presence of significant resources is identified in future reports, or through formal or informal input received from responsible or trustee agencies or other qualified sources.</td>
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<td>(5) The development will occur within the boundaries of the City's planning area as established in this Urban Area General Plan.</td>
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<td>(6) Development within the project will comply with all appropriate mitigation measures contained and enumerated in the 2008 General Plan Master EIR.</td>
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**Discussion:**

(1) The Zoning Code Amendment is not a development project. The City of Modesto will be the lead agency for subsequent projects for a new digital freeway billboard.
(2) No modifications to the Urban Area General Plan are proposed as part of this project. No significant impacts are expected to occur beyond those identified in the Urban Area General Plan Master EIR and all relevant mitigations/policies will be applied.

(3) The proposed project does not include changes to federal, state, regional, or county regulations.

(4) There is no new information regarding the presence of significant resources.

(5) The Zoning Code Amendment is not a development project.

(6) The Zoning Code Amendment is not a development project.

5. Currency of the Master EIR Document

The MEIR should be reviewed on a regular basis to determine its currency, and whether additional analysis/mitigation should be incorporated into the MEIR via a Supplemental or Subsequent EIR (CEQA Section 21157.6). Staff has reviewed Sections 1 through 21 of this document in light of the criteria listed below to determine whether the MEIR is current. The analysis contained within the Master EIR is current as long as the following circumstances have not changed. Any "no" response must be explained.

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<td>(1) Certification of the General Plan Master EIR occurred less than five years prior to the filing of the application for this subsequent project.</td>
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<td>(2) This project is described in the Master EIR and its approval will not affect the adequacy of the Master EIR for any subsequent project because the City can make the following findings:</td>
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<td>(2)(a) No substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the Master EIR was certified.</td>
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<td>(2)(b) No new information, which was not known and could not have been known at the time the Master EIR was certified as complete, has become available.</td>
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<td>(2)(c) Policies remain in effect which require site-specific mitigation, and avoidance or other mitigation of impacts as a prerequisite to future development.</td>
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Discussion:

(1) The General Plan Master EIR was certified on October 14, 2008, so more than five years has passed since the MEIR was certified. However, the analysis contained in the MEIR is still adequate for subsequent projects, as documented in the discussion below.

(2) The project is consistent with the analysis contained in the MEIR. This is documented in the discussion of the individual issue areas of this initial study.

(2)(a) There have been no substantive changes to the General Plan since the MEIR was certified that would create additional significant environmental effects that were not analyzed by the MEIR.

(2)(b) There has been no new information that would affect the adequacy of the analysis contained in the MEIR.

(2)(c) All policies contained in the MEIR that require site-specific mitigation or avoidance of impacts remain in effect and will be applied to the project as appropriate.
IV. ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

This Initial Study, in accordance with Section 21157.1(b) of the Public Resources Code, discloses whether the proposed project may cause any project-specific significant effect on the environment that was not examined in the Final Master EIR (MEIR) for the General Plan and whether new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives may be required as a result. The Initial Study thereby documents whether or not the project is “within the scope” of the Master EIR.

Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21157.1, no new environmental document or findings are necessary for projects that are determined to be within the scope of the MEIR. Adoption of the findings specified in Section III.1, above after completion of the Initial Study fulfills the City’s obligation in that situation.

All environmental effects cited reflect 2025 conditions resulting from the Urban Area General Plan, as identified in the Master EIR.

The environmental impact analysis in the Master EIR for the Urban Area General Plan is organized in twenty-one subject areas. The following analysis is based on the impact analyses contained in Chapter V of the Master EIR. For ease of reference, the sections are numbered in the same order as the analyses in Chapter V.

1. TRAFFIC AND CIRCULATION

a. Significant Effects Identified in the Master EIR

The Master EIR discloses the following residual significant and unavoidable traffic and circulation impacts expected after application of mitigations / policies:

Direct Impacts

Effect: Increased automobile traffic will result in roadway segments (see MEIR on Table 1-7, pages V-1-32 to V-1-34) operating at LOS D, Modesto's significance threshold for automobile traffic, or lower (LOS E or F).

Effect: The substantial increase in traffic relative to the existing load and capacity of the street system will cause, either individually or cumulatively, the violation of automobile service standards established by StanCOG's Congestion Management Plan for designated roads and highways.

Effect: A substantial increase in automobile vehicle miles traveled and automobile vehicle hours of travel and a decrease in average automobile vehicle speed (see MEIR Table 1-6, page V-1-31).

Cumulative Impacts

Effect: Potential for growth inducement or acceleration of development resulting from highway and local road projects.

Effect: Substantial increase in traffic in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system, including a violation, either individually or cumulatively, of an automobile LOS standard established by the Congestion Management Plan for designated roads and highways.
Effects: Increased demand for capacity-enhancing alterations to existing roads or automobile traffic reduction.

Other impact categories affected by Traffic and Circulation are addressed throughout this Initial Study (see also Section 2, Degradation of Air Quality; Section 3, Generation of Noise; Section 7 Loss of Sensitive Wildlife and Plant Habitat; Section 8, Disturbance of Archaeological/Historic Sites; Section 14 Increased Demand for Fire Services; Section 18, Energy; Section 19, Visual Resources; Section 20, Land Use and Planning, and Section 21, Climate Change).

b. Master EIR and/or New Mitigation Measures Applied to the Project

Traffic and Circulation mitigation measures pertinent to this project are found on MEIR pages V-1-9 through V-1-28. All mitigation measures appropriate to the project, including any new measures, will be incorporated into or made conditions of approval of this project and are listed in Section V, Mitigation Measures Applied to Project.

Discussion:

No mitigation measures from the Master EIR will apply to this project. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required to reduce project impacts to a less-than-significant level.

c. Project-Specific Effects

Section V-1.B of the Master EIR provides analysis of Traffic and Circulation impacts of development of the General Plan, the following is an analysis of whether the proposed project would result in a new, significant, project-specific effect not disclosed in the Master EIR.

Significance Criteria: A subsequent development project will have a new significant effect on the environment if it would exceed the following criteria:

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<td>1) The proposed project exceeds traffic generation assumptions in the Master EIR for the site by 100 trips or more and City Engineering and Transportation staff has determined that the project would have additional potentially significant project-specific effects that are not avoided or reduced by the Master EIR’s mitigation measures.</td>
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<td>2) Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?</td>
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<td>3) The proposed project would cause additional roadway segments in the General Plan area to exceed LOS D and/or cause additional violations of standards in the Congestion Management Plan, and/or cause an increase in automobile vehicle miles or vehicle hours of travel or a decrease in automobile travel speed, as compared to the impacts disclosed in the Master EIR.</td>
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<td>4) The proposed project would cause emergency</td>
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<td>response times to exceed acceptable standards established by the Fire Department, as compared to impacts disclosed in the Master EIR (see Section 14, Increased Demand for Fire Services).</td>
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<td>5) The proposed project would result in less parking than required by the Municipal Code or as determined by staff.</td>
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<td>6) The proposed project would conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs that support alternative transportation, including, but not limited to the Regional Transportation Plan, the Sustainable Communities Strategy, the Bicycle Action Plan, etc.</td>
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<td>7) The proposed project would result in an increase in automobile vehicle miles traveled on a per capita basis, in excess of that considered in the Urban Area General Plan MEIR.</td>
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Discussion:

(1) The proposed project is a Zoning Code amendment that will allow for digital freeway billboards and will have no effect on traffic generation assumptions.

(2) The project will have no effect on the level of service standard established by the county congestion management.

(3) The project will have no effect on traffic and circulation issues.

(4) The project will have no effect on emergency response time.

(5) The project will have no effect on meeting parking requirements.

(6) The project will have no effect on alternative transportation policies.

(7) The project will have no effect on automobile vehicle miles traveled.

2. DEGRADATION OF AIR QUALITY

a. Significant Effects Identified in the Master EIR

The Master EIR discloses the following residual significant and unavoidable air quality impacts expected after application of mitigations / policies:

Direct Impacts

Effect: Expected automobile traffic will result in increased operational emissions of reactive organic gases (ROG) and oxides of nitrogen (NOX) (see MEIR Table 2-8, page V-2-27).

Effect: Expected automobile traffic will result in increased emissions of particulate matter 10 microns or less (PM10) and 2.5 microns or less in diameter (PM2.5) (see MEIR Table 2-8, page V-2-27).
Effect: Expected automobile traffic will result in increased carbon monoxide (CO) levels in the project area (see MEIR Table 2-7, page V-2-26, and Table 2-8, page V-2-27).

Cumulative Impacts

The Master EIR indicates the same impacts identified as direct impacts above will contribute to regional impacts on air quality for the criteria pollutants ROG, NO\textsubscript{x}, PM\textsubscript{10}, and PM\textsubscript{2.5}.

b. Master EIR and/or New Mitigation Measures Applied to the Project

Air quality mitigation measure(s) pertinent to the proposed project are found on pages V-2-13 through V-2-24 of the Master EIR. All mitigation measures appropriate to the project will be incorporated into or made conditions of approval of this project and are listed in Section V, Mitigation Measures Applied to Project.

Discussion:

No mitigation measures from the Master EIR will apply to this project. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required to reduce project impacts to a less-than-significant level.

c. Project-Specific Effects

Section V-2.B of the Master EIR is the analysis of air quality impacts resulting from development of the Urban Area General Plan. The following is an analysis of whether the proposed project would result in a new, significant, project-specific effect not analyzed in the Master EIR.

Significance Criteria: Determination of project effects will be based on the following thresholds. The project-specific effects will be less than significant unless:

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<td>1) The proposed project exceeds the project-level emissions thresholds established for CO, ROG, NO\textsubscript{x}, PM\textsubscript{10}, and PM\textsubscript{2.5} by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) and is not consistent with the development assumptions for the project site, as established in the Urban Area General Plan and Master EIR.</td>
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<td>2) The proposed project does not incorporate the best management practices established by the SJVAPCD for CO, ROG, NO\textsubscript{x}, PM\textsubscript{10}, and PM\textsubscript{2.5}.</td>
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<td>3) The proposed project does not comply with the air quality policies in the Modesto Urban Area General Plan.</td>
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<td>4) The proposed project would expose sensitive receptors to pollutant concentrations in excess of those expected to occur as a result of implementation of the Urban Area General Plan.</td>
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<td>5) The proposed project would create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people.</td>
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Discussion:

(1) The proposed project will have no effect on emissions thresholds.
(2) The project will have no effect on best management practices established by the SJVAPCD.
(3) The project will have no effect on air quality policies.
(4) The project will have no effect on sensitive receptors.
(5) The project will not result in the creation of objectionable odors.

3. GENERATION OF NOISE

a. Significant Effects Identified in the Master EIR

The Master EIR discloses the following residual significant and unavoidable noise impacts expected after application of mitigations / policies:

Direct Impacts

Effect: Future automobile traffic noise levels and roadway construction and maintenance activities resulting from development of the Urban Area General Plan will exceed the City’s noise thresholds at various locations, but particularly in areas adjacent to heavily traveled roadways (see MEIR Table 3-3, page V-3-10, and Figure VII-2 and Table 3-6, pages V-3-18 and V-3-19).

Effect: Expected noise from airport operations and airport construction projects may expose up to 468 dwellings and three churches to noise levels of 65 dB CNEL and up to eight dwellings to noise levels of 70 dB CNEL.

Effect: Expose noise-sensitive land uses to noise from the construction of bicycle and transit projects.

Effect: Expose noise-sensitive land uses to noise from freight and passenger rail operations.

Cumulative Impacts

Effect: Traffic from development in the City of Modesto would, when combined with traffic from new development in the County and other cities, contribute to a cumulative increase in roadside noise levels on major roads and highways throughout Stanislaus County.

b. Master EIR and/or New Mitigation Measures Applied to the Project

Noise policies and mitigation measures pertinent to the project being analyzed in this Initial Study are found on pages V-3-11 through V-3-15 of the Master EIR. All mitigation measures appropriate to the project will be incorporated into or made conditions of approval of this project and any new measures are listed in Section V, Mitigation Applied to Project.

Discussion:

No mitigation measures from the Master EIR will apply to this project. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required to reduce project impacts to a less-than-significant level.
c. Project-Specific Effects

Section V-3.B of the MEIR discloses noise impacts resulting from development of the Urban Area General Plan. The following is an analysis of whether the proposed project would result in a new, significant, project-specific effect not analyzed in the Master EIR.

Significance Criteria: Determination of the proposed project's effects are based on the following thresholds. Project-specific effects will be less than significant unless:

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<td>1) The proposed project will exceed the standards for noise level and hours of operation established by the Modesto noise ordinance.</td>
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<td>2) The proposed project will not comply with the noise policies of, or otherwise be inconsistent with, the Modesto Urban Area General Plan.</td>
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<td>3) The proposed project will result in an increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above those disclosed in the Master EIR.</td>
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<td>4) The proposed project will result in a substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels disclosed in the Master EIR implementation of the Urban Area General Plan.</td>
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Discussion:

(1) The proposed project will have no effect on noise level standards.

(2) The project will have no effect on noise policies.

(3) The project will not result in an increase of ambient noise levels.

(4) The project will not result in a temporary or periodic increase of ambient noise levels.

4. EFFECTS ON AGRICULTURAL LANDS

a. Significant Effects Identified in the Master EIR

The Master EIR discloses the following residual significant and unavoidable impacts on agricultural lands expected after application of mitigations/policies:

Direct Impacts

Effect: Between 1995 and 2025, development of the Urban Area General Plan may convert up to approximately 26,000 acres of farmland in various categories in the Planned Urbanizing Area to urban uses.
Effect: Approximately 1,200 acres of urban development along a 28.5-mile boundary 350 feet wide between urban and agricultural uses could be affected by continued agricultural operations, including noise, dust, and chemical overspray or drift.

Cumulative Impacts

Effect: Growth within Modesto’s planning area would contribute considerably to the loss of agricultural land within Stanislaus County, accounting for the conversion of as much as approximately 26,000 acres of farmland in various categories in the Planned Urbanizing Area from 1995 to 2025.

b. Master EIR and/or New Mitigation Measures Pertinent to the Project

Agricultural land mitigation measures pertinent to the proposed project are found on pages V-4-6 to and V-4-8 of the Master EIR. All mitigation measures appropriate to the project and any new mitigation to be incorporated into or made conditions of approval of this project are listed in Section V, Mitigation Applied to Project.

Discussion:

No mitigation measures from the Master EIR will apply to this project. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required to reduce project impacts to a less-than-significant level.

c. Project-Specific Effects

Section V-4.B of the Master EIR discloses the impacts resulting from the implementation of the Urban Area General Plan on agricultural lands. The following is an analysis of whether the proposed project would result in a new, significant, project-specific effect not previously analyzed in the Master EIR.

Significance Criteria: Determination of project effects will be based on the following thresholds. The project-specific effects will be less than significant unless:

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<td>1) The proposed project is inconsistent with the Urban Area General Plan’s policies relating to agricultural land.</td>
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<td>2) The proposed project will either directly or indirectly result in the development of land outside the 2008 Urban Area General Plan’s planning area boundary.</td>
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<td>3) The proposed project will conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or there is an existing Williamson Act contract on the project site.</td>
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<td>4) The proposed project will involve other changes in the existing environment not anticipated in the Master EIR which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of farmland to non-agricultural use.</td>
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Discussion:

(1) The proposed project will have no effect on agricultural land policies.

(2) The project will have no effect on development outside the Modesto planning area.

(3) The project will have no effect on land zoned for agricultural use or with Williamson Act contract.

(4) The project will have no effect on the conversion of farmland to non-agricultural use.

5. INCREASED DEMAND FOR LONG-TERM WATER SUPPLIES

a. Significant Effects Identified in the Master EIR

The Master EIR discloses the following residual significant and unavoidable impacts on long-term water supplies expected after application of mitigations / policies:

Direct Impacts

Effect: No residual significant direct impacts have been disclosed in the Master EIR.

Cumulative Impacts

Effect: Operational yields of the Modesto and Turlock subbasins, both of which underlie the City of Modesto, are unknown, although the City is participating in a study with the United States Geological Survey in order to quantify the operational yields of both subbasins. Groundwater withdrawals from both basins by the City, when combined with other users’ withdrawals, may result in overdrafting both subbasins.

Effect: Despite available options, during drought years, significant water shortages are forecast for the San Joaquin River basin, which includes both the Modesto and Turlock subbasins, by 2020. Modesto would make a cumulatively considerable contribution to the cumulative impact on water supply under drought conditions.

b. Master EIR and/or New Mitigation Measures Applied to the Project

Water supply mitigation measures pertinent to the proposed project are found on pages V-5-6 through V-5-12 of the Master EIR. All mitigation measures appropriate to the project to be incorporated into or made conditions of approval of this project are listed in Section V, Mitigation Measures Applied to Project.

Discussion:

No mitigation measures from the Master EIR will apply to this project. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required to reduce project impacts to a less-than-significant level.

c. Project-Specific Effects

Section V-5.B of the Master EIR discloses impacts on long-term water supplies resulting from implementation of the Urban Area General Plan. The following is an analysis of whether the proposed project would result in a new, significant, project-specific effect not disclosed in the Master EIR.
Significance Criteria: Determination of project effects will be based on the following thresholds. The project-specific effects will be less than significant unless:

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<td>1) The proposed project is inconsistent with water supply policies in the Urban Area General Plan.</td>
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<td>2) Water demand for the proposed project will exceed estimates for similar projects or for development on the project site anticipated in the Urban Area General Plan or sufficient water supplies are not otherwise available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources.</td>
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<td>3) The proposed project would deplete groundwater supplies to a greater degree than anticipated in the Urban Area General Plan or would interfere with groundwater recharge.</td>
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Discussion:
(1) The proposed project will have no effect on the water supply.
(2) The project will have no effect on water demand.
(3) The project will have no effect on groundwater supply.

6. INCREASED DEMAND FOR SANITARY SEWER SERVICES

a. Significant Effects Identified in the Master EIR

The Master EIR discloses the following residual significant and unavoidable impacts on sanitary sewer services after application of mitigations / policies:

Direct Impacts

Effect: Development resulting from implementation of the Urban Area General Plan will require substantial new sewage treatment and disposal capacity, treatment plant improvements, sewer mains and collection lines, and pump stations. The Wastewater Master Plan anticipates the need for these facilities and its EIR evaluates the impact of developing these facilities. Potential impacts include degradation of water quality through erosion and chemical releases; localized flooding; construction noise; exposure of construction workers and the public to hazardous materials; and on the habitat of the elderberry longhorn beetle, burrowing owl, and Swainson's hawk, as well as certain other regulated habitats. All of these impacts are mitigated to a less-than-significant level.

Additional impacts that are not mitigated to a less-than-significant level include loss of farmland cause by construction of the Phase IA tertiary treatment facility at the Jennings Road Secondary Treatment Facility, an increase in pollutant loads from increased wastewater flows to the San Joaquin River, and an increase in noise and criteria air pollutants due to construction activities, including traffic.
Cumulative Impacts

Effect: No additional cumulative impacts were identified in the Master EIR.

b. Master EIR and/or New Mitigation Measures Applied to the Project

Sewer service mitigation measures pertinent to the proposed project are found on pages V-6-3 through V-6-8 of the Master EIR. All mitigation measures appropriate to the project to be incorporated into or made conditions of approval of this project are listed in Section V, Mitigation Measures Applied to Project.

Discussion:
No mitigation measures from the Master EIR will apply to this project. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required to reduce project impacts to a less-than-significant level.

c. Project-Specific Effects

Section V-6.B of the Master EIR discloses impacts on the Increased Demand for Sanitary Sewer Service resulting from implementation of the Urban Area General Plan. The following is an analysis of whether the proposed project would result in a new, significant, project-specific effect not disclosed in the Master EIR.

Significance Criteria: Determination of project effects will be based on the following thresholds. The project-specific effects will be less than significant unless:

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<td>1) The proposed project is inconsistent with wastewater policies in the Urban Area General Plan.</td>
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<td>2) The proposed project will generate sewage flows greater than those anticipated in the Urban Area General Plan for the project site.</td>
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<td>3) The proposed project will result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has inadequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments.</td>
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Discussion:
(1) The proposed project will have no effect on the wastewater policies.
(2) The project will have no effect on sewage flows.
(3) The project will have no effect on wastewater capacity.
7. LOSS OF SENSITIVE WILDLIFE AND PLANT HABITAT

a. Significant Effects Identified in the Master EIR

The Master EIR discloses the following residual significant and unavoidable impacts on sensitive wildlife and plant habitat expected after application of mitigations / policies:

Direct Impacts

Effect: No residual significant impacts on sensitive wildlife and plant habitat are expected to occur with the application of the policies contained in the Urban Area General Plan.

Cumulative Impacts

Effect: Implementation of the Urban Area General Plan will contribute to the cumulative impact of habitat loss in the San Joaquin Valley. Requiring density development than has occurred in the past or that is expected in the future would minimize the City’s contribution to the cumulative loss of habitat. Nonetheless, this is a significant and unavoidable impact.

b. Master EIR and/or New Mitigation Measures Applied to the Project

Wildlife and plant habitat mitigation measures pertinent to the proposed project are found on pages V-7-17 through V-7-24 of the Master EIR. All mitigation measures appropriate to the project to be incorporated into or made conditions of approval of this project are listed in Section V, Mitigation Measures Applied to Project.

Discussion:

No mitigation measures from the Master EIR will apply to this project. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required to reduce project impacts to a less-than-significant level.

c. Project-Specific Effects

Section V-7.B of the Master EIR discloses impacts on the Loss of Sensitive Wildlife and Plant Habitat resulting from implementation of the Urban Area General Plan. The following is an analysis of whether the proposed project would result in a new, significant, project-specific effect not disclosed in the Master EIR.

Significance Criteria: Determination of project effects will be based on the following thresholds. The project-specific effects will be less than significant unless:
### 7. LOSS OF SENSITIVE WILDLIFE AND PLANT HABITAT

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<td>1) The project is inconsistent with the policies pertaining to the loss of sensitive wildlife and plant habitat contained in the Urban Area General Plan.</td>
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<td>2) Consultation with the California Department of Fish and Game or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service determines that the project would have a significant effect on a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in excess of the impact disclosed in the Master EIR.</td>
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<td>3) The proposed project would have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means, in excess of the impact disclosed in the Master EIR.</td>
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<td>4) The proposed project would substantially interfere with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites.</td>
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<td>5) Conflict with local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance.</td>
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<td>6) The proposed project would conflict with provisions of an adopted habitat conservation plan, natural community conservation plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan.</td>
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**Discussion:**

1) The proposed project will have no effect on wildlife and plant habitat policies.

2) The project will have no effect on a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in excess of the impact disclosed in the Master EIR.

3) The project will have no effect on federally protected wetlands.

4) The project will have no effect on native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species.

5) The project will have no effect on local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources.

6) The project will have no effect on local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan.
8. DISTURBANCE OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL/HISTORICAL SITES

a. Significant Effects Identified in the Master EIR

The Master EIR discloses the following residual significant and unavoidable impacts on archaeological/historical sites expected after application of mitigations/policies:

Direct Impacts

Effect: Modification resulting in a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historic resource or the demolition of a listed or eligible historic resource.

Effect: The modification or demolition of a structure more than 50 years in age may be significant.

Effect: Discovery of archaeological resources, in areas outside of the riparian corridors, as a result of construction activities.

Effect: Construction in an area of high archaeological sensitivity.

Cumulative Impacts

Effect: No additional cumulative impacts were disclosed in the Master EIR.

b. Master EIR and/or New Mitigation Measures Applied to the Project

Archaeological or historic mitigation measures pertinent to the project being analyzed in this Initial Study are found on page V-8-16 through V-8-20 of the Master EIR. All mitigation measures appropriate to the project to be incorporated into or made conditions of approval of this project are listed in Section V, Mitigation Applied to Project:

Discussion:

No mitigation measures from the Master EIR will apply to this project. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required to reduce project impacts to a less-than-significant level.

c. Project-Specific Effects

Section V-8.B of the MEIR discloses impacts on archaeological/historical resources resulting from implementation of the Urban Area General Plan. The following is an analysis of whether the proposed project would result in a new, significant, project-specific effect not disclosed in the Master EIR.

Significance Criteria: Determination of project effects will be based on the following thresholds. The project-specific effects will be less than significant unless:
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<td>1) The proposed project is inconsistent with the archaeological/historical resource policies in the Urban Area General Plan.</td>
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<td>2) The proposed project would demolish a building eligible for listing as a historic resource or remove a landmark from the Modesto inventory.</td>
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<td>3) The proposed project would modify or demolish a structure more than 50 years old.</td>
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<td>4) The project would adversely affect a cultural resource that is either listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources.</td>
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<td>5) The project would adversely affect a Tribal Cultural Resource identified and/or defined by the applicable Tribe.</td>
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Discussion:

(1) The proposed project will have no effect on archaeological/historical resource policies.
(2) The project will have no effect on historical buildings or landmarks.
(3) The project will have no effect on structures.
(4) The project will have no effect on cultural resources.
(5) The project will have no effect on tribal cultural resources.

9. INCREASED DEMAND FOR STORM DRAINAGE

a. Significant Effects Identified in the Master EIR

The Master EIR discloses the following residual significant and unavoidable impacts on storm drainage expected after application of mitigations / policies:

Direct Impacts

Effect: No residual significant direct impacts were disclosed in the Master EIR.

Cumulative Impacts

Effect: The population of Stanislaus County is projected to increase in a fashion similar to that of Modesto, resulting in additional urban development and associated increases in impervious surface area and associated increases in storm water runoff. Cumulative hydrologic impacts of storm water flows from Modesto urban areas and other areas of the County could occur due to the fixed capacity of MID and TID irrigation canals to convey drainage west to the San Joaquin River. If drainage channels in some areas prove insufficient to handle the increased drainage discharges, existing storm water runoff from urban and agricultural areas during large storm events would have to be interrupted until water levels receded to a point allowing the resumption of discharges to the channel.
Ceasing discharges to drainage channels could cause inundation in and around the drainage conveyance pipeline systems, surface drainage channels, detention basins, and other urban areas. This cumulative impact is considered significant and unavoidable.

b. Master EIR and/or New Mitigation Measures Applied to the Project

Storm Drainage mitigation measures pertinent to the project being analyzed in this Initial Study are found on pages V-9-4 through V-9-9. All mitigation measures appropriate to the project to be incorporated into or made conditions of approval of this project are listed in Section V, Mitigation Measures Applied to Project:

Discussion:

No mitigation measures from the Master EIR will apply to this project. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required to reduce project impacts to a less-than-significant level.

c. Project-Specific Effects

Section V-9.B of the MEIR discloses impacts on the demand for storm drainage resulting from development of the Urban Area General Plan. The following is an analysis of whether the proposed project would result in a new, significant, project-specific effect not disclosed in the Master EIR.

Significance Criteria: Determination of project effects will be based on the following thresholds. The project-specific effects will be less than significant unless:

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<td>1) The proposed project is inconsistent with the storm drainage policies in the Urban Area General Plan.</td>
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<td>2) The proposed project would substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner that would result in flooding on- or offsite, as compared to impacts anticipated to result from the Urban Area General Plan or create substantial unanticipated sources of polluted runoff.</td>
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<td>3) The proposed project does not utilize Low Impact Development strategies to reduce runoff from the site and increase infiltration, resulting in no net increase in runoff before and after development.</td>
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Discussion:

(1) The proposed project will have no effect on storm drainage policies.

(2) The project will have no effect on surface runoff.

(3) The project will have no effect on Low Impact Development strategies to reduce runoff.
10. FLOODING AND WATER QUALITY

a. Significant Effects Identified in the Master EIR

The Master EIR discloses the following residual significant and unavoidable impacts on flooding and water quality expected after application of mitigations / policies:

Direct Impacts

Effect: No residual significant direct impacts were disclosed in the Master EIR.

Cumulative Impacts

Effect: No residual significant cumulative impacts were disclosed in the Master EIR.

b. Master EIR and/or New Mitigation Measures Applied to the Project

Flooding and Water Quality mitigation measures pertinent to the project being analyzed in this Initial Study are found on pages V-10-6 through V-10-9 of the Master EIR. All mitigation measures appropriate to the project will be incorporated into or made conditions of approval of this project are listed in Section V, Mitigation Applied to Project:

Discussion:

No mitigation measures from the Master EIR will apply to this project. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required to reduce project impacts to a less-than-significant level.

c. Project-Specific Effects

Section V-10.B of the Master EIR provides analysis of Flooding and Water Quality impacts of development of the General Plan, the following is an analysis of whether the proposed project would result in a new, significant, project-specific effect not previously analyzed in the Master EIR.

Significance Criteria: Determination of project effects will be based on the following thresholds. The project-specific effects will be less than significant unless:

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<td>2) The proposed project does not comply with the regulatory requirements of the federal Clean Water Act or the State Porter-Cologne Act.</td>
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<td>3) The proposed project would place more housing within a 100-year flood hazard zone than assumed in the Urban Area General Plan.</td>
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<td>4) The proposed project would place structure within a 100-year flood hazard area so that they would impede or redirect floodwater or would substantially alter the existing on-site drainage pattern or a</td>
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<td>watercourse, in such a way as to cause flooding on- or off-site.</td>
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<td>5) The proposed project does not comply with Modesto's Guidance Manual for New Development Storm Water Quality Control Measures.</td>
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<td>6) The proposed project would violate water quality standards or waste discharge requirements.</td>
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<td>7) The proposed project would substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area or a watercourse in a manner that would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or offsite in excess of the assumptions of the General Plan.</td>
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<td>8) The proposed project would create or contribute runoff, which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm water drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff, not expected as part of General Plan implementation.</td>
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Discussion:

(1) The proposed project will have no effect on flooding and water quality policies.

(2) The project will have no effect on federal Clean Water Act or the State Porter-Cologne Act.

(3) The project will not result in more housing within a 100-year flood hazard zone.

(4) The project will have no effect on flooding.

(5) The project will have no effect on Modesto's Guidance Manual for New Development Storm Water Quality Control Measures.

(6) The project will have no effect on water quality standards or waste discharge requirements.

(7) The project will have no effect on existing drainage pattern of the site or area or a watercourse in a manner that would result in substantial erosion or siltation.

(8) The project will have no effect on runoff.

11. INCREASED DEMAND FOR PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

a. Significant Effects Identified in the Master EIR

The Master EIR discloses the following residual significant and unavoidable impacts on parks and open space expected after application of mitigations / policies:

Direct Impacts

Effect: No residual significant direct impacts were disclosed in the Master EIR.
Cumulative Impacts

Effect: No residual significant cumulative impacts were disclosed in the Master EIR.

b. Master EIR and/or New Mitigation Measures Applied to the Project

Parks and open space mitigation measures pertinent to the proposed project are found on pages V-11-3 through V-11-9 of the Master EIR. All mitigation measures appropriate to the project to be incorporated into or made conditions of approval of this project are listed in Section V, Mitigation Applied to Project:

Discussion:

No mitigation measures from the Master EIR will apply to this project. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required to reduce project impacts to a less-than-significant level.

c. Project-Specific Effects

Section V-11.B of the MEIR discloses impacts of the Urban Area General Plan on parks and open space. The following is an analysis of whether the proposed project would result in a new, significant, project-specific effect not disclosed in the Master EIR.

Significance Criteria: Determination of project effects will be based on the following thresholds. Project-specific effects will be less than significant unless:

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<td>1) The proposed project is inconsistent with the parks and open space policies in the Urban Area General Plan.</td>
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<td>2) The proposed project would eliminate parks or open space.</td>
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<td>3) The proposed project would cause an increase in the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility in question would occur or be accelerated or the proposed project would include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment.</td>
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Discussion:

(1) The proposed project will have no effect on parks and open space policies.

(2) The project will have no effect on parks and open space.

(3) The project will have no effect on parks and recreation facilities.
12. INCREASED DEMAND FOR SCHOOLS

a. Significant Effects Identified in the Master EIR

The Master EIR discloses the following residual significant and unavoidable impacts on school facilities expected after application of mitigations / policies:

**Direct Impacts**

**Effect:** No residual significant direct impacts were disclosed in the Master EIR. By statute, the impact of new students is considered to be mitigated below a level of significance by payment of school impact fees and the exercise of any or all of the financing options set out in Government Code Section 65997.

**Cumulative Impacts**

**Effect:** Similar to direct impacts of implementation of the Urban Area General Plan, no residual significant direct impacts were disclosed in the Master EIR.

b. Master EIR and/or New Mitigation Measures Applied to the Project

Mitigation relies upon the implementation of the policies in place under the Modesto Urban Area General Plan. As long these policies are applied to all subsequent projects, no new mitigation is necessary. Further, payment of school impact fees and compliance with SB 50 is statutorily deemed to be full mitigation of school impacts (Government Code Section 65995).

The following schools mitigation measures on pages V-12-5 through V-12-7 of the Master EIR are pertinent to the proposed project. All mitigation measures appropriate to the project will be incorporated into or made conditions of approval of this project. Those measures are listed in Section V, Mitigation Applied to Project.

**Discussion:**

No mitigation measures from the Master EIR will apply to this project. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required to reduce project impacts to a less-than-significant level.

c. Project-Specific Effects

Section V-12.B of the Master EIR discloses impacts resulting from implementation of the Urban Area General Plan associated with increased demand for schools. The following is an analysis of whether the proposed project would result in a new, significant, project-specific effect not disclosed in the Master EIR.

**Significance Criteria:** Determination of project effects will be based on the following thresholds. The project-specific effects will be less than significant unless:
12. INCREASED DEMAND FOR SCHOOLS

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<td>1) The proposed project is inconsistent with the policies relating to schools in the Urban Area General Plan.</td>
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<td>2) The proposed project does not comply with SB 50/Proposition 1A funding provisions, or succeeding measures which state that compliance results in less-than-significant impacts on schools.</td>
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Discussion:

(1) The proposed project will have no effect on school policies.

(2) The project will have no effect on SB 50/Proposition 1A funding provisions.

13. INCREASED DEMAND FOR POLICE SERVICES

a. Significant Effects Identified in the Master EIR

The Master EIR discloses the following residual significant and unavoidable impacts on police services expected after application of mitigations/policies:

Direct Impacts

Effect: No residual significant direct impacts were disclosed in the Master EIR.

Cumulative Impacts

Effect: No residual significant cumulative impacts were disclosed in the Master EIR.

b. Master EIR and/or New Mitigation Measures Applied to the Project

Police services mitigation measures pertinent to the proposed project are found on pages V-13-2 through V-13-5 of the Master EIR. All mitigation measures appropriate to the project to be incorporated into or made conditions of approval of this project are listed in Section V, Mitigation Measures Applied to Project.

Discussion:

No mitigation measures from the Master EIR will apply to this project. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required to reduce project impacts to a less-than-significant level.

c. Project-Specific Effects

Section V-13.B of the Master EIR discloses impacts on police services resulting from implementation of the Urban Area General Plan. The following is an analysis of whether the proposed project would result in a new, significant, project-specific effect not disclosed in the Master EIR.

Significance Criteria: Determination of project effects will be based on the following thresholds. The project-specific effects will be less than significant unless:
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<td>2) The proposed project would result in the need for new or significantly altered facilities not considered as part of the Urban Area General Plan or Master EIR which could cause new significant environmental impacts in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives.</td>
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**Discussion:**

1. The proposed project will have no effect to police policies.
2. The project will not result in the need for more police facilities.

### 14. INCREASED DEMAND FOR FIRE SERVICES

#### a. Significant Effects Identified in the Master EIR

The Master EIR discloses the following residual significant and unavoidable impacts on fire services expected after application of mitigations / policies:

**Direct Impacts**

**Effect:** No residual significant direct impacts were disclosed in the Master EIR.

**Cumulative Impacts**

**Effect:** No residual significant cumulative impacts were disclosed in the Master EIR.

#### b. Master EIR and/or New Mitigation Measures Applied to the Project

Fire Services mitigation measure(s) pertinent to the project being analyzed in this Initial Study are found on pages V-14-4 through V-14-7 of the Master EIR. All mitigation measures appropriate to the project to be incorporated into or made conditions of approval of this project are listed in Section V, Mitigation Measures Applied to Project.

**Discussion:**

No mitigation measures from the Master EIR will apply to this project. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required to reduce project impacts to a less-than-significant level.
c. Project-Specific Effects

Section V-14.B of the Master EIR discloses impacts on fire services resulting from implementation of the Urban Area General Plan. The following is an analysis of whether the proposed project would result in a new, significant, project-specific effect not disclosed in the Master EIR.

Significance Criteria: Determination of project effects will be based on the following thresholds. The project-specific effects will be less than significant unless:

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<td>2) The proposed project would result in the need for new or significantly altered facilities not considered as part of the Urban Area General Plan or Master EIR which could cause new significant environmental impacts in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives.</td>
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<td>3) The proposed project, based upon substantial evidence, would cause the erosion or elimination of fire protection services in adjoining fire protection districts.</td>
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Discussion:

(1) The proposed project will have no effect on fire service policies.
(2) The project will not result in the need for more fire service facilities.
(3) The project will have no effect on fire protection services in adjoining fire protection districts.

15. GENERATION OF SOLID WASTE

a. Significant Effects Identified in the Master EIR

The Master EIR discloses the following residual significant and unavoidable impacts on solid waste expected after application of mitigations / policies:

Direct Impacts

Effect: No residual significant direct impacts were disclosed in the Master EIR.

Cumulative Impacts

Effect: No residual significant cumulative impacts were disclosed in the Master EIR.
b. Master EIR and/or New Mitigation Measures Applied to the Project

Solid waste mitigation measures pertinent to the proposed project are found on pages V-15-4 through V-15-7 of the Master EIR. All mitigation measures appropriate to the project to be incorporated into or made conditions of approval of this project are listed in Section V, Mitigation Applied to Project.

Discussion:

No mitigation measures from the Master EIR will apply to this project. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required to reduce project impacts to a less-than-significant level.

c. Project-Specific Effects

Section V-15.B of the Master EIR discloses solid waste impacts resulting from implementation of the Urban Area General Plan. The following is an analysis of whether the proposed project would result in a new, significant, project-specific effect not disclosed in the Master EIR.

Significance Criteria: Determination of project effects will be based on the following thresholds. Project-specific effects will be less than significant unless:

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<td>2) The County is unable to expand its solid waste disposal capacity, as expected, causing all new development to result in cumulative impacts on the County's disposal capacity.</td>
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Discussion:

(1) The proposed project will have no effect on solid waste policies.

(2) The project will have no effect on the County solid waste facility.

16. GENERATION OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

a. Significant Effects Identified in the Master EIR

The Master EIR discloses the following residual significant and unavoidable impacts regarding hazardous materials expected after application of mitigations / policies:

Direct Impacts

Effect: No residual significant direct impacts were disclosed in the Master EIR.

Cumulative Impacts

Effect: No residual significant cumulative impacts were disclosed in the Master EIR.
b. Master EIR and/or New Mitigation Measures Applied to the Project

Hazardous materials mitigation measures pertinent to the proposed project are found on pages V-16-8 through V-16-13 of the Master EIR. All mitigation measures appropriate to the project to be incorporated into or made conditions of approval of this project are listed in Section V, Mitigation Measures Applied to Project.

Discussion:
No mitigation measures from the Master EIR will apply to this project. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required to reduce project impacts to a less-than-significant level.

c. Project-Specific Effects

Section V-16.B of the Master EIR discloses impacts on hazardous materials resulting from implementation of the Urban Area General Plan. The following is an analysis of whether the proposed project would result in a new, significant, project-specific effect not disclosed in the Master EIR.

Significance Criteria: Determination of project effects will be based on the following thresholds. The project-specific effects will be less than significant unless:

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<td>2) The proposed project would emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school.</td>
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<td>3) The proposed project would be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and as a result, would create a significant hazard to the public or the environment.</td>
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<td>4) The proposed project would be constructed on a contaminated site not known to the State of California as of March 2008.</td>
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Discussion:

(1) The proposed project will have no effect on hazardous materials policies.
(2) The project will not result in emitting hazardous emissions or handling hazardous materials.
(3) The project will not result in locating projects on hazardous materials sites.
(4) The project will not result in locating projects on contaminated sites.
17. GEOLOGY, SOILS, AND MINERAL RESOURCES

a. Significant Effects Identified in the Master EIR

The Master EIR discloses the following residual significant and unavoidable impacts related to geology, soils, and mineral resources expected after application of mitigations / policies:

Direct Impacts

Effect: No residual significant direct impacts were disclosed in the Master EIR.

Cumulative Impacts

Effect: No residual significant direct impacts were disclosed in the Master EIR.

b. Master EIR and/or New Mitigation Measures Applied to the Project

Geology, soils, and mineral resource mitigation measures pertinent to the proposed project are found on pages V-17-9 and V-17-10 of the Master EIR. All mitigation measures appropriate to the project to be incorporated into or made conditions of approval of the proposed project are listed in Section V, Mitigation Measures Applied to Project.

Discussion:

No mitigation measures from the Master EIR will apply to this project. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required to reduce project impacts to a less-than-significant level.

c. Project-Specific Effects

Section V-17.B of the Master EIR discloses geology, soils, and mineral resource impacts resulting from implementation of the Urban Area General Plan. The following is an analysis of whether the proposed project would result in a new, significant, project-specific effect not disclosed in the Master EIR.

Significance Criteria: Determination of project effects will be based on the following thresholds. Project-specific effects will be less than significant unless:

1) The project is inconsistent with policies relating to geology, soils, and mineral resources contained in the Urban Area General Plan.

2) The proposed project would expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving fault rupture, strong seismic activity; location on an expansive soil; result in the loss of topsoil; location on soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems in areas where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater; result in the loss of known mineral resources that would be of value to City of Modesto General Plan Master EIR

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<td>2) The proposed project would expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving fault rupture, strong seismic activity; location on an expansive soil; result in the loss of topsoil; location on soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems in areas where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater; result in the loss of known mineral resources that would be of value to</td>
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<td>the region and the state; or result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan, or other land use plan.</td>
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Discussion:

(1) The proposed project will have no effect on geology, soils, and mineral resources policies.

(2) The project will not result in exposing people or structure to seismic activities, location on expansive soils, or loss of mineral resources.

18. ENERGY

a. Significant Effects Identified in the Master EIR

The Master EIR discloses the following residual significant and unavoidable impacts pertaining to energy expected after application of mitigations / policies:

Direct Impacts

Effect: Continued development in the Planned Urbanizing Area would have an impact on available energy supplies. Energy consumption likely would increase substantially by 2025 as a result of implementation of the Urban Area General Plan.

Cumulative Impacts

Effect: Implementation of the Urban Area General Plan will have a cumulatively considerable impact on energy consumption.

b. Master EIR and/or New Mitigation Measures Applied to the Project

The following energy mitigation measures pertinent to the proposed project are found on pages V-18-2 through V-18-8 in the Master EIR. All mitigation measures appropriate to the project will be incorporated into or made conditions of approval of this project. Those measures will be listed in Section V, Mitigation Applied to Project.

Discussion:

No mitigation measures from the Master EIR will apply to this project. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required to reduce project impacts to a less-than-significant level.

c. Project-Specific Effects

Section V-18.B of the Master EIR discloses impacts of implementing the Urban Area General Plan on energy resources. The following is an analysis of whether the proposed project would result in a new, significant, project-specific effect not disclosed in the Master EIR.
Significance Criteria: Determination of project effects will be based on the following thresholds. The project-specific effects will be less than significant unless:

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<td>2) The proposed project would result in energy consumption during construction, operation, maintenance, or removal that is more wasteful, inefficient, and unnecessary than assumed in the Urban Area General Plan.</td>
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Discussion:

(1) The proposed project will have no effect on energy policies.

(2) The project will not result in wasteful energy consumption during future construction activities.

19. EFFECTS ON VISUAL RESOURCES

a. Significant Effects Identified in the Master EIR

The Master EIR discloses the following residual significant and unavoidable impacts on visual resources expected after application of mitigations / policies:

Direct Impacts

Effect: New development in the Planned Urbanizing Area will occur in areas that are in agricultural production or are otherwise lightly developed, which could lead to the introduction of light and glare in areas that have little nighttime illumination.

Cumulative Impacts

Effect: No additional cumulative impacts were disclosed in the Master EIR.

b. Master EIR and/or New Mitigation Measures Applied to the Project

The following visual resources mitigation measures pertinent to the proposed project are found on pages V-19-3 and V-19-4 in the Master EIR. All mitigation measures appropriate to the proposed project will be incorporated into or made conditions of approval of this project. Those measures will be listed in Section V, Mitigation Applied to Project.

Discussion:

No mitigation measures from the Master EIR will apply to this project. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required to reduce project impacts to a less-than-significant level.
c. Project-Specific Effects

Section V-18.B of the Master EIR discloses impacts of implementing the Urban Area General Plan on energy resources. The following is an analysis of whether the proposed project would result in a new, significant, project-specific effect not disclosed in the Master EIR.

Significance Criteria: Determination of project effects will be based on the following thresholds. The project-specific effects will be less than significant unless:

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<td>2) The proposed project would degrade views from riverside areas and parks to a greater degree than assumed in the Urban Area General Plan.</td>
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<td>3) The proposed project would degrade views of riverside areas from public roadways and nearby properties to a greater degree than assumed in the Urban Area General Plan.</td>
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Discussion:

(1) The proposed zoning code amendment to allow digital freeway billboards would include standards that address visual resources policies. The allowed size and height would be consistent with other existing billboards along freeways. There is a provision to remove existing nonconforming billboards in exchange for a new digital billboard in the effort to reduce sign clutter. New digital freeway billboards must be located within 660 feet of the freeway and shall not be located on any parcel with a residential zone and residential use. The sign structure and support pole must be streamlined so as not to call extra attention. The sign shall not result in substantial reduction in existing landscaping. The digital freeway billboard shall display static messages only and shall meet specified brightness levels. A conditional use permit is required for any digital freeway billboard. The proposed code amendment will not affect scenic vistas, scenic resources, or light and glare. The visual impacts will be less than significant.

(2) The project will have no effect on views from riverside areas and parks.

(3) The project will have no effect on views of riverside areas from public roadways and nearby properties.

20. LAND USE AND PLANNING

a. Significant Effects Identified in the Master EIR

The Master EIR discloses the following residual significant and unavoidable impacts pertaining to land use and planning expected after application of mitigations / policies:
Direct Impacts

Effect: No residual significant direct impacts were disclosed in the Master EIR.

Cumulative Impacts

Effect: No residual significant cumulative impacts were disclosed in the Master EIR.

b. Master EIR and/or New Mitigation Measures Applied to the Project

The following land use and planning mitigation measures pertinent to the proposed project are found on pages V-20-6 through V-20-17 in the Master EIR. All mitigation measures appropriate to the project will be incorporated into or made conditions of approval of this project. Those measures will be listed in Section V, Mitigation Applied to Project.

Discussion:

No mitigation measures from the Master EIR will apply to this project. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required to reduce project impacts to a less-than-significant level.

c. Project-Specific Effects

Section V-20.B of the Master EIR discloses impacts of implementing the Urban Area General Plan on land use and planning. The following is an analysis of whether the proposed project would result in a new, significant, project-specific effect not disclosed in the Master EIR.

Significance Criteria: Determination of project effects will be based on the following thresholds. The project-specific effects will be less than significant unless:

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<td>1) The proposed project is inconsistent with land use and planning policies in the Urban Area General Plan.</td>
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<td>2) The proposed project contains elements that would physically divide an established community in a way not assumed in the Urban Area General Plan.</td>
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<td>3) The proposed project conflicts with a land use plan, policy or regulation established for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental impact by an agency that has jurisdiction over the proposed project.</td>
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<td>4) The proposed project conflicts with an applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan.</td>
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Discussion:

(1) The proposed project will be consistent land use and planning policies.

(2) The project will not result in the physical division of an established community.
(3) The project will have no effect on a land use plan, policy or regulation established for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental impact.

(4) The project will have no effect on applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan.

21. CLIMATE CHANGE

a. Significant Effects Identified in the Master EIR

The Master EIR discloses the following residual significant and unavoidable impacts pertaining to climate change expected after application of mitigations / policies:

Direct Impacts

Effect: Impacts resulting from implementation of the Urban Area General Plan are not substantial enough to result in a significant direct impact on climate change, as disclosed in the Master EIR.

Cumulative Impacts

Effect: Implementation of the Urban Area General Plan will have a cumulatively considerable impact on climate change.

b. Master EIR and/or New Mitigation Measures Applied to the Project

The following climate change mitigation measures pertinent to the proposed project are found on pages V-21-7 through V-21-10 in the Master EIR. All mitigation measures appropriate to the project will be incorporated into or made conditions of approval of this project. Those measures will be listed in Section V, Mitigation Applied to Project.

Discussion:
No mitigation measures from the Master EIR will apply to this project. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required to reduce project impacts to a less-than-significant level.

c. Project-Specific Effects

Section V-18.B of the Master EIR discloses impacts of implementing the Urban Area General Plan on climate change. The following is an analysis of whether the proposed project would result in a new, significant, project-specific effect not disclosed in the Master EIR.

Significance Criteria: Determination of project effects will be based on the following thresholds. The project-specific effects will be less than significant unless:
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### Discussion:

1. The proposed project will have no effect on climate change policies.
2. The project will have no effect on automobile trip lengths or CO₂ emissions.
3. The project will have no effect on the Sustainable Communities Strategy or Alternative Planning Strategy.
V. MITIGATION MEASURES APPLIED TO THE PROPOSED PROJECT

If the Initial Study results in the determination that a Finding of Conformance can be adopted for the proposed project Section A below applies. If the Initial Study results in the determination that a Finding of Conformance cannot be adopted and a Mitigated Negative Declaration/EIR must be prepared for the project then Section B, below applies.

A. Master EIR Mitigation Measures Applied to the Project

Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21157.1(c), in order for a Finding of Conformance to be made, all appropriate mitigation measures from the Master EIR shall be incorporated into the proposed project. Urban Area General Plan Policies/Master EIR mitigation measures shall be made part of the proposed project prior to approval by means of conditions of project approval or incorporation into the appropriate document or plan.

No mitigation measures from the Master EIR are applicable and appropriate to the proposed project for a code amendment to allow digital freeway billboards. No physical project is included in this project. When a digital billboard is proposed, the required conditional use permit application process will include consideration of applicable mitigation measures.

B. New or Additional Mitigation Measures or Alternatives Required

Where the project’s effects would exceed the significance criteria for each environmental impact category, a mitigated negative declaration or Focused EIR must be prepared. Staff has reviewed the project against the significance criteria thresholds established in the Master EIR for all impact categories in this Initial Study.

No additional project-specific mitigation measures are necessary for this project. A Mitigated Negative Declaration or Focused EIR is not needed.
RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE FOLLOWING SUBSEQUENT PROJECT IS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT COVERED BY THE MODESTO URBAN AREA GENERAL PLAN MASTER ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2007072023): AMENDMENT TO SECTION 22-3-9 OF THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF MODESTO TO REZONE FROM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R-1) ZONE TO PROFESSIONAL OFFICE (P-O) ZONE, PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1237 OAKDALE ROAD, SOUTH OF EAST ORANGEBURG AVENUE

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2008, the City Council of the City of Modesto certified the Final Master Environmental Impact Report ("Master EIR") (SCH No. 2007072023) for the Modesto Urban Area General Plan, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tong Sun has proposed a rezone of property located at 1237 Oakdale Road from Low Density Residential (R-1) Zone to Professional Office (P-O) Zone, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 21157.1 of the Public Resources Code, the City of Modesto’s Community & Economic Development Department prepared an Environmental Assessment Initial Study EA/C&ED 2017-05 ("Initial Study") which analyzed whether the subsequent project may cause any significant effect on the environment that was not examined in the Master EIR and whether the subsequent project was described in the Master EIR as being within the scope of the report, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with CEQA guidelines beginning on March 14, 2017, the City caused to be published a 20-day notice of the City’s intent to make a finding that the subsequent project conforms with the Master EIR, and
WHEREAS, said matter was considered by the City Council at a duly noticed public hearing which was held on April 11, 2017, at 5:30 p.m., in the Tenth Street Place Chambers located at 1010 Tenth Street, Modesto, California.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Modesto that the Council has reviewed and considered the Initial Study prepared for the proposed rezone, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, and incorporated herein by reference, and based on substantial evidence in the Initial Study makes the following findings:

1. An Initial Study was prepared by the City of Modesto that analyzed whether the subsequent project may cause any significant effect on the environment that was not examined in the Master EIR and whether the subsequent project was described in the Master EIR as being within the scope of the report.

2. The subsequent project will have no additional significant effect on the environment, as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 21158 of the Public Resources Code that was not identified in the Master EIR.

3. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required.

4. The subsequent project is within the scope of the project covered by the Master EIR.

5. All applicable policies, regulations, and mitigation measures identified in the Master EIR have been applied to the subsequent project or otherwise made conditions of approval of the subsequent project.

6. No substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the Master EIR was certified, and no new information, which was not known and could not have been known at the time that the Master EIR was certified as complete, has become available.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Modesto that the Community & Economic Development Director is hereby authorized and directed to file a notice of approval or determination within five (5) business days with the Stanislaus County Clerk pursuant to Section 21152 of the Public Resources Code.
The foregoing resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Modesto held on the 11th day of April, 2017, by Councilmember Ridenour, who moved its adoption, which motion being duly seconded by Councilmember Madrigal, was upon roll call carried and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers: Ah You, Grewal, Kenoyer, Madrigal, Ridenour, Zoslocki, Mayor Brandvold

NOES: Councilmembers: None

ABSENT: Councilmembers: None

ATTEST: STEPHANIE LOPEZ, City Clerk

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: ADAM U. LINDGREN, City Attorney
EXHIBIT A

Initial Study

EA/C&ED 2017-05
City of Modesto

Finding of Conformance to General Plan Master EIR:

Initial Study Environmental Checklist
C&ED No. 2017-05

For the proposed:

RZN-16-003: Rezone of 1.20 Acres from Low Density Residential (R-1) Zone to Professional Office (P-O) Zone

DPR-16-012: Development Plan Review for Remodel of and Addition to Medical Office Building on 1.20 Acres

1237 Oakdale Road
(APN 032-015-038)

Prepared by:
City of Modesto
Community & Economic Development Department
Planning Division

January 31, 2017

Updated: September 2013
City of Modesto
Master EIR Initial Study Environmental Checklist

I. PURPOSE

CEQA allows for the limited environmental review of subsequent projects under the City’s Master Environmental Impact Report ("Master EIR" or "MEIR"). This Initial Study Environmental Checklist ("Initial Study") is used in determining whether the Rezone and Development Plan Review for 1237 Oakdale Road ("Project") is “within the scope” of the project analyzed in the Modesto Urban Area General Plan Master EIR (SCH# 2007072023) (Public Resources Code section 21157.1). When the Initial Study supports this conclusion, the City will issue a finding of conformance.

A subsequent project is “within the scope” of the Master EIR when:

1. it will have no additional significant effects on the environment that were not addressed as significant effects in the Master EIR; and
2. no new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required.

“Additional significant effects” means a project-specific effect that was not addressed as a significant effect in the Master EIR. [Public Resources Code Section 21158(d)]

The determination must be based on substantial evidence in the record. “Substantial evidence” means facts, reasonable assumptions predicated upon facts, or expert opinion based on facts. It does not include speculation or unsubstantiated opinion. (CEQA Guidelines Section 15384)

II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Title:
   RZN-16-003—Rezone of 1.20 acres from Low Density Residential (R-1) Zone to Professional Office (P-O) Zone
   DPR-16-012—Remodel of and addition to a Medical Office Building on 1.20 acres

B. Address or Location: 1237 Oakdale Road, Modesto CA 95355

C. Applicant: Dr. Tong Sun; 2712 Vestrella Drive, Modesto CA 95356

D. City Contact Person: Jonnie Lan, AICP, Associate Planner
   Project Manager: Jonnie Lan
   Department: Community and Economic Development Department, Planning Division
   Phone Number: 209-577-5267
   E-mail address: jlan@modestogov.com

E. Current General Plan Designation(s): Mixed Use (MU)

F. Current Zoning Classification(s): Low Density Residential (R-1) Zone

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G. Surrounding Land Uses:
   North: Planned Development Zone P-D (287), High Density Residential (R-3)
          Condominiums
   South: Planned Development Zone P-D (422), Restaurant and Vacant Lot Approved
          for a Recreational Vehicle Storage Area
   East:  Low Density Residential (R-1) Zone, single-family residences
   West:  Low Density Residential (R-1) Zone, single-family residences

H. Project Description, including the project type listed in Section II.C (Anticipated Future
   Projects) of the Master EIR (Attach additional maps/support materials as needed for complete
   record):

   Project proposes the rezone of 1.20 acres of vacant land from Low Density Residential (R-1)
   Zone to Professional Office (P-O) Zone to facilitate the development a 10,472 square foot
   medical office building and its supporting parking. Rezone of the site to be by City Council
   Ordinance. Development of the site to be by administrative Development Plan Review (DPR-
   16-012) to ensure compliance with applicable City Zoning Codes and Standards, with a
   determination by the Director of Community and Economic Development or designee, and is
   contingent on the proposed rezoning.
I. Other Public Agencies Whose Approval is Required: None.

III. FINDINGS/DETERMINATION (SELECT ONE ON THE BASIS OF THE ANALYSIS IN SECTION IV)

1. X Within the Scope - The project is within the scope of the Master EIR and no new environmental document or Public Resources Code Section 21061 findings are required. All of the following statements are found to be true:

   A. The subsequent project will have no additional significant effect on the environment, as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 21158 of the Public Resources Code, that was not identified in the Master EIR.

   B. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required.

   C. The subsequent project is within the scope of the project covered by the Master EIR.

   D. All applicable policies, regulations, and mitigation measures identified in the Master EIR have been applied to the subsequent project or otherwise made conditions of approval of the subsequent project.

   E. No substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the Master EIR was certified, and no new information, which was not known and could not have been known at the time that the Master EIR was certified as complete, has become available.

2. Mitigated Negative Declaration Required - On the basis of the above determinations, the project is not within the scope of the Master EIR. A mitigated negative declaration will be prepared for the project. The following statements are all found to be true:

   A. The subsequent project is within the scope of the project covered by the Master EIR.
B. All applicable policies, regulations, and mitigation measures identified in the Master EIR have been applied to the subsequent project or otherwise made conditions of approval of the subsequent project.

C. The project will have one or more potential new significant effects on the environment that were not addressed as significant effects in the Master EIR. New or additional mitigation measures are being required of the project that will reduce the effects to a less-than-significant level.

D. No substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the Master EIR was certified, and no new information, which was not known and could not have been known at the time that the Master EIR was certified as complete, has become available.

3. **Focused EIR Required** - On the basis of the above determinations, the project is not within the scope of the Master EIR. A Focused EIR will be prepared for the project. All of the following statements are found to be true:

   A. The subsequent project is within the scope of the project covered by the Master EIR.

   B. All applicable policies, regulations, and mitigation measures identified in the Master EIR have been applied to the subsequent project or otherwise made conditions of approval of the subsequent project.

   C. The project will have one or more new significant effects on the environment that were not addressed as significant effects in the Master EIR. New or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required as a result.

   D. No substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the Master EIR was certified, and no new information, which was not known and could not have been known at the time that the Master EIR was certified as complete, has become available.

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Project Manager
Title
Date
4. Within the Scope Analysis of this Document:

The Master EIR allows projects to be found within the scope of the MEIR if certain criteria are met. If the following statements are found to be true for all 21 impact categories included in this Initial Study, then the proposed project is addressed by the MEIR analysis and is within the scope of the MEIR. Any "No" response must be discussed.

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<td>The lead agency for subsequent projects shall be the City of Modesto or a responsible agency identified in the Master EIR.</td>
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<td>City policies which reduce, avoid, or mitigate environmental effects will continue to be in effect and, therefore, would be applied to subsequent projects where appropriate. The policies are described in the list of policies in place and mitigation measures attached to the Initial Study template. Project impacts would be mitigated to a less-than-significant level using MEIR mitigations only.</td>
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<td>(3)</td>
<td>Federal, State, regional, and Stanislaus County regulations do not change in a manner that is less restrictive on development than current law (i.e., would not offer the same level of protection assumed under the Master EIR).</td>
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<td>No specific information concerning the known or potential presence of significant resources is identified in future reports, or through formal or informal input received from responsible or trustee agencies or other qualified sources.</td>
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<td>The development will occur within the boundaries of the City's planning area as established in this Urban Area General Plan.</td>
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<td>Development within the project will comply with all appropriate mitigation measures contained and enumerated in the 2008 General Plan Master EIR.</td>
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5. Currency of the Master EIR Document

The MEIR should be reviewed on a regular basis to determine its currency, and whether additional analysis/mitigation should be incorporated into the MEIR via a Supplemental or Subsequent EIR (CEQA Section 21157.6). Staff has reviewed Sections 1 through 21 of this document in light of the criteria listed below to determine whether the MEIR is current. The analysis contained within the Master EIR is current as long as the following circumstances have not changed. Any "no" response must be explained.

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<td>(1)</td>
<td>Certification of the General Plan Master EIR occurred less than five years prior to the filing of the application for this subsequent project.</td>
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<td>(2)</td>
<td>This project is described in the Master EIR and its approval will not affect the adequacy of the Master EIR for any subsequent project because the City can make the following findings:</td>
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<td>No substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the Master EIR was certified.</td>
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<td>(b)</td>
<td>No new information, which was not known and could not have been known at the time the Master EIR was certified as complete, has become available.</td>
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(c) Policies remain in effect which require site-specific mitigation, and avoidance or other mitigation of impacts as a prerequisite to future development.

Discussion:

(1) The General Plan Master EIR was certified on October 14, 2008, so more than five years has passed since the MEIR was certified. However, the analysis contained in the MEIR is still adequate for subsequent projects, as documented in the discussion below.

(2) The project is consistent with the analysis contained in the MEIR. This is documented in the discussion of the individual issue areas of this initial study.

(2)(a) There have been no substantive changes to the General Plan since the MEIR was certified that would create additional significant environmental effects that were not analyzed by the MEIR.

(2)(b) There has been no new information that would affect the adequacy of the analysis contained in the MEIR.

(2)(c) All policies contained in the MEIR that require site-specific mitigation or avoidance of impacts remain in effect and will be applied to the project as appropriate.

IV. ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

This Initial Study, in accordance with Section 21157.1(b) of the Public Resources Code, discloses whether the proposed project may cause any project-specific significant effect on the environment that was not examined in the Final Master EIR (MEIR) for the General Plan and whether new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives may be required as a result. The Initial Study thereby documents whether or not the project is “within the scope” of the Master EIR.

Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21157.1, no new environmental document or findings are necessary for projects that are determined to be within the scope of the MEIR. Adoption of the findings specified in Section III.1, above after completion of the Initial Study fulfills the City’s obligation in that situation.

All environmental effects cited reflect 2025 conditions resulting from the Urban Area General Plan, as identified in the Master EIR.

The environmental impact analysis in the Master EIR for the Urban Area General Plan is organized in twenty-one subject areas. The following analysis is based on the impact analyses contained in Chapter V of the Master EIR. For ease of reference, the sections are numbered in the same order as the analyses in Chapter V.
1. TRAFFIC AND CIRCULATION

a. Significant Effects Identified in the Master EIR

The Master EIR discloses the following residual significant and unavoidable traffic and circulation impacts expected after application of mitigations/policies:

**Direct Impacts**

**Effect:** Increased automobile traffic will result in roadway segments (see MEIR on Table 1-7, pages V-1-32 to V-1-34) operating at LOS D, Modesto's significance threshold for automobile traffic, or lower (LOS E or F).

**Effect:** The substantial increase in traffic relative to the existing load and capacity of the street system will cause, either individually or cumulatively, the violation of automobile service standards established by StanCOG's Congestion Management Plan for designated roads and highways.

**Effect:** A substantial increase in automobile vehicle miles traveled and automobile vehicle hours of travel and a decrease in average automobile vehicle speed (see MEIR Table 1-6, page V-1-31).

**Cumulative Impacts**

**Effect:** Potential for growth inducement or acceleration of development resulting from highway and local road projects.

**Effect:** Substantial increase in traffic in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system, including a violation, either individually or cumulatively, of an automobile LOS standard established by the Congestion Management Plan for designated roads and highways.

**Effect:** Increased demand for capacity-enhancing alterations to existing roads or automobile traffic reduction.

Other impact categories affected by Traffic and Circulation are addressed throughout this Initial Study (see also Section 2, Degradation of Air Quality; Section 3, Generation of Noise; Section 7 Loss of Sensitive Wildlife and Plant Habitat; Section 8, Disturbance of Archaeological/Historic Sites; Section 14 Increased Demand for Fire Services; Section 18, Energy; Section 19, Visual Resources; Section 20, Land Use and Planning, and Section 21, Climate Change).

b. Master EIR and/or New Mitigation Measures Applied to the Project

Traffic and Circulation mitigation measures pertinent to this project are found on MEIR pages V-1-9 through V-1-28. All mitigation measures appropriate to the project, including any new measures, will be incorporated into or made conditions of approval of this project and are listed in Section V, Mitigation Measures Applied to Project.

**Discussion:**

The project does not require mitigation measures from the MEIR. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required to reduce project impacts to a less-than-significant level.

c. Project-Specific Effects
Section V-1.B of the Master EIR provides analysis of Traffic and Circulation impacts of development of the General Plan, the following is an analysis of whether the proposed project would result in a new, significant, project-specific effect not disclosed in the Master EIR.

**Significance Criteria**: A subsequent development project will have a new significant effect on the environment if it would exceed the following criteria:

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<td>1) The proposed project exceeds traffic generation assumptions in the Master EIR for the site by 100 trips or more and City Engineering and Transportation staff has determined that the project would have additional potentially significant project-specific effects that are not avoided or reduced by the Master EIR’s mitigation measures.</td>
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<td>2) Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?</td>
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<td>3) The proposed project would cause additional roadway segments in the General Plan area to exceed LOS D and/or cause additional violations of standards in the Congestion Management Plan, and/or cause an increase in automobile vehicle miles or vehicle hours of travel or a decrease in automobile travel speed, as compared to the impacts disclosed in the Master EIR.</td>
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<td>4) The proposed project would cause emergency response times to exceed acceptable standards established by the Fire Department, as compared to impacts disclosed in the Master EIR (see Section 14, Increased Demand for Fire Services).</td>
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<td>5) The proposed project would result in less parking than required by the Municipal Code or as determined by staff.</td>
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<td>6) The proposed project would conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs that support alternative transportation, including, but not limited to the Regional Transportation Plan, the Sustainable Communities Strategy, the Bicycle Action Plan, and so on.</td>
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<td>7) The proposed project would result in an increase in automobile vehicle miles traveled on a per capita basis, in excess of that considered in the Urban Area General Plan MEIR.</td>
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Discussion:

(1) The project would rezone 1.20 acres of land developed as a preschool from Low Density Residential (R-1) Zone uses to Professional Office (P-O) Zone uses, and remodel and add building square footage to create a 10,472 square foot medical office building with its supportive parking. The site is within the Baseline Developed Area of the General Plan, and is within an area designated as Mixed Use (MU) in the General Plan. While the change in use would create more trips than residential development, the change in use will not create more trips than a preschool, the development existing at the time of the General Plan MEIR adoption. The City’s Traffic Division indicated no concerns with traffic generated by the minor change in use.

(2) The project would not exceed a level of service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways.

(3) The project would not cause an increase in level of service for the adjacent streets or conflict with any Congestion Management Plans, or cause an increase in vehicle miles or hours traveled. The segment of Oakdale Road at the location is already at LOS D, and the City’s Traffic Division indicated no concerns that the project would cause the level of service to exceed that level.

(4) The project would not cause emergency response times to exceed acceptable standards. The project was referred to the City Fire Department, who indicated no concerns.

(5) The project would provide parking as required for medical office related uses.

(6) The project would not conflict with adopted alternative transportation plans or programs.

(7) The project would not result in an increase in vehicle miles traveled in excess of what was considered by the General Plan MEIR.

2. DEGRADATION OF AIR QUALITY

a. Significant Effects Identified in the Master EIR

The Master EIR discloses the following residual significant and unavoidable air quality impacts expected after application of mitigations/policies:

Direct Impacts

Effect: Expected automobile traffic will result in increased operational emissions of reactive organic gases (ROG) and oxides of nitrogen (NOx) (see MEIR Table 2-8, page V-2-27).

Effect: Expected automobile traffic will result in increased emissions of particulate matter 10 microns or less (PM_{10}) and 2.5 microns or less in diameter (PM_{2.5}) (see MEIR Table 2-8, page V-2-27).

Effect: Expected automobile traffic will result in increased carbon monoxide (CO) levels in the project area (see MEIR Table 2-7, page V-2-26, and Table 2-8, page V-2-27).

Cumulative Impacts

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The Master EIR indicates the same impacts identified as direct impacts above will contribute to regional impacts on air quality for the criteria pollutants ROG, NO\textsubscript{x}, PM\textsubscript{10}, and PM\textsubscript{2.5}.

**b. Master EIR and/or New Mitigation Measures Applied to the Project**

Air quality mitigation measure(s) pertinent to the proposed project are found on pages V-2-13 through V-2-24 of the Master EIR. All mitigation measures appropriate to the project will be incorporated into or made conditions of approval of this project and are listed in Section V, Mitigation Measures Applied to Project.

**Discussion:**

The appropriate mitigation to be applied to this project includes AQ-42 through AQ-50 from the MEIR. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required to reduce project impacts to a less-than-significant level.

**c. Project-Specific Effects**

Section V-2.B of the Master EIR is the analysis of air quality impacts resulting from development of the Urban Area General Plan. The following is an analysis of whether the proposed project would result in a new, significant, project-specific effect not analyzed in the Master EIR.

**Significance Criteria:** Determination of project effects will be based on the following thresholds. The project-specific effects will be less than significant unless:

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<td>1) The proposed project exceeds the project-level emissions thresholds established for CO, ROG, NO\textsubscript{x}, PM\textsubscript{10}, and PM\textsubscript{2.5} by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) and is not consistent with the development assumptions for the project site, as established in the Urban Area General Plan and Master EIR.</td>
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<td>2) The proposed project does not incorporate the best management practices established by the SJVAPCD for CO, ROG, NO\textsubscript{x}, PM\textsubscript{10}, and PM\textsubscript{2.5}.</td>
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<td>3) The proposed project does not comply with the air quality policies in the Modesto Urban Area General Plan.</td>
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<td>4) The proposed project would expose sensitive receptors to pollutant concentrations in excess of those expected to occur as a result of implementation of the Urban Area General Plan.</td>
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<td>5) The proposed project would create objectionable</td>
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Discussion:

(1) The project would not exceed emissions thresholds established by the SJVUAPCD, and is consistent with the development standards for an office use as established by the General Plan.

(2) Development of the site will be required to adhere to applicable City Zoning Ordinances, Standards, and applicable best management practices during the construction process.

(3) The project would comply with the air quality policies in the Urban Area General Plan with implementation of the mitigation measures cited above.

(4) With mitigation measures cited above, the project would not expose sensitive receptors to pollutant concentrations in excess of those expected to occur as a result of implementation of the Urban Area General Plan.

(5) Construction activities could potentially generate odors with processes such as application of architectural coatings and asphalt paving materials; however, activities will be mitigated as called for by the MEIR with the mitigation measures listed above.

3. GENERATION OF NOISE

a. Significant Effects Identified in the Master EIR

The Master EIR discloses the following residual significant and unavoidable noise impacts expected after application of mitigations/policies:

Direct Impacts

Effect: Future automobile traffic noise levels and roadway construction and maintenance activities resulting from development of the Urban Area General Plan will exceed the City's noise thresholds at various locations, but particularly in areas adjacent to heavily traveled roadways (see MEIR Table 3-3, page V-3-10, and Figure VII-2 and Table 3-6, pages V-3-18 and V-3-19).

Effect: Expected noise from airport operations and airport construction projects may expose up to 468 dwellings and three churches to noise levels of 65 dB CNEL and up to eight dwellings to noise levels of 70 dB CNEL.

Effect: Expose noise-sensitive land uses to noise from the construction of bicycle and transit projects.

Effect: Expose noise-sensitive land uses to noise from freight and passenger rail operations.

Cumulative Impacts

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Effect: Traffic from development in the City of Modesto would, when combined with traffic from new development in the County and other cities, contribute to a cumulative increase in roadside noise levels on major roads and highways throughout Stanislaus County.

b. Master EIR and/or New Mitigation Measures Applied to the Project

Noise policies and mitigation measures pertinent to the project being analyzed in this Initial Study are found on pages V-3-11 through V-3-15 of the Master EIR. All mitigation measures appropriate to the project will be incorporated into or made conditions of approval of this project and any new measures are listed in Section V, Mitigation Applied to Project.

Discussion:
The appropriate mitigation to be applied to this project includes N-1 through N-3 from the Master EIR. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required to reduce project impacts to a less-than-significant level.

c. Project-Specific Effects

Section V-3.B of the MEIR discloses noise impacts resulting from development of the Urban Area General Plan. The following is an analysis of whether the proposed project would result in a new, significant, project-specific effect not analyzed in the Master EIR.

Significance Criteria: Determination of the proposed project's effects are based on the following thresholds. Project-specific effects will be less than significant unless:

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<td>1) The proposed project will exceed the standards for noise level and hours of operation established by the Modesto noise ordinance.</td>
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<td>2) The proposed project will not comply with the noise policies of, or otherwise be inconsistent with, the Modesto Urban Area General Plan.</td>
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<td>3) The proposed project will result in an increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above those disclosed in the Master EIR.</td>
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<td>4) The proposed project will result in a substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels disclosed in the Master EIR implementation of the Urban Area General Plan.</td>
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Discussion:
The project is consistent with the noise policies of the General Plan. The proposed development is not anticipated to generate noise levels that exceed the noise thresholds of the MEIR.

The project will not result in a substantial increase in ambient noise above levels described in the MEIR. There will be temporary construction-related noise, but implementation of the mitigation measures outlined above would reduce the impacts to a less than significant amount.

4. EFFECTS ON AGRICULTURAL LANDS

a. Significant Effects Identified in the Master EIR

The Master EIR discloses the following residual significant and unavoidable impacts on agricultural lands expected after application of mitigations/policies:

Direct Impacts

Effect: Between 1995 and 2025, development of the Urban Area General Plan may convert up to approximately 26,000 acres of farmland in various categories in the Planned Urbanizing Area to urban uses.

Effect: Approximately 1,200 acres of urban development along a 28.5-mile boundary 350 feet wide between urban and agricultural uses could be affected by continued agricultural operations, including noise, dust, and chemical overspray or drift.

Cumulative Impacts

Effect: Growth within Modesto's planning area would contribute considerably to the loss of agricultural land within Stanislaus County, accounting for the conversion of as much as approximately 26,000 acres of farmland in various categories in the Planned Urbanizing Area from 1995 to 2025.

b. Master EIR and/or New Mitigation Measures Pertinent to the Project

Agricultural land mitigation measures pertinent to the proposed project are found on pages V-4-6 to and V-4-8 of the Master EIR. All mitigation measures appropriate to the project and any new mitigation to be incorporated into or made conditions of approval of this project are listed in Section V, Mitigation Applied to Project.

Discussion:

The project does not require mitigation measures from the MEIR. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required to reduce project impacts to a less-than-significant level.

c. Project-Specific Effects

Section V-4.B of the Master EIR discloses the impacts resulting from the implementation of the Urban Area General Plan on agricultural lands. The following is an analysis of whether the proposed project would result in a new, significant, project-specific effect not previously analyzed in the Master EIR.

Significance Criteria: Determination of project effects will be based on the following thresholds. The project-specific effects will be less than significant unless:
4. EFFECTS ON AGRICULTURAL LANDS

| 1) The proposed project is inconsistent with the Urban Area General Plan's policies relating to agricultural land. | Potentially Significant Impact | Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated | Less Than Significant Impact | No Impact |
| 2) The proposed project will either directly or indirectly result in the development of land outside the 2008 Urban Area General Plan's planning area boundary. | | | | |
| 3) The proposed project will conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or there is an existing Williamson Act contract on the project site. | | | | |
| 4) The proposed project will involve other changes in the existing environment not anticipated in the Master EIR which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of farmland to non-agricultural use. | | | | |

Discussion:

(1) The project would be consistent with the General Plan’s policies relating to agricultural land. The site is located within the Baseline Developed Area, and is designated as Mixed Use (MU) in the General Plan’s Land Use Diagram.

(2) The project will not result in the development of land outside of the 2008 General Plan boundary. The site is within the Baseline Developed Area and is surrounded by urbanized area within the jurisdiction of the City.

(3) The site is not zoned for agricultural uses, is currently zoned for Low Density Residential (R-1) uses and is proposed to be rezoned to Professional Office (P-O) to allow for the development of two new office buildings. There are no Williamson Act contracts on the properties of the project site.

(4) The project will not convert existing farmland to a non-agricultural use.

5. INCREASED DEMAND FOR LONG-TERM WATER SUPPLIES

a. Significant Effects Identified in the Master EIR

The Master EIR discloses the following residual significant and unavoidable impacts on long-term water supplies expected after application of mitigations/policies:

Direct Impacts

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Effect: No residual significant direct impacts have been disclosed in the Master EIR.

Cumulative Impacts

Effect: Operational yields of the Modesto and Turlock subbasins, both of which underlie the City of Modesto, are unknown, although the City is participating in a study with the United States Geological Survey in order to quantify the operational yields of both subbasins. Groundwater withdrawals from both basins by the City, when combined with other users’ withdrawals, may result in overdrafting both subbasins.

Effect: Despite available options, during drought years, significant water shortages are forecast for the San Joaquin River basin, which includes both the Modesto and Turlock subbasins, by 2020. Modesto would make a cumulatively considerable contribution to the cumulative impact on water supply under drought conditions.

b. Master EIR and/or New Mitigation Measures Applied to the Project

Water supply mitigation measures pertinent to the proposed project are found on pages V-5-6 through V-5-12 of the Master EIR. All mitigation measures appropriate to the project to be incorporated into or made conditions of approval of this project are listed in Section V, Mitigation Measures Applied to Project.

Discussion:
The project does not require mitigation measures from the MEIR. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required to reduce project impacts to a less-than-significant level.

c. Project-Specific Effects

Section V-5.8 of the Master EIR discloses impacts on long-term water supplies resulting from implementation of the Urban Area General Plan. The following is an analysis of whether the proposed project would result in a new, significant, project-specific effect not disclosed in the Master EIR.

Significance Criteria: Determination of project effects will be based on the following thresholds. The project-specific effects will be less than significant unless:

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<td>1) The proposed project is inconsistent with water supply policies in the Urban Area General Plan.</td>
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<td>2) Water demand for the proposed project will exceed estimates for similar projects or for development on the project site anticipated in the Urban Area General Plan or sufficient water supplies are not otherwise available to serve the project</td>
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<td>from existing entitlements and resources.</td>
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<td>3) The proposed project would deplete groundwater supplies to a greater degree than anticipated in the Urban Area General Plan or would interfere with groundwater recharge.</td>
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**Discussion:**

(1) The proposed project is consistent with the water supply policies in the General Plan.

(2) The project was referred to Land Development Engineering staff who indicated no concerns with water supply or demands of the project.

(3) The proposed project is consistent with the ground water demands assumed in the General Plan. The project would not have a significant effect on ground water recharge or depletion of long-term water supplies.

6. **INCREASED DEMAND FOR SANITARY SEWER SERVICES**

a. **Significant Effects Identified in the Master EIR**

The Master EIR discloses the following residual significant and unavoidable impacts on sanitary sewer services after application of mitigations/policies:

**Direct Impacts**

**Effect:** Development resulting from implementation of the Urban Area General Plan will require substantial new sewage treatment and disposal capacity, treatment plant improvements, sewer mains and collection lines, and pump stations. The Wastewater Master Plan anticipates the need for these facilities and its EIR evaluates the impact of developing those facilities. Potential impacts include degradation of water quality through erosion and chemical releases; localized flooding; construction noise; exposure of construction workers and the public to hazardous materials; and on the habitat of the elderberry longhorn beetle, burrowing owl, and Swainson’s hawk, as well as certain other regulated habitats. All of these impacts are mitigated to a less-than-significant level.

Additional impacts that are not mitigated to a less-than-significant level include loss of farmland cause by construction of the Phase IA tertiary treatment facility at the Jennings Road Secondary Treatment Facility, an increase in pollutant loads from increased wastewater flows to the San Joaquin River, and an increase in noise and criteria air pollutants due to construction activities, including traffic.

**Cumulative Impacts**

**Effect:** No additional cumulative impacts were identified in the Master EIR.

b. **Master EIR and/or New Mitigation Measures Applied to the Project**
Sewer service mitigation measures pertinent to the proposed project are found on pages V-6-3 through V-6-8 of the Master EIR. All mitigation measures appropriate to the project to be incorporated into or made conditions of approval of this project are listed in Section V, Mitigation Measures Applied to Project.

Discussion:

No mitigation measures from the Master EIR are required. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required to reduce project impacts to a less-than-significant level.

c. Project-Specific Effects

Section V-6.B of the Master EIR discloses impacts on the Increased Demand for Sanitary Sewer Service resulting from implementation of the Urban Area General Plan. The following is an analysis of whether the proposed project would result in a new, significant, project-specific effect not disclosed in the Master EIR.

Significance Criteria: Determination of project effects will be based on the following thresholds. The project-specific effects will be less than significant unless:

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<th>6. INCREASED DEMAND FOR SANITARY SEWER SERVICES</th>
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<td>1) The proposed project is inconsistent with wastewater policies in the Urban Area General Plan.</td>
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<td>2) The proposed project will generate sewage flows greater than those anticipated in the Urban Area General Plan for the project site.</td>
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<td>3) The proposed project will result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has inadequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments.</td>
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Discussion:

(1) The project is consistent with the wastewater policies in the General Plan.

(2-3) The project was referred to Land Development Engineering staff, who indicated no concerns with generation of sewer flows or capacity generated by the project.

7. LOSS OF SENSITIVE WILDLIFE AND PLANT HABITAT
a. Significant Effects Identified in the Master EIR

The Master EIR discloses the following residual significant and unavoidable impacts on sensitive wildlife and plant habitat expected after application of mitigations/policies:

**Direct Impacts**

**Effect:** No residual significant impacts on sensitive wildlife and plant habitat are expected to occur with the application of the policies contained in the Urban Area General Plan.

**Cumulative Impacts**

**Effect:** Implementation of the Urban Area General Plan will contribute to the cumulative impact of habitat loss in the San Joaquin Valley. Requiring density development than has occurred in the past or that is expected in the future would minimize the City’s contribution to the cumulative loss of habitat. Nonetheless, this is a significant and unavoidable impact.

b. Master EIR and/or New Mitigation Measures Applied to the Project

Wildlife and plant habitat mitigation measures pertinent to the proposed project are found on pages V-7-17 through V-7-24 of the Master EIR. All mitigation measures appropriate to the project to be incorporated into or made conditions of approval of this project are listed in Section V, Mitigation Measures Applied to Project.

**Discussion:**

The project does not require mitigation measures from the MEIR. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required to reduce project impacts to a less-than-significant level.

c. Project-Specific Effects

Section V-7.B of the Master EIR discloses impacts on the Loss of Sensitive Wildlife and Plant Habitat resulting from implementation of the Urban Area General Plan. The following is an analysis of whether the proposed project would result in a new, significant, project-specific effect not disclosed in the Master EIR.

**Significance Criteria:** Determination of project effects will be based on the following thresholds. The project-specific effects will be less than significant unless:

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<td>1) The project is inconsistent with the policies pertaining to the loss of sensitive wildlife and plant habitat contained in the Urban Area General Plan.</td>
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<td>2) Consultation with the California Department of</td>
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<td><strong>Fish and Game or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service determines that the project would have a significant effect on a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in excess of the impact disclosed in the Master EIR.</strong></td>
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<td>3) The proposed project would have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means, in excess of the impact disclosed in the Master EIR.</td>
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<td>4) The proposed project would substantially interfere with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites.</td>
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<td>5) Conflict with local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance.</td>
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<td>6) The proposed project would conflict with provisions of an adopted habitat conservation plan, natural community conservation plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan.</td>
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**Discussion:**

1. The project is consistent with the General Plan policies related to the loss of sensitive wildlife and plant habitat.

2. The project site is not within a biologically sensitive area as defined by Figures V-7-1a through V 7-1e of the MEIR. The California Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service were consulted in the production of the MEIR.

3. The site does not qualify as a federally protected wetland per Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

4. The site is not within a biologically sensitive area as defined by Figures V-7-1a through V 7-1e of the MEIR. The movement of fish or birds or other wildlife would not be significantly affected by the project.

5. The project would not conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources.

6. There is no conflict with any adopted habitat conservation plan, natural community conservation plan, or other approved local, regional or state habitat conservation plan.
8. DISTURBANCE OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL/HISTORICAL SITES

a. Significant Effects Identified in the Master EIR

The Master EIR discloses the following residual significant and unavoidable impacts on archaeological/historical sites expected after application of mitigations/policies:

Direct Impacts

Effect: Modification resulting in a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historic resource or the demolition of a listed or eligible historic resource.

Effect: The modification or demolition of a structure more than 50 years in age may be significant.

Effect: Discovery of archaeological resources in areas outside of the riparian corridors, as a result of construction activities.

Effect: Construction in an area of high archaeological sensitivity.

Cumulative Impacts

Effect: No additional cumulative impacts were disclosed in the Master EIR.

b. Master EIR and/or New Mitigation Measures Applied to the Project

Archaeological or historic mitigation measures pertinent to the project being analyzed in this Initial Study are found on page V-8-16 through V-8-20 of the Master EIR. All mitigation measures appropriate to the project to be incorporated into or made conditions of approval of this project are listed in Section V, Mitigation Applied to Project:

Discussion:

The appropriate mitigation to be applied to this project includes the measures specified in Table V-8-1(b-f) from the Master EIR. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required to reduce project impacts to a less-than-significant level.

c. Project-Specific Effects

Section V-8.B of the MEIR discloses impacts on archaeological/historical resources resulting from implementation of the Urban Area General Plan. The following is an analysis of whether the proposed project would result in a new, significant, project-specific effect not disclosed in the Master EIR.

Significance Criteria: Determination of project effects will be based on the following thresholds. The project-specific effects will be less than significant unless:
8. DISTURBANCE OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL/HISTORICAL SITES

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<td>1) The proposed project is inconsistent with the archaeological/historical resource policies in the Urban Area General Plan.</td>
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<td>2) The proposed project would demolish a building eligible for listing as a historic resource or remove a landmark from the Modesto inventory.</td>
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<td>3) The proposed project would modify or demolish a structure more than 50 years in age.</td>
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<td>4) The project would adversely affect a cultural resource that is either listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources.</td>
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<td>5) Conflict with local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance.</td>
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Discussion:

(1) The project would be consistent with the archeological and historical resource policies in the General Plan.

(2-3) The project site is developed with a former preschool and its supporting parking. This building was built in the late 1980’s. The project applicant is proposing to remodel the existing building, not demolish it.

(4) The project would not affect a resource that is listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historic Resources.

(5) The project would not conflict with a local policy or ordinance protecting biological resources. The City of Modesto does not have a tree preservation policy or ordinance.

9. INCREASED DEMAND FOR STORM DRAINAGE

a. Significant Effects Identified in the Master EIR

The Master EIR discloses the following residual significant and unavoidable impacts on storm drainage expected after application of mitigations/policies:

Direct Impacts

Effect: No residual significant direct impacts were disclosed in the Master EIR.
**Cumulative Impacts**

**Effect:** The population of Stanislaus County is projected to increase in a fashion similar to that of Modesto, resulting in additional urban development and associated increases in impervious surface area and associated increases in storm water runoff. Cumulative hydrologic impacts of storm water flows from Modesto urban areas and other areas of the County could occur due to the fixed capacity of MID and TID irrigation canals to convey drainage west to the San Joaquin River. If drainage channels in some areas prove insufficient to handle the increased drainage discharges, existing storm water runoff from urban and agricultural areas during large storm events would have to be interrupted until water levels receded to a point allowing the resumption of discharges to the channel. Ceasing discharges to drainage channels could cause inundation in and around the drainage conveyance pipeline systems, surface drainage channels, detention basins, and other urban areas. This cumulative impact is considered significant and unavoidable.

**b. Master EIR and/or New Mitigation Measures Applied to the Project**

Storm Drainage mitigation measures pertinent to the project being analyzed in this Initial Study are found on pages V-9-4 through V-9-9. All mitigation measures appropriate to the project to be incorporated into or made conditions of approval of this project are listed in Section V, Mitigation Measures Applied to Project:

**Discussion:**

The appropriate mitigation to be applied to this project includes: SD-7 and SD-9 from the Master EIR. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required to reduce project impacts to a less-than-significant level.

**c. Project-Specific Effects**

Section V-9.B of the MEIR discloses impacts on the demand for storm drainage resulting from development of the Urban Area General Plan. The following is an analysis of whether the proposed project would result in a new, significant, project-specific effect not disclosed in the Master EIR.

**Significance Criteria:** Determination of project effects will be based on the following thresholds. The project-specific effects will be less than significant unless:

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<td>1) The proposed project is inconsistent with the storm drainage policies in the Urban Area General Plan.</td>
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<td>2) The proposed project would substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner that would result in flooding on- or offsite, as compared to impacts anticipated to result from</td>
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Discussion:

(1) The project would not be inconsistent with the storm drainage policies of the General Plan.

(2-3) The project is being proposed on an already improved parcel. Where possible, the project will be required to handle and treat storm water runoff on-site in accordance to City Standards.

10. FLOODING AND WATER QUALITY

a. Significant Effects Identified in the Master EIR

The Master EIR discloses the following residual significant and unavoidable impacts on flooding and water quality expected after application of mitigations/policies:

Direct Impacts

Effect: No residual significant direct impacts were disclosed in the Master EIR.

Cumulative Impacts

Effect: No residual significant cumulative impacts were disclosed in the Master EIR.

b. Master EIR and/or New Mitigation Measures Applied to the Project

Flooding and Water Quality mitigation measures pertinent to the project being analyzed in this Initial Study are found on pages V-10-6 through V-10-9 of the Master EIR. All mitigation measures appropriate to the project will be incorporated into or made conditions of approval of this project are listed in Section V, Mitigation Applied to Project:

Discussion:

The appropriate mitigation to be applied to this project includes: FWQ-12 and FWQ-13 from the Master EIR. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required to reduce project impacts to a less-than-significant level.

c. Project-Specific Effects
Section V-10.B of the Master EIR provides analysis of Flooding and Water Quality impacts of development of the General Plan, the following is an analysis of whether the proposed project would result in a new, significant, project-specific effect not previously analyzed in the Master EIR.

**Significance Criteria:** Determination of project effects will be based on the following thresholds. The project-specific effects will be less than significant unless:

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<td>2) The proposed project does not comply with the regulatory requirements of the federal Clean Water Act or the State Porter-Cologne Act.</td>
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<td>3) The proposed project would place more housing within a 100-year flood hazard zone than assumed in the Urban Area General Plan.</td>
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<td>4) The proposed project would place structure within a 100-year flood hazard area so that they would impede or redirect floodwater or would substantially alter the existing on-site drainage pattern or a watercourse, in such a way as to cause flooding on- or offsite.</td>
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<td>5) The proposed project does not comply with Modesto’s Guidance Manual for New Development Storm Water Quality Control Measures.</td>
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<td>6) The proposed project would violate water quality standards or waste discharge requirements.</td>
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<td>7) The proposed project would substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area or a watercourse in a manner that would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or offsite in excess of the assumptions of the Urban Area General Plan.</td>
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<td>8) The proposed project would create or contribute runoff, which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm water drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff, not expected as part of Urban Area General Plan implementation.</td>
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**Discussion:**
(1) The proposed project is consistent with the flooding and water quality policies in the Urban Area General Plan.

(2) The project would comply with the Federal Clean Water Act and the Porter Cologne Act requirements.

(3-4) The project site is not within a 100-year flood hazard zone as established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

(5) The project will comply with the Guidance Manual for New Development Storm Water Quality Control Measures.

(6) The project will not violate water quality standards or waste discharge requirements.

(7) The project would not substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site, area or a watercourse in a manner that would result in erosion or siltation.

(8) The project will be required to treat and store on-site storm water drainage. The project was referred to Land Development Engineering who indicated no concerns with the project creating or contributing to runoff in excess of what is expected as part of the General Plan’s implementation.

11. INCREASED DEMAND FOR PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

a. Significant Effects Identified in the Master EIR

The Master EIR discloses the following residual significant and unavoidable impacts on parks and open space expected after application of mitigations/policies:

Direct Impacts

Effect: No residual significant direct impacts were disclosed in the Master EIR.

Cumulative Impacts

Effect: No residual significant cumulative impacts were disclosed in the Master EIR.

b. Master EIR and/or New Mitigation Measures Applied to the Project

Parks and open space mitigation measures pertinent to the proposed project are found on pages V-11-3 through V-11-9 of the Master EIR. All mitigation measures appropriate to the project to be incorporated into or made conditions of approval of this project are listed in Section V, Mitigation Applied to Project:

Discussion:

There are no applicable mitigation measures from the Master EIR. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required to reduce project impacts to a less-than-significant level.

c. Project-Specific Effects
Section V-11.B of the MEIR discloses impacts of the Urban Area General Plan on parks and open space. The following is an analysis of whether the proposed project would result in a new, significant, project-specific effect not disclosed in the Master EIR.

**Significance Criteria:** Determination of project effects will be based on the following thresholds. Project-specific effects will be less than significant unless:

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<td>1) The proposed project is inconsistent with the parks and open space policies in the Urban Area General Plan.</td>
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<td>2) The proposed project would eliminate parks or open space.</td>
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<td>3) The proposed project would cause an increase in the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility in question would occur or be accelerated or the proposed project would include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment.</td>
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**Discussion:**

(1) The project is consistent with the parks and open space policies in the General Plan.

(2-3) The project will not impact parks or open space, or cause an increase in the use of existing parks. The project involves rezoning property from Low Density Residential (R-1) uses to Professional Office (P-O) uses, which would not impact parks.

**12. INCREASED DEMAND FOR SCHOOLS**

**a. Significant Effects Identified in the Master EIR**

The Master EIR discloses the following residual significant and unavoidable impacts on school facilities expected after application of mitigations/policies:

**Direct Impacts**

**Effect:** No residual significant direct impacts were disclosed in the Master EIR. By statute, the impact of new students is considered to be mitigated below a level of significance by payment of school...
impact fees and the exercise of any or all of the financing options set out in Government Code Section 65997.

**Cumulative Impacts**

**Effect:** Similar to direct impacts of implementation of the Urban Area General Plan, no residual significant direct impacts were disclosed in the Master EIR.

**b. Master EIR and/or New Mitigation Measures Applied to the Project**

Mitigation relies upon the implementation of the policies in place under the Modesto Urban Area General Plan. As long these policies are applied to all subsequent projects, no new mitigation is necessary. Further, payment of school impact fees and compliance with SB 50 is statutorily deemed to be full mitigation of school impacts (Government Code Section 65995).

The following schools mitigation measures on pages V-12-5 through V-12-7 of the Master EIR are pertinent to the proposed project. All mitigation measures appropriate to the project will be incorporated into or made conditions of approval of this project. Those measures are listed in Section V, Mitigation Applied to Project.

**Discussion:**

There are no applicable mitigation measures from the Master EIR. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required to reduce project impacts to a less-than-significant level.

**c. Project-Specific Effects**

Section V-12.B of the Master EIR discloses impacts resulting from implementation of the Urban Area General Plan associated with increased demand for schools. The following is an analysis of whether the proposed project would result in a new, significant, project-specific effect not disclosed in the Master EIR.

**Significance Criteria:** Determination of project effects will be based on the following thresholds. The project-specific effects will be less than significant unless:

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<td>1) The proposed project is inconsistent with the policies relating to schools in the Urban Area General Plan.</td>
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<td>2) The proposed project does not comply with SB 50/Proposition 1A funding provisions, or succeeding measures which state that compliance results in less-than-significant impacts on schools.</td>
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(1) The project involves rezoning property from Low Density Residential (R-1) uses to Professional Office (P-O) uses, which would not conflict with policies related to schools in the General Plan.

(2) The project would not conflict with SB50/Proposition 1A funding provisions, or succeeding measures.

13. INCREASED DEMAND FOR POLICE SERVICES

a. Significant Effects Identified in the Master EIR

The Master EIR discloses the following residual significant and unavoidable impacts on police services expected after application of mitigations/policies:

Direct Impacts

Effect: No residual significant direct impacts were disclosed in the Master EIR.

Cumulative Impacts

Effect: No residual significant cumulative impacts were disclosed in the Master EIR.

b. Master EIR and/or New Mitigation Measures Applied to the Project

Police services mitigation measures pertinent to the proposed project are found on pages V-13-2 through V-13-5 of the Master EIR. All mitigation measures appropriate to the project to be incorporated into or made conditions of approval of this project are listed in Section V, Mitigation Measures Applied to Project.

Discussion:

There are no applicable mitigation measures from the Master EIR. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required to reduce project impacts to a less-than-significant level.

c. Project-Specific Effects

Section V-13.B of the Master EIR discloses impacts on police services resulting from implementation of the Urban Area General Plan. The following is an analysis of whether the proposed project would result in a new, significant, project-specific effect not disclosed in the Master EIR.

Significance Criteria: Determination of project effects will be based on the following thresholds. The project-specific effects will be less than significant unless:

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<td>relating to police services in the Urban Area General Plan.</td>
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<td>2) The proposed project would result in the need for new or significantly altered facilities not considered as part of the Urban Area General Plan or Master EIR which could cause new significant environmental impacts in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives.</td>
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**Discussion:**

(1) The project is consistent with the policies relating to police services in the General Plan.

(2) The project would not result in the need for construction of new or significantly altered facilities which could cause new significant environmental impacts in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives. The project was referred to the City Police Department, who indicated no concerns.

14. **INCREASED DEMAND FOR FIRE SERVICES**

**a. Significant Effects Identified in the Master EIR**

The Master EIR discloses the following residual significant and unavoidable impacts on fire services expected after application of mitigations/policies:

**Direct Impacts**

**Effect:** No residual significant direct impacts were disclosed in the Master EIR.

**Cumulative Impacts**

**Effect:** No residual significant cumulative impacts were disclosed in the Master EIR.

**b. Master EIR and/or New Mitigation Measures Applied to the Project**

Fire Services mitigation measure(s) pertinent to the project being analyzed in this Initial Study are found on pages V-14-4 through V-14-7 of the Master EIR. All mitigation measures appropriate to the project to be incorporated into or made conditions of approval of this project are listed in Section V, Mitigation Measures Applied to Project.

**Discussion:**

There are no applicable mitigation measures from the Master EIR. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required to reduce project impacts to a less-than-significant level.

**c. Project-Specific Effects**

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Section V-14.B of the Master EIR discloses impacts on fire services resulting from implementation of the Urban Area General Plan. The following is an analysis of whether the proposed project would result in a new, significant, project-specific effect not disclosed in the Master EIR.

**Significance Criteria:** Determination of project effects will be based on the following thresholds. The project-specific effects will be less than significant unless:

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<td>2) The proposed project would result in the need for new or significantly altered facilities not considered as part of the Urban Area General Plan or Master EIR which could cause new significant environmental impacts in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives.</td>
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<td>3) The proposed project, based upon substantial evidence, would cause the erosion or elimination of fire protection services in adjoining fire protection districts.</td>
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**Discussion:**

(1) The proposed rezone and subsequent commercial development is consistent with the fire service policies in the General Plan.

(2) The project would not result in the need for construction of new or significantly altered facilities which could cause new significant environmental impacts in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives.

(3) The project would not cause the erosion or elimination of fire protection services. Development of professional office buildings as a result of the rezone will meet City Standards for emergency services access.

**15. GENERATION OF SOLID WASTE**

a. **Significant Effects Identified in the Master EIR**

The Master EIR discloses the following residual significant and unavoidable impacts on solid waste expected after application of mitigations/policies:
Direct Impacts

Effect: No residual significant direct impacts were disclosed in the Master EIR.

Cumulative Impacts

Effect: No residual significant cumulative impacts were disclosed in the Master EIR.

b. Master EIR and/or New Mitigation Measures Applied to the Project

Solid waste mitigation measures pertinent to the proposed project are found on pages V-15-4 through V-15-7 of the Master EIR. All mitigation measures appropriate to the project to be incorporated into or made conditions of approval of this project are listed in Section V, Mitigation Applied to Project.

Discussion:

There are no applicable mitigation measures from the Master EIR. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required to reduce project impacts to a less-than-significant level.

c. Project-Specific Effects

Section V-15.B of the Master EIR discloses solid waste impacts resulting from implementation of the Urban Area General Plan. The following is an analysis of whether the proposed project would result in a new, significant, project-specific effect not disclosed in the Master EIR.

Significance Criteria: Determination of project effects will be based on the following thresholds. Project-specific effects will be less than significant unless:

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<td>1) The project is inconsistent with the solid waste policies in the Urban Area General Plan.</td>
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<td>2) The County is unable to expand its solid waste disposal capacity, as expected, causing all new development to result in cumulative impacts on the County's disposal capacity.</td>
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Discussion:

(1) The project is consistent with the solid waste policies in the General Plan.

(2) The project would not cause an impact to the disposal capacity of solid waste facilities in the County.
16. GENERATION OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

a. Significant Effects Identified in the Master EIR

The Master EIR discloses the following residual significant and unavoidable impacts regarding hazardous materials expected after application of mitigations/policies:

Direct Impacts

Effect: No residual significant direct impacts were disclosed in the Master EIR.

Cumulative Impacts

Effect: No residual significant cumulative impacts were disclosed in the Master EIR.

b. Master EIR and/or New Mitigation Measures Applied to the Project

Hazardous materials mitigation measures pertinent to the proposed project are found on pages V-16-8 through V-16-13 of the Master EIR. All mitigation measures appropriate to the project to be incorporated into or made conditions of approval of this project are listed in Section V, Mitigation Measures Applied to Project.

Discussion:

There are no applicable mitigation measures from the Master EIR. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required to reduce project impacts to a less-than-significant level.

c. Project-Specific Effects

Section V-16.B of the Master EIR discloses impacts on hazardous materials resulting from implementation of the Urban Area General Plan. The following is an analysis of whether the proposed project would result in a new, significant, project-specific effect not disclosed in the Master EIR.

Significance Criteria: Determination of project effects will be based on the following thresholds. The project-specific effects will be less than significant unless:

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<td>1) The project is inconsistent with the hazardous materials policies in the Urban Area General Plan.</td>
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<td>2) The proposed project would emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school.</td>
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3) The proposed project would be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and as a result, would create a significant hazard to the public or the environment.

4) The proposed project would be constructed on a contaminated site not known to the State of California as of March 2008.

Discussion:

(1) The project is consistent with the hazardous materials policies in the General Plan.

(2) The project will comply with all applicable federal, state, and county standards and regulations relative to the handling, storage, disposal, and transport of hazardous or toxic materials or wastes. (No hazardous materials will be involved with this project).

(3) The project is not located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and as a result, would not create a significant hazard to the public or the environment.

(4) The project site is not known to contain any contaminants.

17. GEOLOGY, SOILS, AND MINERAL RESOURCES

a. Significant Effects Identified in the Master EIR

The Master EIR discloses the following residual significant and unavoidable impacts related to geology, soils, and mineral resources expected after application of mitigations/policies:

Direct Impacts

Effect: No residual significant direct impacts were disclosed in the Master EIR.

Cumulative Impacts

Effect: No residual significant direct impacts were disclosed in the Master EIR.

b. Master EIR and/or New Mitigation Measures Applied to the Project

Geology, soils, and mineral resource mitigation measures pertinent to the proposed project are found on pages V-17-9 and V-17-10 of the Master EIR. All mitigation measures appropriate to the project to be incorporated into or made conditions of approval of the proposed project are listed in Section V, Mitigation Measures Applied to Project.

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There are no applicable mitigation measures from the Master EIR. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required to reduce project impacts to a less-than-significant level.

c. Project-Specific Effects

Section V-17.B of the Master EIR discloses geology, soils, and mineral resource impacts resulting from implementation of the Urban Area General Plan. The following is an analysis of whether the proposed project would result in a new, significant, project-specific effect not disclosed in the Master EIR.

Significance Criteria: Determination of project effects will be based on the following thresholds. Project-specific effects will be less than significant unless:

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<td>1) The project is inconsistent with policies relating to geology, soils, and mineral resources contained in the Urban Area General Plan.</td>
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<td>2) The proposed project would expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving fault rupture, strong seismic activity; location on an expansive soil; result in the loss of topsoil; location on soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems in areas where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater; result in the loss of known mineral resources that would be of value to the region and the state; or result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan, or other land use plan.</td>
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Discussion:

(1) The project is consistent with policies relating to geology, soils, and mineral resources in the General Plan.

(2) The project site is not located on soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project. There are no known mineral resources of value to the region and the state on the property.

18. ENERGY

a. Significant Effects Identified in the Master EIR
The Master EIR discloses the following residual significant and unavoidable impacts pertaining to energy expected after application of mitigations/policies:

**Direct Impacts**

**Effect:** Continued development in the Planned Urbanizing Area would have an impact on available energy supplies. Energy consumption likely would increase substantially by 2025 as a result of implementation of the Urban Area General Plan.

**Cumulative Impacts**

**Effect:** Implementation of the Urban Area General Plan will have a cumulatively considerable impact on energy consumption.

**b. Master EIR and/or New Mitigation Measures Applied to the Project**

The following energy mitigation measures pertinent to the proposed project are found on pages V-18-2 through V-18-8 in the Master EIR. All mitigation measures appropriate to the project will be incorporated into or made conditions of approval of this project. Those measures will be listed in Section V, Mitigation Applied to Project.

**Discussion:**

There are no applicable mitigation measures from the Master EIR. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required to reduce project impacts to a less-than-significant level.

**c. Project-Specific Effects**

Section V-18.B of the Master EIR discloses impacts of implementing the Urban Area General Plan on energy resources. The following is an analysis of whether the proposed project would result in a new, significant, project-specific effect not disclosed in the Master EIR.

**Significance Criteria:** Determination of project effects will be based on the following thresholds. The project-specific effects will be less than significant unless:

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<td>1) The proposed project is inconsistent with policies relating to energy in the Urban Area General Plan.</td>
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<td>2) The proposed project would result in energy consumption during construction, operation, maintenance, or removal that is more wasteful, inefficient, and unnecessary than assumed in the Urban Area General Plan.</td>
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Discussion:

(1) The project is consistent with the energy policies in the General Plan.

(2) The project would not result in energy consumption during construction, operation, maintenance or removal that is more wasteful, inefficient and unnecessary than assumed in the General Plan.

19. EFFECTS ON VISUAL RESOURCES

a. Significant Effects Identified in the Master EIR

The Master EIR discloses the following residual significant and unavoidable impacts on visual resources expected after application of mitigations/policies:

Direct Impacts

Effect: New development in the Planned Urbanizing Area will occur in areas that are in agricultural production or are otherwise lightly developed, which could lead to the introduction of light and glare in areas that have little nighttime illumination.

Cumulative Impacts

Effect: No additional cumulative impacts were disclosed in the Master EIR.

b. Master EIR and/or New Mitigation Measures Applied to the Project

The following visual resources mitigation measures pertinent to the proposed project are found on pages V-19-3 and V-19-4 in the Master EIR. All mitigation measures appropriate to the proposed project will be incorporated into or made conditions of approval of this project. Those measures will be listed in Section V, Mitigation Applied to Project.

Discussion:

There are no applicable mitigation measures from the Master EIR. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required to reduce project impacts to a less-than-significant level.

c. Project-Specific Effects

Section V-18.B of the Master EIR discloses impacts of implementing the Urban Area General Plan on energy resources. The following is an analysis of whether the proposed project would result in a new, significant, project-specific effect not disclosed in the Master EIR.

Significance Criteria: Determination of project effects will be based on the following thresholds. The project-specific effects will be less than significant unless:
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<td>1)</td>
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<td>2)</td>
<td>The proposed project would degrade views from riverside areas and parks to a greater degree than assumed in the Urban Area General Plan.</td>
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<td>3)</td>
<td>The proposed project would degrade views of riverside areas from public roadways and nearby properties to a greater degree than assumed in the Urban Area General Plan.</td>
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**Discussion:**

(1) The project is consistent with the policies relating to the visual resources in the General Plan.

(2-3) The project would not impact views from riverside areas and parks, nor would degrade views of riverside areas and parks from public roadways.

20. LAND USE AND PLANNING

a. Significant Effects Identified in the Master EIR

The Master EIR discloses the following residual significant and unavoidable impacts pertaining to land use and planning expected after application of mitigations/policies:

**Direct Impacts**

*Effect:* No residual significant direct impacts were disclosed in the Master EIR.

**Cumulative Impacts**

*Effect:* No residual significant cumulative impacts were disclosed in the Master EIR.

b. Master EIR and/or New Mitigation Measures Applied to the Project

The following land use and planning mitigation measures pertinent to the proposed project are found on pages V-20-6 through V-20-17 in the Master EIR. All mitigation measures appropriate to the project will be incorporated into or made conditions of approval of this project. Those measures will be listed in Section V, Mitigation Applied to Project.

**Discussion:**

There are no applicable mitigation measures from the Master EIR. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required to reduce project impacts to a less-than-significant level.
c. Project-Specific Effects

Section V-20.B of the Master EIR discloses impacts of implementing the Urban Area General Plan on land use and planning. The following is an analysis of whether the proposed project would result in a new, significant, project-specific effect not disclosed in the Master EIR.

Significance Criteria: Determination of project effects will be based on the following thresholds. The project-specific effects will be less than significant unless:

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Discussion:

1. The project is consistent with the Mixed Use Planning District (MUPD) land use designation in the General Plan.

2. The project would not divide an established community. The proposal is to rezone one residentially zoned, but commercially developed property on an arterial street to Professional Office (P-O) uses.

3. The project is consistent with the land use plan, policies and regulations of the City of Modesto designed to mitigate project impacts.

4. The project does not conflict with applicable habitat conservation plans or natural community conservation plans.

21. CLIMATE CHANGE

Rezone and DPR, 1237 Oakdale Road
General Plan Master EIR Finding of Conformance
a. Significant Effects Identified in the Master EIR

The Master EIR discloses the following residual significant and unavoidable impacts pertaining to climate change expected after application of mitigations/policies:

**Direct Impacts**

*Effect:* Impacts resulting from implementation of the Urban Area General Plan are not substantial enough to result in a significant direct impact on climate change, as disclosed in the Master EIR.

**Cumulative Impacts**

*Effect:* Implementation of the Urban Area General Plan will have a cumulatively considerable impact on climate change.

b. Master EIR and/or New Mitigation Measures Applied to the Project

The following climate change mitigation measures pertinent to the proposed project are found on pages V-21-7 through V-21-10 in the Master EIR. All mitigation measures appropriate to the project will be incorporated into or made conditions of approval of this project. Those measures will be listed in Section V, Mitigation Applied to Project.

**Discussion:**

There are no applicable mitigation measures from the Master EIR. No new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required to reduce project impacts to a less-than-significant level.

c. Project-Specific Effects

Section V-18.B of the Master EIR discloses impacts of implementing the Urban Area General Plan on climate change. The following is an analysis of whether the proposed project would result in a new, significant, project-specific effect not disclosed in the Master EIR.

**Significance Criteria:** Determination of project effects will be based on the following thresholds. The project-specific effects will be less than significant unless:

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**Discussion:**

(1) The project is consistent with the policies relating to climate change in the Urban Area General Plan. The project would not have a significance effect on climate change.

(2) The project would not affect automobile trip lengths or CO₂ emissions.

(3) A Sustainable Communities Strategy has not yet been implemented by the ARB. Future development will be required to comply with the provisions of the Sustainable Communities Strategy once it is established.
V. MITIGATION MEASURES APPLIED TO THE PROPOSED PROJECT

If the Initial Study results in the determination that a Finding of Conformance can be adopted for the proposed project Section A below applies. If the Initial Study results in the determination that a Finding of Conformance cannot be adopted and a Mitigated Negative Declaration/EIR must be prepared for the project then Section B, below applies.

A. Master EIR Mitigation Measures Applied to the Project

Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21157.1(c), in order for a Finding of Conformance to be made, all appropriate mitigation measures from the Master EIR shall be incorporated into the proposed project. Urban Area General Plan Policies/Master EIR mitigation measures shall be made part of the proposed project prior to approval by means of conditions of project approval or incorporation into the appropriate document or plan.

All applicable and appropriate mitigation measures have been applied to the project (see mitigation measures listed below).

B. New or Additional Mitigation Measures or Alternatives Required

Where the project's effects would exceed the significance criteria for each environmental impact category, a mitigated negative declaration or Focused EIR must be prepared. Staff has reviewed the project against the significance criteria thresholds established in the Master EIR for all impact categories in this Initial Study.

A Mitigated Negative Declaration or Focused EIR shall be prepared for the project. The following additional project-specific mitigation measures listed below are necessary to reduce the identified new significant effect:

Traffic and Circulation:

N/A

Degradation of Air Quality:

AQ-42: All disturbed areas, including storage piles, which are not being actively utilized for construction purposes, shall be effectively stabilized of dust emissions using water, chemical stabilizer/suppressant, covered with a tarp or other suitable cover or vegetative ground cover.

AQ-43: All on-site unpaved roads and off-site unpaved access roads shall be effectively stabilized of dust emissions using water or chemical stabilizer/suppressant.

AQ-44: All land clearing, grubbing, scraping, excavation, land leveling, grading, cut & fill, and demolition activities shall be effectively controlled of fugitive dust emissions utilizing application of water or by presoaking.

AQ-46: When materials are transported off-site, all material shall be covered, or effectively wetted to limit visible dust emissions, and at least six inches of freeboard space from the top of the container shall be maintained.
AQ-47: All operations shall limit or expeditiously remove the accumulation of mud or dirt from adjacent public streets at the end of each workday. (the use of dry rotary brushes is expressly prohibited except where preceded or accompanied by sufficient wetting to limit the visible dust emissions.) (Use of blower devices is expressly forbidden.)

AQ-48: Following the addition of materials to, or the removal of materials from, the surface of outdoor storage piles, said piles shall be effectively stabilized of fugitive dust emissions utilizing sufficient water or chemical stabilizer/suppressant.

AQ-49: Within urban areas, track out shall be immediately removed when it extends 50 or more feet from the site and at the end of each workday.

AQ-50: Any site with 150 or more vehicle trips per day shall prevent carryout and track out.

**Generation of Noise:**

N-1: The City has also established a noise ordinance to control noise within the City. The City’s noise ordinance (Modesto Municipal Code Section 4-9.101) prohibits the "loud and raucous discharge into the open air of the steam of any steam equipment or exhaust from any stationary internal-combustion engine."

N-2: Additionally, the noise ordinance prohibits the loud and raucous operation or use of any of the following before 7:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m. daily (except Saturday and Sunday and state or federal holidays, when the prohibited time shall be before 9:00 a.m. and after 9:00 p.m.):

- A hammer, or any other device or implement used to pound or strike an object.
  1. An impact wrench, or other tool or equipment powered by compressed air.
  3. Any tool or piece of equipment powered by an internal-combustion engine such as, but not limited to, a saw, drill, lathe, or router.
  4. Any electrically powered (whether by alternating current electricity or by direct current electricity) tool or piece of equipment used for cutting, drilling, or shaping wood, plastic, metal, or other materials or objects, such as, but not limited to, an electric drill, a circular saw, a chain saw, or a trencher.
  5. Any of the following: heavy equipment (such as but not limited to bulldozer, steam shovel, road grader, back hoe), ground drilling and boring equipment (such as but not limited to derrick or dredge), hydraulic crane and boom equipment, portable power generator or pump, pavement equipment (such as but not limited to pneumatic hammer, pavement breaker, tamper, compaction equipment), pile driving equipment, vibrating roller, sand blaster, gunite machine, trencher, concrete truck, and hot kettle pump.
  6. Any construction, demolition, excavation, erection, alteration, or repair activity. In the case of urgent necessity and in the interest of public health and safety, the Chief Building Official may issue a permit for exemption from these. Such period shall not exceed three (3) working days in length while the emergency continues but may be renewed for successive periods of three (3) days or less while the emergency continues. The Chief Building Official may limit such permit as to time of use and/or permitted action, depending upon the nature of the emergency and the type of action requested.

N-3: The project shall comply with the City’s noise ordinance. Construction equipment and vehicles should be equipped with properly operating mufflers according to the manufacturers’ recommendations. Air compressors and pneumatic equipment should be equipped with mufflers, and
impact tools should be equipped with shrouds or shields. Equipment that is quieter than standard equipment should be utilized. Haul routes that affect the fewest number of people should be selected.

**Effects on Agricultural Lands:**

N/A

**Increased Demand for Long-Term Water Supplies:**

N/A

**Increased Demand for Sanitary Sewer Services:**

N/A

**Loss of Sensitive Wildlife and Plant Habitat:**

N/A

**Disturbance of Archaeological/Historic Sites:**

Table V-8-1(b-f):

b. Prior to excavation and construction, the prime construction contractor and any subcontractors shall be cautioned on the legal and/or regulatory implications of knowingly destroying cultural resources or removing artifacts, human remains, bottles, or other cultural materials from the project area.

c. The project sponsor shall identify a qualified archeologist prior to any demolition, excavation, or construction. The City will approve the project sponsor's selection of a qualified archeologist. The archeologist would have the authority to temporarily halt excavation and construction activities in the immediate vicinity (ten-meter radius) of a find if significant or potentially significant cultural resources are exposed and/or adversely affected by construction operations.

d. Reasonable time shall be allowed for the qualified archeologist to notify the proper authorities for a more detailed inspection and examination of the exposed cultural resources. During this time, excavation and construction would not be allowed in the immediate vicinity of the find; however, those activities could continue in other areas of the project site.

e. If any find is determined to be significant by the qualified archeologist, representatives from the construction contractor and the City, the qualified archeologist, and a representative of the Native American community (if the discovery is an aboriginal burial) would meet to determine the appropriate course of action.

f. All cultural materials recovered as part of a monitoring program would be subject to scientific analysis, professional curation, and a report prepared according to current professional standards.

**Increased Demand for Storm Drainage:**
SD-7: New development shall comply with City requirements for conveyance, retention and detention. New development shall include onsite storage of Stormwater as necessary. Rockwells shall not be allowed for new development except at infill areas smaller than three acres where no other feasible alternative is available. (UAGP Policy V-E.3 [f])

SD-9: Construction activities shall comply with the requirements of the City’s Storm Water Management Plan under its municipal NPDES Stormwater permit, and the State Water Resources Control Board’s General Permit for Discharges of Storm Water Associated with Construction Activity. (UAGP Policy V.E.3 [h])

Flooding and Water Quality:

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Increased Demand for Parks and Open Space:
N/A

Increased Demand for Schools:
N/A

Increased Demand for Police Services:
N/A

Increased Demand for Fire Services:
N/A

Generation of Solid Waste:
N/A

Generation of Hazardous Materials:
N/A

Geology, Soils, and Mineral Resources:
N/A

Energy:
Effects on Visual Resources:  
N/A

Land Use and Planning:  
N/A

Climate Change:  
N/A
MODESTO CITY COUNCIL  
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-145  

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID AND APPROVING A 4-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH TWO 2-YEAR OPTION YEARS WITH NATIONAL EXPRESS TRANSIT CORPORATION COMMENCING JULY 1, 2017, AND TERMINATING JUNE 30, 2021, TO PROVIDE FIXED ROUTE SERVICES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE MODESTO AREA EXPRESS (MAX) TRANSIT SYSTEM FOR $8,192,955 IN FISCAL YEAR 2017/18 AND $74,497,350 OVER THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT, INCLUDING THE TWO 2-YEAR OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT, IN A FORM APPROVED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, the existing agreement with Transdev Services, Inc. to operate the MAX service expires June 30, 2017, and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to continue providing MAX service to the citizens and visitors of Modesto, and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued soliciting proposals from qualified firms for a new contract to be effective on July 1, 2017, and

WHEREAS, National Express Transit Corporation submitted a proposal that was determined to be reasonable and cost effective, and

WHEREAS, an evaluation panel reviewed and evaluated all proposals, interviewed proposers and evaluated best and final offers, and

WHEREAS, after such evaluation the panel scored National Express Transit Corporation highest utilizing the scoring criteria included in the RFP and recommend award of the contract to National Express Transit Corporation, and

WHEREAS, the RFP conformed to the formal bid procedures in Modesto Municipal Code section 8-3.203 and staff recommends awarding the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible proposal submitted by National Express Transit Corporation.
Corporation, and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2017, Council approved Resolution No. 2017-86 implementing a spending freeze in order to maintain fiscal sustainability of the City. The City Manager’s Office approved an exception to this freeze for this procurement based upon the continued operation of the Modesto Area Express transit system.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Modesto that it hereby accepts the bid of National Express Transit Corporation and approves a 4 year agreement with two-2 year option years with National Express Transit Corporation commencing July 1, 2017, and terminating June 30, 2021, to provide fixed route services for the operation of the Modesto Area Express transit system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute the agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney, at a first year cost of $8,192,955 and $74,497,350 over the term of the agreement, including the 2 two-year optional extensions.
The foregoing resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Modesto held on the 11th day of April, 2017, by Councilmember Madrigal, who moved its adoption, which motion being duly seconded by Councilmember Zoslocki, was upon roll call carried and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers: Ah You, Grewal, Kenoyer, Madrigal, Ridenour, Zoslocki, Mayor Brandvold

NOES: Councilmembers: None

ABSENT: Councilmembers: None

Attest: 

SEAL

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: 

ADAM U. LINDGREN, City Attorney