

RESOLUTION NO.: 08-017

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES
RECOMMENDING ADOPTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL
OF A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE
GATEWAY DESIGN STANDARDS**

WHEREAS, the City's General Plan and Economic Strategy includes numerous goals, policies and action items in support of improving the visual quality of the City's gateway; and

WHEREAS, the City initiated preparation of the Gateway Design Standards project with the intent of creating design standards to enhance and upgrade the City's gateways to be more attractive entrances to the City; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Gateway Design Standards are intended to affect the landscape and development at the City's "Entryways" from Highway 101, and the City's "Town and County" gateways AT the edges of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that it will need to collaborate with Caltrans and San Luis Obispo County regarding improvements adjacent to the highways and development projects in the County, to ensure consistency with the Gateway Design Standards; and

WHEREAS, an Initial Study was prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to evaluate whether this project would result in environmental impacts, and the City has determined that the Gateway Design Standards 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 and circulated for 30 days as required by Section 21092 of the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted by the Planning Commission on March 11, 2008 to consider the Initial Study, the proposed Negative Declaration prepared for this project, and to accept public testimony on the Gateway Design Standards, 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 the Gateway Design Standards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Planning Commission of the City of El Paso de Robles, based on its independent judgment, that it does hereby recommend the City Council adopt a Negative Declaration for the Gateway Design Standards 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 11th day of March, 2008, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Johnson, Hodgkin, Flynn, Peterson, Holstine and Chair Steinbeck
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Treach
ABSTAIN: None

CHAIRMAN ED STEINBECK

ATTEST:

RON WHISENAND, PLANNING COMMISSION SECRETARY