

RESOLUTION NO.: 08-018

**A RESOLUTION OF
THE PLANNING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES
RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY COUNCIL
APPROVAL OF THE GATEWAY DESIGN PLAN**

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, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on March 11, 2008 on this project to accept public testimony on the Gateway Design Standards; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Statutes and Guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this project an Initial Study and Negative Declaration were prepared for this project and has been considered by the Planning Commission under a separate resolution.

WHEREAS, based upon the facts and analysis presented in the staff report and the attachments thereto, the public testimony received, the Planning Commission makes the following findings:

1. The Gateway Design Standards include design guidance for the City's gateways to improve the transitions from the rural areas outside of the City into town, and from entryways from Highway 101.
2. The Gateway Design Standards are intended to address landform grading, landscaping, site planning, thoroughfares, frontages, signs, architecture and fencing through Form-Based Coding and general recommendations.
3. The City anticipates collaborating with San Luis Obispo County and Caltrans regarding project review for gateways within their jurisdictions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission of the City of El Paso de Robles does hereby recommend approval of the Gateway Design Standards to the City Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th day of March, 2008 by the following Roll Call Vote:

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

CHAIRMAN ED STEINBECK

ATTEST:

RON WHISENAND, PLANNING COMMISSION SECRETARY