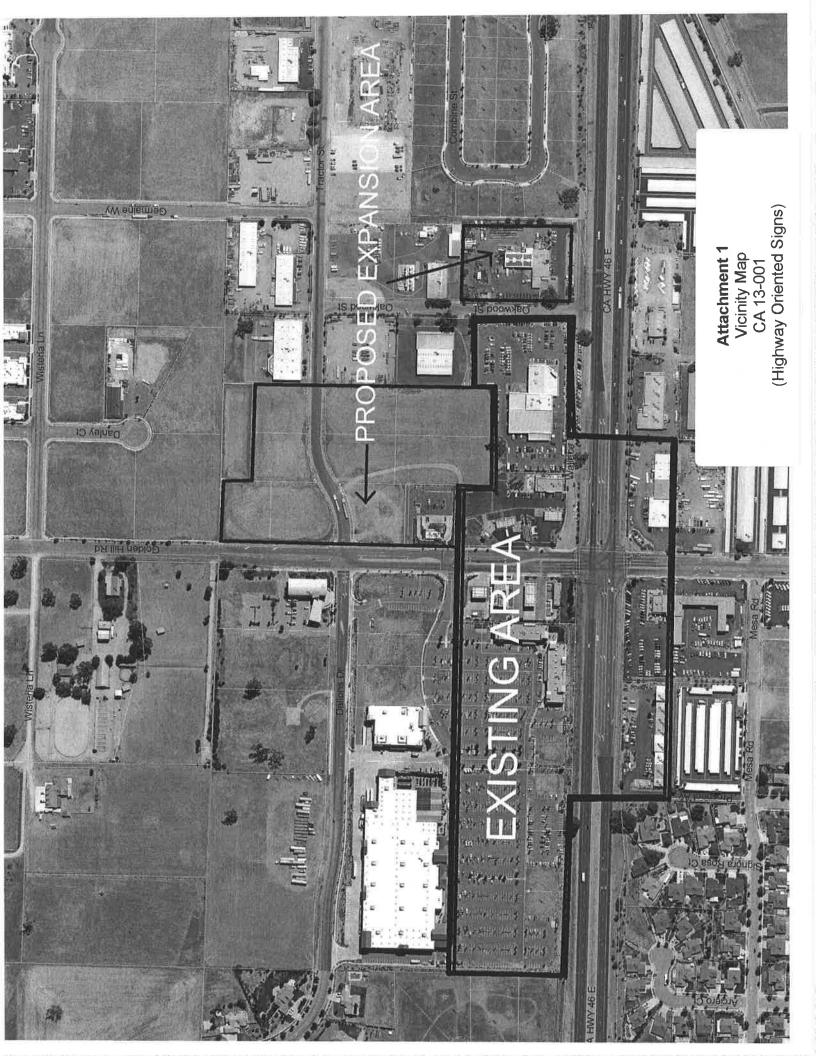
TO:	Planning Commission
FROM:	Ed Gallagher, Community Development Director
SUBJECT:	Code Amendment 13-001 – Highway Oriented Sign District (Highway 46 East – Golden Hill Rd.)
DATE:	January 28, 2013
Needs:	For the Planning Commission to consider recommending that the City Council adopt an amendment to the Sign Ordinance.
Facts:	1. Section 21.19.040.H of the Sign Ordinance allows for Highway-Oriented Signs in the area of Highway 46 East and Golden Hill Road, this amendment would expand the area as shown in Attachment 1, Vicinity Map.
	2. The City has received applications for new highway oriented uses that are requesting the ability to install a highway-oriented signs, but are not within the current area as show in Figure 21.19-2 of Resolution 96-35 (Attachment 2). This code amendment request is to expand the existing area to include the following properties:
	<ul> <li>Mullahey properties at Golden Hill and Tractor Street;</li> <li>Paso Robles Waste site;</li> </ul>
	<ol> <li>The Development Review Committee considered the proposed amendments on December 16, 2013, and recommended that the Planning Commission support the amendment.</li> </ol>
	4. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a draft Negative Declaration was prepared for this project and circulated on January 6, 2014. The Negative Declaration concludes that this project will not result in significant environmental impacts. (See Exhibit 3, Draft Negative Declaration).
Analysis and Conclusions:	<ul> <li>Mike Mullahey has submitted an application for PD 13-006 that would establish a 30,000 square foot new car dealership on the 3.6 acre site located at the north east corner of Golden Hill Road and Tractor Street. Concurrent with the PD application, an application for a Conditional Use Permit has been submitted requesting to install a 40-foot tall highway oriented sign for the dealership.</li> <li>Paso Robles Waste currently has an existing non-conforming highway oriented sign on the PR Waste site. PR Waste, along with 3G-CNG is requesting to add additional signage to the existing sign advertising the new CNG facility located on the adjacent parcel to the PR Waste site.</li> <li>Resolution 96-35 was adopted by the City Council in 1996 establishing the district in the Golden Hill Road and Highway 46 East area where a highway-oriented sign could be placed</li> </ul>

istrict in the Golden Hill Road and Highway 46 East area where a highway-oriented sign could be placed with the approval of a Conditional Use Permit. Signs in this area are also subject to Design Parameters, See Attachment 2. The properties in the proposed expanded areas would also be subject to these Design Parameters.

Both the new car dealership and the CNG business are considered highway-oriented businesses and similar to other car dealerships and service stations, it would seem reasonable to expand the highway oriented sign district to allow highway signs for these businesses. **Reference:** Zoning Ordinance, and CEQA. Fiscal Impact: None. **Options:** After opening the public hearing and taking public testimony, the Planning Commission is requested to take one of the actions listed below: a. (1) Approve the attached Resolution recommending the City Council adopt the Negative Declaration for this project; and (2) Recommend the City Council Introduce Ordinance No. 14-XXX for first reading at their meeting on February 18, 2014. b. Amend, modify, or reject the above-listed action.

### Attachments:

- 1. Vicinity Map
- 2. Res. 96-35, Design Parameters (Figure 21.19-2)
- 3. Resolution to recommend adoption of draft Negative Declaration
- 4. Draft Ordinance
- 5. Public Hearing Notice



### RESOLUTION NO:\_96-35 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES ESTABLISHING DESIGN PARAMETERS FOR HIGHWAY -ORIENTED SIGNS IN THE GOLDEN HILL ROAD/HIGHWAY 46 EAST HIGHWAY SIGN DISTRICT

WHEREAS, public hearings were conducted by the Planning Commission on January 8, 1996, February 12, 1996, February 26, 1996, and March 11, 1996, and the City Council on February 6, 1996, March 5, 1996 and April 2, 1996, to consider design parameters associated with the proposed code amendment 95014, and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance amending the highway oriented sign district in the Golden Hill Road and Highway 46 East intersection area calls for the City Council to adopt by resolution a set of design standards for highway signs in that same area, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of El Paso De Robles does hereby approve the following design standards for freestanding signs located in the Highway-Oriented Sign District at Golden Hill Road and Highway 46 East:

- 1. A Conditional Use Permit shall be required for all pole signs within this district.
- 2. Sign height shall be limited to 30 feet (to the top of any super-structure)\*.
- 3. Sign area shall be limited as follows (excluding super-structure)\*:
  - 150 square feet for joint freestanding business or mixed center signs;
  - o 60 square feet for single business/user;

The approving body shall have the discretion to limit the size and height as appropriate when signs have closer proximity to a freeway.

- 4. A one (1) acre minimum lot size shall be required for a pole sign to be applied for, unless approved as part of a comprehensive sign program for a mixed use center (under which the City may approved pole signs for smaller parcels).
- 5. Consolidated sign identification for separate freestanding businesses (on the same or adjoining parcels) is encouraged, not exceeding two businesses per sign.

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Attachment 2 Res. 96-35 CA 13-001 (Highway Oriented Signs)

- 6. Where there is more than one freestanding business on a single parcel, more than one pole sign can be applied for via a conditional use permit, provided the ratio of sign to parcel area does not exceed one sign per acre.
- 7. Creative signage solutions are encouraged, subject to review and approval of the appropriate approving authority. Dimensional/architectural solutions to hide support structures are encouraged and may be required as part of the review process.
- 8. The sign message shall be limited to identifying the business or center only ( no listing of products, prices or other superfluous information).
- 9. Pole signs shall only be permitted for those businesses which can be determined as being service related to the traveling and/or freeway customer, or serving a regional need.
- 10. Design standards are to apply to any existing and newly proposed signs in this district.
- 11. Parcels of three (3) acres or larger could forego the ability to apply for more than one sign on the property, and apply for a single pole sign of up to 40 feet in height and 150 square feet in area.
- \* See number 11 of the standards effecting height and size potential.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2nd day of April, 1996 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Iversen, Martin, Macklin

NOES: Heggarty, Picanco

ABSTAIN: None.

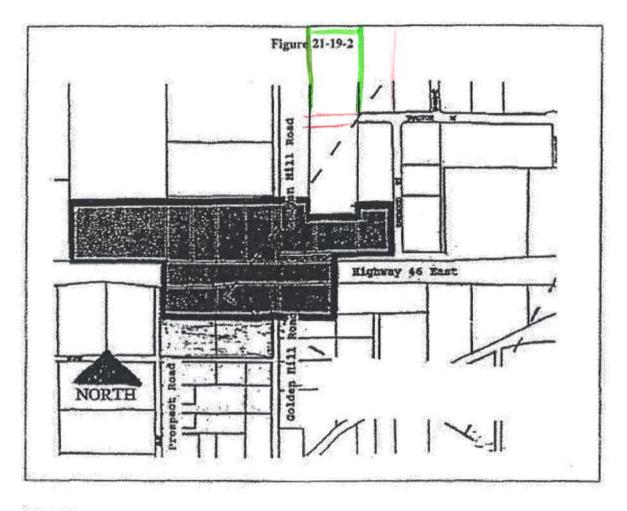
ABSENT: None.

MAYOR WALTER J. MACKLIN City of El Paso de Robles

ATTEST:

RICHARD J. RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER/ CITY CLERK

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ADDITIONAL AREA WHERE A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A HIGHWAY-ORI-ENTED SIGN CAN BE APPLIED (SUBJECT TO ADOPTED DESIGN CRITERIA)

### **RESOLUTION NO:**

### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES ADOPTING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT CODE AMENDMENT 13-001

**WHEREAS**, Code Amendment 13-001 is a request to amend Section 21.19.040.H of the City of El Paso de Robles Zoning Ordinance, to expand the geographic area in which a highway oriented sign could be placed with the approval of a Conditional Use Permit; and

WHEREAS, the amendment would be specific to the Highway 46 East and Golden Hill Road area and would amend Figure 21.19-2; and

**WHEREAS**, an Initial Study was prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to evaluate whether these amendments would result in environmental impacts, and the City has determined that the Zoning Code Amendment modifying these provisions will not result in significant environmental impacts, and;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Statutes and Guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the City's Procedures for Implementing CEQA, an Initial Study and a Draft Negative Declaration was prepared and circulated for public review and comment; and

**WHEREAS**, no public comments or responses were received in regard to the Draft Negative Declaration and Initial Study prepared for this project; and

**WHEREAS,** Public Notice of the proposed Draft Negative Declaration was posted as required by Section 21092 of the Public Resources Code; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was conducted by the Planning Commission on January 28, 2014 to consider the Initial Study and the proposed Negative Declaration prepared for the proposed project, and to accept public testimony on the proposed amendment and environmental determination; and

**WHEREAS,** based on the information and analysis contained in the Initial Study prepared for this project and testimony received as a result of the public notice, the Planning Commission finds that there is no substantial evidence that there would be a significant impact on the environment as a result of implementation of the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles, based on its independent judgment, that it does adopt a Negative Declaration for Zoning Ordinance Code Amendment 13-001 in accordance with the Statutes and Guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the City's Procedures for Implementing CEQA.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** THIS 18th day of February, 2014, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: NOES: ABSENT: ABSTAIN:

DUANE PICANCO, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CARYN JACKSON, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

## ENVIRONMENTAL INITIAL STUDY CHECKLIST FORM CITY OF PASO ROBLES

1.	PROJECT TITLE:	Code Amendment 13-001 – Sign Code Amendment
	<b>Concurrent Entitlements:</b>	
2.	LEAD AGENCY:	City of Paso Robles 1000 Spring Street Paso Robles, CA 93446
	Contact: Phone:	(805) 237-3970
3.	PROJECT LOCATION:	Vicinity of Highway 46 East and Golden Hill Road
4.	PROJECT PROPONENT:	City Initiated
	Contact Person:	Darren Nash
	Phone: Email:	(805) 237-3970 dnash@prcity.com
5.	GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION:	CS (Commercial Service)
6.	ZONING:	C3 (Commercial- Light Industrial)

- **7. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Code Amendment is a request to amend Section 21.19 of the Zoning Code, Sign Ordinance, to expand the geographic boundary in which a highway oriented sign could be constructed with the approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP).
- 8. ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING: There is an existing area in the vicinity of Highway 46 East and Golden Hill Road that would allow for a highway oriented sign. This request is to expand the boundary to accommodate highway oriented businesses beyond the current boundary.

Highway oriented signs are general pole signs between 30 - 40 feet in height that advertise highway oriented businesses. The amount of ground that is disturbed is minimal.

9. OTHER AGENCIES WHOSE APPROVAL IS REQUIRED (AND PERMITS NEEDED): None

# ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

Aesthetics	Agriculture and Forestry Resources	Air Quality
<b>Biological Resources</b>	Cultural Resources	Geology /Soils
Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Hazards & Hazardous Materials	Hydrology / Water Quality
Land Use / Planning	Mineral Resources	Noise
Population / Housing	Public Services	Recreation
Transportation/Traffic	Utilities / Service Systems	Mandatory Findings of Significance

**DETERMINATION:** (To be completed by the Lead Agency)

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

$\square$	I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
	I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
	I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
	I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
	I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

Signature:

# **EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:**

- 1. A brief explanation is required for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact" answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis).
- 2. All answers must take account of the whole action involved. Answers should address off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- 3. "Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
- 4. "Negative Declaration: Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to a "Less Than Significant Impact." The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from "Earlier Analyses," as described in (5) below, may be cross-referenced).
- 5. Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063(c)(3)(D). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
  - a. Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
  - b. Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.
  - c. Mitigation Measures. For effects that are "Less than Significant with Mitigation Measures Incorporated," describe the mitigation measures which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.
- 6. Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated.
- 7. Supporting Information Sources: A source list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.
- 8. The explanation of each issue should identify:
  - a. the significance criteria or threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question; and
  - b. the mitigation measure identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than significance

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>I.</b> /	<b>AESTHETICS:</b> Would the project:				
a.	Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?				$\boxtimes$
b.	Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?				
c.	Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?				
d.	Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area? (Sources: 1, 2, 10)				$\boxtimes$

Discussion (a-d):

The proposed expanded highway oriented sign district is not located in an area that would be considered a scenic vista and does not include scenic resources. The district is located in an area where there is existing highway commercial, light industrial, gas services stations and drive-through fast food uses that include multiple highway oriented signs. Expanding the district to include additional signage would be adjacent to the existing district boundary and within the same C3 zoning district. Therefore, impacts on visual character as a result of allowing for additional highway oriented signs would be less than significant.

**II. AGRICULTURE AND FOREST RESOURCES:** In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. Would the project:

a.	Convert Prime Farmland, Unique			
	Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide			
	Importance (Farmland), as shown on the	_	_	
	maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland			$\boxtimes$
	Mapping and Monitoring Program of the			
	California Resources Agency, to non-			
	agricultural use?			

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
b.	Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?				$\boxtimes$
c.	Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest, land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 5114(g))?				$\boxtimes$
d.	Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				
e.	Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest				$\boxtimes$

Discussion (a-e): The project site is not located on land that is considered agricultural or forest land. There will be no impact from the project on this environmental factor.

**III. AIR QUALITY:** Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:

use?

a.	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan? (Source: Attachment 5)		
b.	Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation? (Source: 11)		

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
c.	Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non- attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)? (Source: Attachment 4)				
d.	Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations? (Source: Attachment 4)				
e.	Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people? (Source:				$\boxtimes$

Discussion (a-e): There will not be an impact on this environmental factor as a result of expanding the geographic area in which a highway oriented sign could be placed.

# IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES: Would the project:

11)

a.	Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?		
b.	Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service?		$\boxtimes$

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
c.	Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?				
d.	Interfere substantially 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?				
e.	Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?				
f.	Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?				
	(Source: )				
	Discussion (a-f):				
	There will not be an impact on this environarea in which a highway oriented sign cou		as a result of exp	banding the geo	graphic

V.	V. CULTURAL RESOURCES: Would the project:						
a.	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in §15064.5?				$\boxtimes$		

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
b.	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to \$15064.5?				$\boxtimes$
c.	Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?				
d.	Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?				$\boxtimes$

Discussion (a-d): There will not be an impact on this environmental factor as a result of expanding the geographic area in which a highway oriented sign could be placed.

### VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS: Would the project:

- a. Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:
  - Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42. (Sources: 1, 2, & 3)
  - ii. Strong seismic ground shaking? (Sources: 1, 2, & 3)
  - iii. Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction? (Sources: 1, 2 & 3)

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	iv. Landslides?				$\boxtimes$
b.	Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil? (Sources: 1, 2, & 3)				$\boxtimes$
c.	Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?				
d.	Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the California Building Code, creating substantial risks to life or property?				$\boxtimes$
e.	Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?				$\boxtimes$

Discussion (a-e): There will not be an impact on this environmental factor as a result of expanding the geographic area in which a highway oriented sign could be placed.

#### VII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS: Would the project: a. Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may $\square$ $\boxtimes$ have a significant impact on the environment? b. Conflict with any applicable plan, policy, or regulation of an agency adopted for the purpose of reducing the $\boxtimes$ emissions of greenhouse gasses?

Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	Incorporated		

Discussion (a-b): There will not be an impact on this environmental factor as a result of expanding the geographic area in which a highway oriented sign could be placed.

V	VIII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: Would the project:					
a.	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?				$\boxtimes$	
b.	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?					
c.	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?					
d.	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 it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?					
e.	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?					
f.	For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				$\boxtimes$	

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
g.	Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				
h.	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?				

Discussion (a-h): There will not be an impact on this environmental factor as a result of expanding the geographic area in which a highway oriented sign could be placed.

IX. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY	Y: Would the	e project:	
a. Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?			$\boxtimes$
b. Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., Would the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)? Would decreased rainfall infiltration or groundwater recharge reduce stream baseflow? (Source: 7)			
c. Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site? (Source: 10)			
d. Substantially alter the existing drainage			$\boxtimes$
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		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site? (Source: 10)		-		
e.	Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff? (Source: 10)				$\boxtimes$
f.	Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?				$\boxtimes$
g.	Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?				
h.	Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows? Discussion: See IX h. above.				$\boxtimes$
i.	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?				$\boxtimes$
j.	Inundation by mudflow?				$\boxtimes$
k.	Conflict with any Best Management Practices found within the City's Storm Water Management Plan?				$\boxtimes$

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
1.	Substantially decrease or degrade watershed storage of runoff, wetlands, riparian areas, aquatic habitat, or associated buffer zones?				$\boxtimes$

Discussion (a-l): There will not be an impact on this environmental factor as a result of expanding the geographic area in which a highway oriented sign could be placed.

X.	X. LAND USE AND PLANNING: Would the project:							
a.	Physically divide an established community?				$\boxtimes$			
	Discussion: There will not be an impact of geographic area in which a highway orient			a result of ex	panding the			
b.	Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal				$\boxtimes$			

program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating

an environmental effect?

Discussion: This code amendment is a request to amend Section 21.19 of the Zoning Code, Sign Ordinance, to expand the geographic boundary in which a highway oriented sign could be constructed with the approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP). There is an existing area in the vicinity of Highway 46 East and Golden Hill Road that would allow for a highway oriented sign. This request is to expand the boundary to allow for a highway oriented sign to accommodate highway oriented businesses beyond the current boundary.

Highway oriented signs are pole signs between 30 - 40 feet in height that advertise highway oriented businesses. The amount of ground that is disturbed is minimal. The expansion of the boundary would still require a CUP to be applied for on each property within the expanded boundary on a case by case basis. Through the CUP process will be the review of the proposed sign to determine if it would comply with the established criteria for highway oriented signs.

By requiring the CUP process on each proposed sign within the expanded district, there will not be a conflict with any land use plan, policy or regulation.

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
c.	Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?				$\boxtimes$
_	Discussion (c): There are no conservation	plans associate	ed with this code	amendment.	
XI	. MINERAL RESOURCES: Would the p	project:			
a.	Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state? (Source: 1)				
	Discussion: There are no known mineral r	esources at this	s project site.		
b.	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? (Source: 1)				
	Discussion: There are no known mineral r	esources at this	s project site.		
VI	I NOISE. Would the project result in:				
a.	<b>I. NOISE:</b> Would the project result in: Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies? (Source: 1)				
b.	Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?				
c.	A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?				$\boxtimes$

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
d.	A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?				
e.	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels? (Sources: 1, 4)				$\boxtimes$

Discussion (a-e): There will not be an impact on this environmental factor as a result of expanding the geographic area in which a highway oriented sign could be placed.

# XIII. POPULATION AND HOUSING: Would the project:

a.	Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)? (Source: 1)		
b.	Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?		
c.	Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?		$\boxtimes$

Discussion (a-c): There will not be an impact on this environmental factor as a result of expanding the geographic area in which a highway oriented sign could be placed.

Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	Incorporated		

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XIV. PUBLIC SERVICES: Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:

a. Fire protection? (Sources: 1,10)
b. Police protection? (Sources: 1,10)

- c. Schools?
- d. Parks?
- e. Other public facilities? (Sources: 1,10)

Discussion (a-e): There will not be an impact on this environmental factor as a result of expanding the geographic area in which a highway oriented sign could be placed.

### **XV. RECREATION**

a.	Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?		$\boxtimes$
b.	Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?		$\boxtimes$

Discussion (a&b):

There will not be an impact on this environmental factor as a result of expanding the geographic area in which a highway oriented sign could be placed.

Potentially	Less Than	Less Than	No
Significant	Significant	Significant	Impact
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	Mitigation		
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#### XVI. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC: Would the project: a. Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures or effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and $\square$ $\square$ $\square$ non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit? b. Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limited to level of service standards and $\square$ travel demand measures, or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways? (Source: Attachment 8) c. Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic $\square$ $\square$ levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks? d. Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or $\square$ $\square$ $\square$ dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)? $\square$ e. Result in inadequate emergency access?

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
f.	Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities?				$\boxtimes$

Discussion (a-f): There will not be an impact on this environmental factor as a result of expanding the geographic area in which a highway oriented sign could be placed.

#### XVII. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS: Would the project: a. Exceed wastewater treatment $\square$ $\square$ requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board? b. Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing $\boxtimes$ facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects? c. Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or $\square$ expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects? d. Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing $\square$ entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed? e. Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it $\square$ $\square$ has adequate capacity to serve the projects projected demand in addition to

the providers existing commitments?

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
f.	Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?				$\boxtimes$
g.	Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?				$\boxtimes$

Discussion: There will not be an impact on this environmental factor as a result of expanding the geographic area in which a highway oriented sign could be placed.

# XVIII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

a. Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below selfsustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?

	$\boxtimes$

Discussion: There will not be an impact on this environmental factor as a result of expanding the geographic area in which a highway oriented sign could be placed.

b. Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?

	$\boxtimes$

Discussion: There will not be an impact on this environmental factor as a result of expanding the geographic area in which a highway oriented sign could be placed.

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c. Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?				$\boxtimes$

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# EARLIER ANALYSIS AND BACKGROUND MATERIALS.

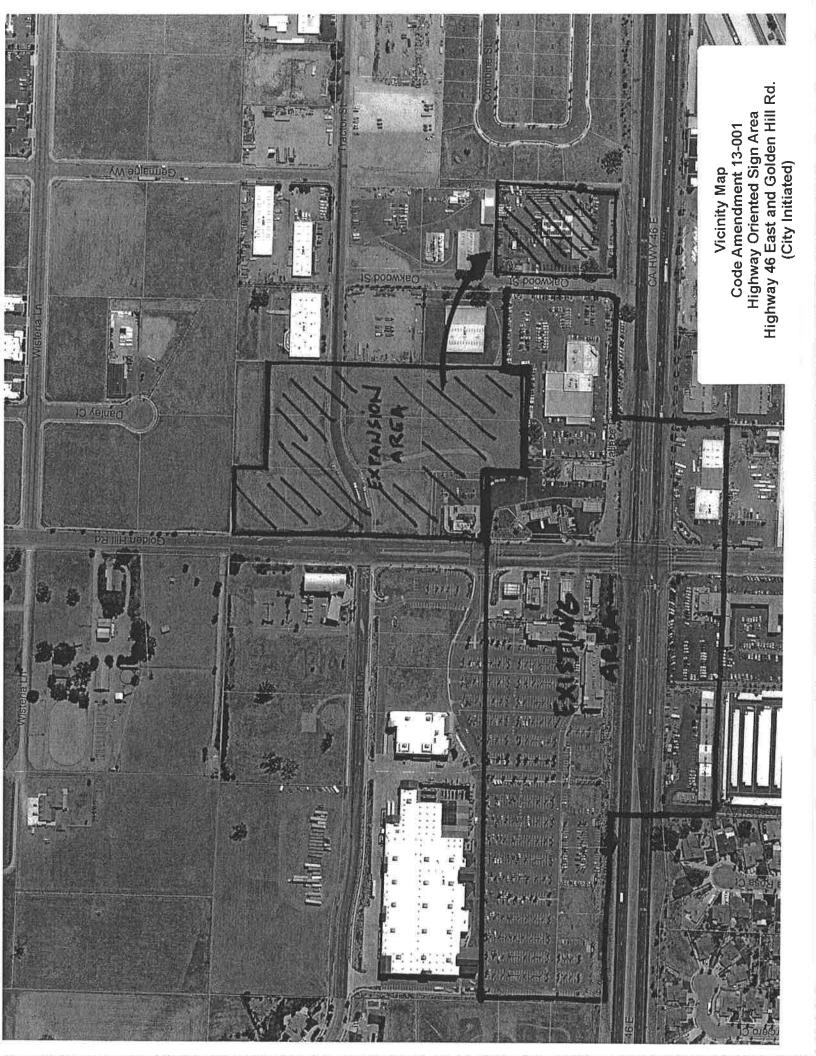
Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, one or more effects have been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063 (c)(3)(D).

Earlier Documents Prepared and Utilized in this Analysis and Background / Explanatory Materials

<u>Reference #</u>	Document Title	Available for Review at:
1	City of Paso Robles General Plan	City of Paso Robles Community Development Department 1000 Spring Street Paso Robles, CA 93446
2	City of Paso Robles Zoning Code	Same as above
3	City of Paso Robles Environmental Impact Report for General Plan Update	Same as above
4	2005 Airport Land Use Plan	Same as above
5	City of Paso Robles Municipal Code	Same as above
6	City of Paso Robles Water Master Plan	Same as above
7	City of Paso Robles Urban Water Management Plan 2005	Same as above
8	City of Paso Robles Sewer Master Plan	Same as above
9	City of Paso Robles Housing Element	Same as above
10	City of Paso Robles Standard Conditions of Approval for New Development	Same as above
11	San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District Guidelines for Impact Thresholds	APCD 3433 Roberto Court San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
12	San Luis Obispo County – Land Use Element	San Luis Obispo County Department of Planning County Government Center San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
13	USDA, Soils Conservation Service, Soil Survey of San Luis Obispo County, Paso Robles Area, 1983	Soil Conservation Offices Paso Robles, Ca 93446

# Attachments:

# 1. Vicinity Map



# ORDINANCE NO. XXX N.S.

# AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES AMENDING TITLE 21 (ZONING) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO MODIFY CHAPTERS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE (CODE AMENDMENT 13-001)

WHEREAS, Code Amendment 13-001 is a request to amend Section 21.19.040.H of the City of El Paso de Robles Zoning Ordinance, to expand the geographic area in which a highway oriented sign could be placed with the approval of a Conditional Use Permit; and

WHEREAS, the amendment would be specific to the Highway 46 East and Golden Hill Road area and would amend Figure 21.19-2; and

WHEREAS, the Design Parameters established for highway oriented signs in the Highway 46 East and Golden Hill Road (Res. 96-35) would remain in effect for this code amendment; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) an Initial Study was prepared, and it was determined that this project could not result in significant environmental impacts. Therefore, a draft Negative Declaration was adopted for this project; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on January 28, 2014, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on the proposed Code Amendment and took the following actions regarding this ordinance:

- a. Considered the facts and analysis, as presented in the staff report prepared for this ordinance;
- b. Conducted a public hearing to obtain public testimony on the proposed ordinance;
- c. In accordance with CEQA, recommended the City Council adopt a Negative Declaration for the proposed ordinance;
- d. Recommended that the City Council adopt the proposed ordinance; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting of February 18, 2014, the City Council conducted a public hearing on the proposed Code Amendment and took the following actions regarding this ordinance:

- a. Considered the facts and analysis, as presented in the staff report prepared for this ordinance;
- b. Considered the recommendation of the Planning Commission regarding this ordinance amendment and concurred with the Planning Commission's recommendation.

c. Conducted a public hearing to obtain public testimony on the proposed ordinance amendment;

d. Based on its independent judgment and in accordance with CEQA, the City Council adopted a Negative Declaration for this ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN that the Paso Robles City Council, based upon the substantial evidence presented at the above referenced public hearing, including oral and written staff reports, hereby finds as follows:

- 1. The above stated facts of this ordinance amendment are true and correct.
- 2. This ordinance amendment is consistent with the City's General Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

<u>SECTION 1</u>: Figure 21.19-2 as hereby amended to incorporate the changes shown in Exhibit A.

<u>SECTION 2</u>: <u>Publication</u>. The City Clerk shall cause this ordinance to be published once within fifteen (15) days after its passage in a newspaper of general circulation, printed, published and circulated in the City in accordance with section 36933 of the Government Code.

<u>SECTION 3.</u> <u>Severability</u>. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of the Ordinance is, for any reason, found to be invalid or unconstitutional, such finding shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance by section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases are declared unconstitutional.

<u>SECTION 4.</u> <u>Inconsistency</u>. To the extent that the terms of provisions of this Ordinance may be inconsistent or in conflict with the terms or conditions of any prior City ordinance(s), motion, resolution, rule, or regulation governing the same subject matter thereof and such inconsistent and conflicting provisions of prior ordinances, motions, resolutions, rules, and regulations are hereby repealed.

<u>SECTION 5.</u> <u>Effective Date</u>. This Ordinance shall go into effect and be in full force and effect at 12:01 a.m. on the 31st day after its passage.

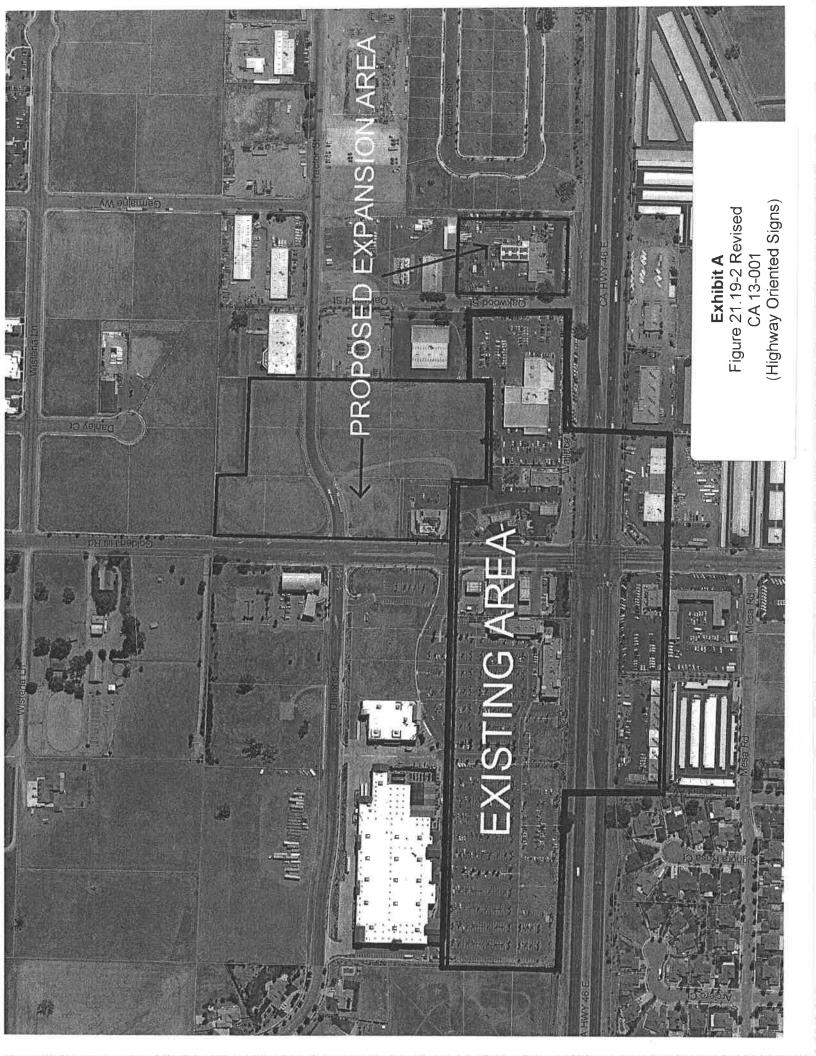
Introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council held on February 18, 2014, and passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles on the 4th day of March 2014 by the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES: NOES: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

Duane Picanco, Mayor

ATTEST:

Caryn Jackson, Deputy City Clerk





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# **OF MAIL NOTICES**

# PLANNING COMMISSION/CITY COUNCIL PROJECT NOTICING

I, <u>Kristen Buxkemper</u>, employee of the City of El Paso de Robles, California, do hereby certify that the mail notices have been processed as required for Sign Code Amendment 13-001 on this 10th day of January, 2014.

City of El Paso de Robles Community Development Department Planning Division

Signed: Kristen Buxkemper



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In The Superior Court of The State of California In and for the County of San Luis Obispo AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

AD # 7040360 CITY OF PASO ROBLES

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

SS.

County of San Luis Obispo

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen and not interested in the above entitled matter; I am now, and at all times embraced in the publication herein mentioned was, the principal clerk of the printers and publishers of THE TRIBUNE, a newspaper of general Circulation, printed and published daily at the City of San Luis Obispo in the above named county and state; that notice at which the annexed clippings is a true copy, was published in the above-named newspaper and not in any supplement thereof - on the following dates to wit; JANUARY 3, 2014, that said newspaper was duly and regularly ascertained and established a newspaper of general circulation by Decree entered in the Superior Court of San Luis Obispo County, State of California, on June 9, 1952, Case #19139 under the Government Code of the State of California.

I certify (or declare) under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

ane E. Durand

(Signature of Principal Clerk) DATED: JANUARY 3, 2014 AD COST: \$166.98



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