

RESOLUTION NO. 03-68

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES
GRANTING NEGATIVE DECLARATION STATUS FOR COMPONENT 1 OF
GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 003-001: HIGHWAY 46 WEST / 101
TRAFFIC LEVEL OF SERVICE (CITY INITIATED)

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Paso Robles has an adopted goal of establishing Paso Robles as the North County commercial retail center, including providing adequate sites for regional commercial development; and

WHEREAS, the intersection of Highways 46 West and 101 is an area of the City that is designated for regional commercial development and which is in need of both interim and long-term physical improvements to facilitate both traffic flow and to address traffic safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, in order to permit development that will provide a funding mechanism for the needed interim traffic flow and safety improvements to the interchange of Highways 46 West and 101, the City has initiated a General Plan Amendment (Land Use and Circulation) which proposes to consider a change to the Level of Service (LOS) standard for the subject intersection area; said LOS change would be for an interim period of time until longer term plans can be made and funded for a substantial improvement to the subject interchange; and

WHEREAS, the resulting LOS change would be from "C" to "D", which is an acceptable Level of Service Standard in areas under jurisdiction of the California Department of Transportation and which is further consistent with the acceptable Level of Service standard specified in a cooperative agreement between the City of Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo Council of Governments and County of San Luis Obispo; and

WHEREAS, an Initial Study was prepared for this project, a copy of which is attached; and

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

WHEREAS, public hearings were conducted by the Planning Commission on April 22, 2003 and by the City Council on May 6, 2003 to consider the Initial Study prepared for this application, and to accept public testimony regarding this proposed environmental determination; and

WHEREAS, based on the information contained in the Initial Study prepared for this project and testimony received as a result of the public notice, the City Council finds no substantial evidence that there would be a significant impact on the environment if the application were approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that based on the City Council's independent judgment, the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles does hereby approve a Negative Declaration for this component of General Plan Amendment 2003-001, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 6th day of May 2003 by the following vote:

AYES: Finigan, Heggarty, Nemeth, Picanco and Mecham
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Frank R. Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharilyn M. Ryan, Deputy City Clerk