

## Clay Street Bridge Replacement Project

### *3/11/19 Council Meeting – Verbal Update to Council, Item 15.1*

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GOOD EVENING MAYOR ACUNA, VICE MAYOR SARAGOSA, AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

- As requested, Staff is here to provide an update on the Clay Street Bridge Replacement Project.
- You may recall the prior update at Council's November 27<sup>th</sup> meeting touched on the progress to date for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) processes.
- In April of last year, the public review and comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) concluded. The City received 19 individual comment letters, 40 individual comment emails, 8 letters from groups and organizations, and 4 agency comments.
- Since that time, staff has thoroughly reviewed the comments received and is completing the process of drafting responses to those comments and questions.
- The City also conducted Section 106 Consultation meetings with interested parties such as the Ancient Order of the Druids, Friends of Historic Hangtown, and local tribes including the Wopumnes Nisenan-Mewuk Tribe and the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians.
- A common theme amongst the consultation comments was the consideration of a potential of a historic district within the vicinity of the project. For the purposes of this federally funded project, the City and Caltrans agreed to assume district eligibility under the National Register as it applies to Bulletin 15 and the criteria establishment for national historic districts. This assumption prompted an update of the project's cultural reports.
- As stated in the last update to Council, the reports were updated and submitted to Caltrans at the beginning of January and received comments from Caltrans at the end of February, causing some additional delay to the schedule for due process. The project team is currently addressing those comments and preparing to resubmit the documents to Caltrans.
- When Caltrans approves the revisions, the revised cultural resources evaluation will be submitted to the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) for review and concurrence.
- Staff collectively felt it would be helpful to have the approved cultural information included in the Final EIR once Caltrans has completed their review and concurs with the data. Once that information is added into the EIR, it will be brought forward to Council for certification.
- That concludes staff's update and we're happy to answer any questions you may have.