

LANDMARK PRESERVATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-01

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE DEMOLITION OF THE 7TH STREET BRIDGE (LANDMARK 14) AND RETAIN THE LANDMARK DESIGNATION THROUGH INCLUSION OF AN INTERPRETIVE PLAZA AT THE BASE OF THE NEW BRIDGE (STANISLAUS COUNTY)

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 19 adopted on November 18, 1991, the Landmark Preservation Commission recommended designation of the 7th Street Bridge as a Modesto Landmark Preservation site; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 92-186 adopted on April 28, 1992, the City Council designated the 7th Street Bridge as a Modesto Landmark Preservation site; and

WHEREAS, subsequent evaluations of the 7th Street Bridge determined it has structural deficiencies, functional deficiencies, and load restrictions that make rehabilitating the bridge financially infeasible and that will result in the loss of its historical integrity; and

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County Department of Public Works has prepared an Environmental Impact Report (SCH #2013092059) evaluating the impacts of several alternatives, including demolishing the 7th Street Bridge; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the Landmark Preservation Commission on November 28, 2016, at 1010 Tenth Street, Modesto, California, at which hearing evidence both oral and documentary was received and considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Landmark Preservation Commission that it finds and determines as follows:

1. The physical condition of the 7th Street Bridge is such that maintenance is no longer economically feasible.
2. The site of the 7th Street Bridge has been used for transportation between downtown Modesto and areas on the south side of the Tuolumne River since Modesto was first established and as such merits retention as a landmark.
3. Prior to demolition and as a condition of demolition, the Landmark Preservation Commission will have oversight of the preservation of elements of the 7th Street Bridge that demonstrate both the engineering significance of the bridge and its aesthetic qualities and their interpretation of these elements in a plaza, which will be incorporated into the design of a replacement bridge. This is a feasible mitigation measure, is desirable, and would promote historical education and retention of the site as a landmark.
4. No further environmental review would be necessary.

The foregoing resolution was introduced at a special meeting of the Landmark Preservation Commission held on November 28, 2016, by Matthew Lippert, who moved

its adoption, which motion was seconded by Denzil Walker, and carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Bruno, Gonzalez, Lipomi, Lippert, Roddick, Walker
Noes:	None
Absent:	None
Recused:	None

BY ORDER OF THE LANDMARK PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MODESTO.

Original, signed copy on file in CEDD
Patrick Kelly, Secretary