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January 3, 1984

City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Resolution Approving Negative Declaration for Howe Avenue/La Riviera Drive Interchange Ramps

SUMMARY:

The Environmental Coordinator has reviewed the subject project and finds that it will not have a significant adverse effect on the physical environment and therefore recommends that the project and a Negative Declaration be approved by the City Council.

BACKGROUND:

In accordance with State EIR Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, dated April 1981, an Initial Study was performed. As a result of this study, it was determined that the subject project would not have a significant adverse effect on the physical environment and a draft Negative Declaration was prepared. On December 5, 1983, the Negative Declaration was filed with the County Clerk. On December 10, 1983, Notice of Opportunity for Public Review of the draft Negative Declaration was published in The Sacramento Union. The appropriate length of time has elapsed for receipt of comments regarding the Negative Declaration, with no comments having been received.

The project for the construction of the Howe Avenue/La Riviera Drive Interchange Ramps will reduce traffic congestion at two existing intersections (Howe Avenue/College Town Drive and College Town Drive/La Riviera Drive).

RECOMMENDATION:

The Environmental Coordinator recommends that the attached resolution be passed which will:

1. Determine that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

APPROVED
BY THE CITY COUNCIL

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- 1. Determine that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2. Approve the Negative Declaration.
- 3. Approve the project.
- 4. Authorize the Environmental Coordinator to file a Notice of Determination with the County Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

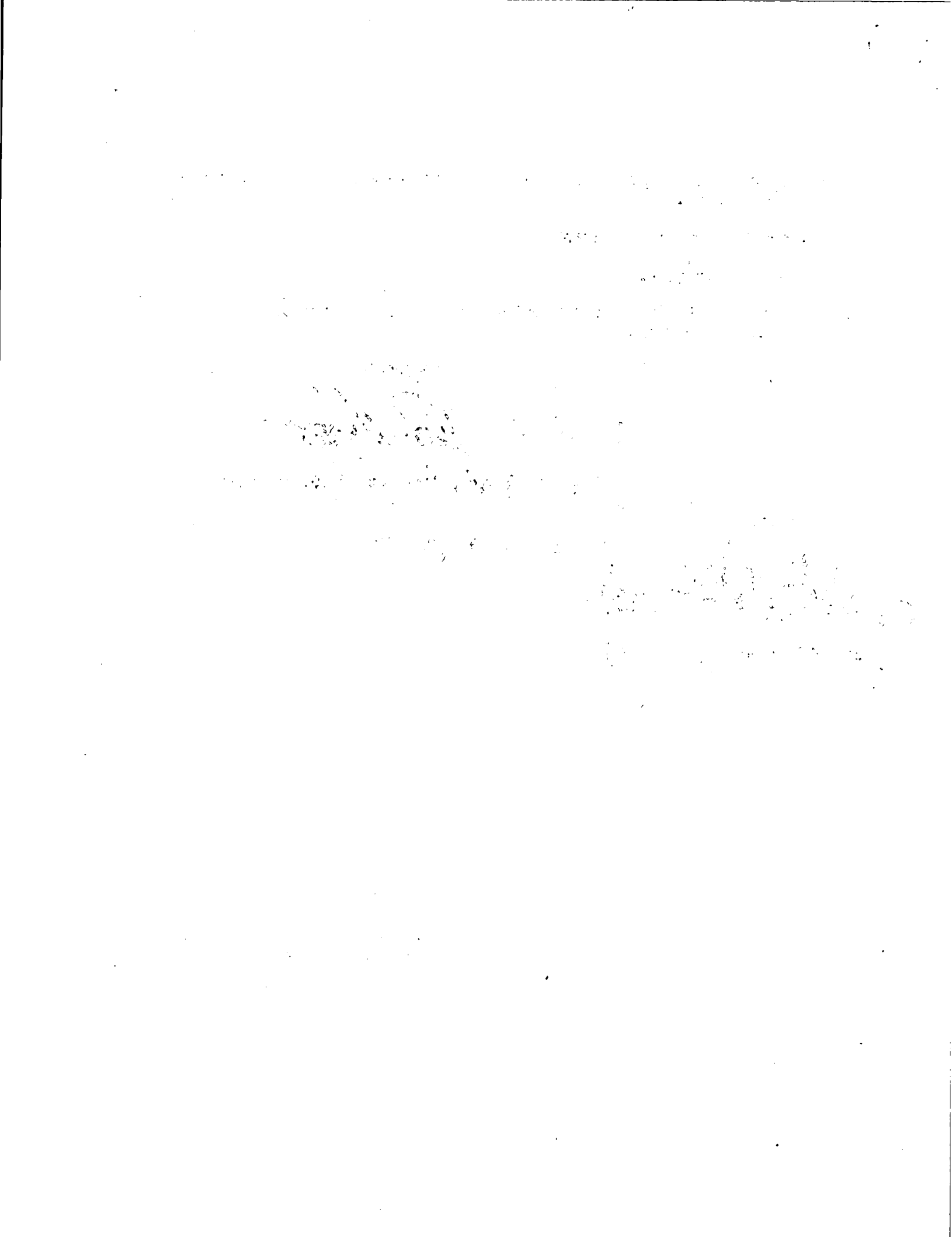
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 Director of Public Works

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Recommendation Approved:

Walter J. Slipes, Jr.
 For: Walter J. Slipes, City Manager
 14-E-040-15-0

January 3, 1984
 DISTRICT NOS. 3 & 6



RESOLUTION NO.

84-005

Adopted by The Sacramento City Council on date of

JANUARY 3, 1984

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WHEREAS, the prescribed time for receiving appeals has elapsed and no appeals were received,

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- 1. That the proposed project, Howe Avenue/La Riviera Drive Interchange Ramps will not have a significant effect on the environment.
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MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

ANNE J. MASON

Assistant CITY CLERK

NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Pursuant to Division 6, Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 7, Section 15083 of the California Administrative Code and pursuant to the Procedures and Guidelines for preparation and processing of Environmental Impact Reports (Resolution 78-172) adopted by the City of Sacramento, pursuant to Sacramento City Code Chapter 63, the Environmental Coordinator of the City of Sacramento, California, a municipal corporation, does prepare, make, declare, publish, and cause to be filed with the County Clerk of Sacramento County, State of California this Negative Declaration regarding the project described as follows:

1. Title and Short Description of Project:

Howe Avenue/La Riviera Drive Interchange Ramps

ENDORSED

Construct an on and off ramp between Howe Avenue and La Riviera Drive in the southeast quadrant of that intersection.

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2. Location of Project:

East of Howe Avenue and south of La Riviera Drive between U.S. Highway 50 and the American River.

JOYCE RUSSELL SMITH, CLERK
By S. MORITA, Deputy

3. The Proponent of the Project: City of Sacramento

4. It is found that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment. A copy of the initial study is attached, which documents the reasons supporting the above finding and any mitigation measures included in the project to avoid any potentially significant effects identified in the initial study.

5. The Initial Study was Prepared by Raymond Vail and Associates

6. A copy of the Initial Study and this Negative Declaration may be obtained at 915 - I Street, Room 207, Sacramento, California 95814.

DATED: 12-1-83

Environmental Coordinator of
the City of Sacramento,
California, a municipal
corporation

By M. J. Varozza
J. F. VAROZZA
for Director of Public Works

CITY OF SACRAMENTO

INITIAL STUDY

References are to California Administrative Code, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Article 7, Section 15080.

1. Title and Description of Project (15080(c)(1))

Howe Avenue/La Riviera Drive Interchange Ramps - Construct an on and off ramp between Howe Avenue and La Riviera Drive in the southeast quadrant of that intersection.

2. Environmental Setting (15080(c)(2))

See attached description.

3. Environmental Effects - Attached checklist must be completed by person conducting initial study (15080(c)(3)).

4. Mitigation Measures - Attached list of mitigation measures must be completed by person conducting initial study (15080(c)(4)).

5. Compatibility with Existing Zoning and Plans (15080(c)(5))

Property was acquired for transportation purposes and improvements in approximately 1970 when the Howe Avenue extension and bridge across the American River was constructed. There are no conflicts with existing zoning or General Plan.

Date October 21, 1983

(Signature)

Title Principal Engineer
Raymond Vail and Associates

ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

Topography

The site is mostly flat and located at approximately elevation 40 feet above mean sea level. The most prominent topographical features on-site are various debris and brush piles which have been disposed of in the past.

Soils

Soils on-site are Hanford Loamy Fine Sand.

Geology

The site is underlain by (Qsc) Great Valley Stream Channel Deposits.

Vegetation

Vegetation at the site consists of grasses and forbs such as wild oats, star thistle, wild radish, fiddleneck, mustard, filaree, vetch, and brome grasses.

Wildlife

Species using the site would be limited primarily to those which are tolerant of intense human activity. This would include mice, voles, moles, gophers, toads, and small birds.

Rare or Endangered Species

No rare or endangered species are anticipated due to prolonged human use of the site.

Cultural Resources

There are no recorded historic resources at the site. No archaeological resources are anticipated; however, if some do occur, they would have been disturbed repeatedly during past discing of the site.

Noise

Due to the proximity of Howe Avenue and La Riviera Drive, the site is presently exposed to high noise levels.

Air Quality

Due to existing heavy vehicular traffic on Howe Avenue and to a lesser degree on La Riviera Drive, it is anticipated that carbon monoxide concentration may occasionally get quite high.

CITY OF SACRAMENTO
INITIAL STUDY
ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FORM

C.C. No. 9618

Date: 10/21/83

I. BACKGROUND

1. Name of Project Howe Avenue/La Riviera Drive Interchange Ramps
2. City Department Initiating Project Office of the City Engineer
3. Name of Individual Preparing Checklist G. W. Rodgers and Rudy Michon
4. Is Checklist Being Prepared for CEQA Yes or NEPA No ?
5. Source of Funding of Project City of Sacramento

II. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

(Explanations of all "yes" and "maybe" answers are required under Item III.)

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Maybe</u>	<u>No</u>
1. <u>Earth</u> . Will the proposal result in:			
a. Unstable earth conditions or in changes in geologic substructures?	—	—	<u>X</u>
b. Disruptions, displacements, compaction or overcovering of the soil?	<u>X</u>	—	—
c. Change in topography or ground surface relief features?	<u>X</u>	—	—
d. The destruction, covering or modification of any unique geologic or physical features?	—	—	<u>X</u>
e. Any increase in wind or water erosion of soils, either on or off the site?	—	—	<u>X</u>
f. Changes in deposition or erosion of beach sands, or changes in siltation, deposition or erosion which may modify the channel of a river or stream or the bed of the ocean or any bay, inlet or lake?	—	—	<u>X</u>
g. Exposure of people or property to geologic hazards such as earthquakes, landslides, mudslides, ground failure, or similar hazards?	—	—	<u>X</u>
2. <u>Air</u> . Will the proposal result in:			
a. Substantial air emissions or deterioration of ambient air quality?	—	—	<u>X</u>
b. The creation of objectionable odors?	—	<u>X</u>	—
c. Alteration of air movement, moisture or temperature, or any change in climate, either locally or regionally?	—	—	<u>X</u>
3. <u>Water</u> . Will the proposal result in:			
a. Changes in currents, or the course or direction of water movements, in either marine or fresh waters?	—	—	<u>X</u>
b. Changes in absorption rates, drainage patterns, or the rate and amount of surface water runoff?	<u>X</u>	—	—
c. Alterations to the course or flow of flood waters?	—	—	<u>X</u>
d. Change in the amount of surface water in any water body?	—	—	<u>X</u>
e. Discharge into surface waters, or in any alteration of surface water quality, including but not limited to temperature, dissolved oxygen or turbidity?	—	—	<u>X</u>
f. Alteration of the direction or rate of flow of ground waters.	—	—	<u>X</u>
g. Change in the quantity of ground waters, either through direct additions or withdrawals, or through interception of an aquifer by cuts or excavations?	—	—	<u>X</u>
h. Substantial reduction in the amount of water otherwise available for public water supplies?	—	—	<u>X</u>

	Yes	Maybe	No
i. Exposure of people or property to water related hazards such as flooding or tidal wave?	—	—	<u>X</u>
4. <u>Plant Life</u> . Will the proposal result in:			
a. Change in the diversity of species, or number of any species of plants (including trees, shrubs, grass, crops, microflora and aquatic plants)?	<u>X</u>	—	—
b. Reduction of the numbers of any unique, rare or endangered species of plants?	—	—	<u>X</u>
c. Introduction of new species of plants into an area, or in a barrier to the normal replenishment of existing species?	—	—	<u>X</u>
d. Reduction in acreage of any agricultural crop?	—	—	<u>X</u>
5. <u>Animal Life</u> . Will the proposal result in:			
a. Change in the diversity of species, or numbers of any species of animals (birds, land animals including reptiles, fish and shellfish, benthic organisms, insects or microfauna)?	—	—	<u>X</u>
b. Reduction of the numbers of any unique, rare or endangered species of animals?	—	—	<u>X</u>
c. Introduction of new species of animals into an area, or result in a barrier to the migration or movement of animals?	—	—	<u>X</u>
d. Deterioration to existing fish or wildlife habitat?	—	—	<u>X</u>
6. <u>Noise</u> . Will the proposal result in:			
a. Increase in existing noise levels?	—	—	<u>X</u>
b. Exposure of people to severe noise levels?	—	—	<u>X</u>
7. <u>Light and Glare</u> . Will the proposal produce new light or glare?	—	—	<u>X</u>
8. <u>Land Use</u> . Will the proposal result in a substantial alteration of the present or planned use of an area?	—	—	<u>X</u>
9. <u>Natural Resources</u> . Will the proposal result in:			
a. Increase in the rate of use of any natural resources?	<u>X</u>	—	—
b. Substantial depletion of any nonrenewable natural resource?	—	—	<u>X</u>
10. <u>Risk of Upset</u> . Does the proposal involve a risk of an explosion or the release of hazardous substances (including, but not limited to, oil, pesticides, chemicals or radiation) in the event of an accident or upset conditions?	—	—	<u>X</u>
11. <u>Population</u> . Will the proposal alter the location, distribution, density, or growth rate of the human population of an area?	—	—	<u>X</u>
12. <u>Housing</u> . Will the proposal affect existing housing, or create a demand for additional housing?	—	—	<u>X</u>
13. <u>Transportation/Circulation</u> . Will the proposal result in:			
a. Generation of substantial additional vehicular movement?	—	—	<u>X</u>
b. Effects on existing parking facilities, or demand for new parking?	—	—	<u>X</u>
c. Substantial impact upon existing transportation systems?	—	—	<u>X</u>
d. Alterations to present patterns of circulation or movement of people and/or goods?	<u>X</u>	—	—
e. Alterations to waterborne, rail or air traffic?	—	—	<u>X</u>
f. Increase in traffic hazards to motor vehicles, bicyclists or pedestrians?	—	—	<u>X</u>
14. <u>Public Services</u> . Will the proposal have an effect upon, or result in a need for new or altered governmental services in any of the following areas:			
a. Fire protection?	—	—	<u>X</u>
b. Police protection?	—	—	<u>X</u>
c. Schools?	—	—	<u>X</u>

	Yes	Maybe	No
d. Parks or other recreational facilities?	—	—	<u>X</u>
e. Maintenance of public facilities, including roads?	—	—	<u>X</u>
f. Other governmental services?	—	—	<u>X</u>
15. <u>Energy</u> . Will the proposal result in:			
a. Use of substantial amounts of fuel or energy?	—	—	<u>X</u>
b. Substantial increase in demand upon existing sources of energy, or require the development of new sources of energy?	—	—	<u>X</u>
16. <u>Utilities</u> . Will the proposal result in a need for new systems, or substantial alterations to the following utilities:			
a. Power or natural gas?	—	—	<u>X</u>
b. Communications systems?	—	—	<u>X</u>
c. Water?	—	—	<u>X</u>
d. Sewer or septic tanks?	—	—	<u>X</u>
e. Storm water drainage?	—	—	<u>X</u>
f. Solid waste and disposal?	—	—	<u>X</u>
17. <u>Human Health</u> . Will the proposal result in:			
a. Creation of any health hazard or potential health hazard (excluding mental health)?	—	—	<u>X</u>
b. Exposure of people to potential health hazards?	—	—	<u>X</u>
18. <u>Aesthetics</u> . Will the proposal result in the obstruction of any scenic vista or view open to the public, or will the proposal result in the creation of an aesthetically offensive site open to public view?	—	—	<u>X</u>
19. <u>Recreation</u> . Will the proposal result in an impact upon the quality or quantity of existing recreational opportunities?	—	—	<u>X</u>
20. <u>Archeological/Historical</u> . Will the proposal result in an alteration of a significant archeological or historical site, structure, object or building?	—	—	<u>X</u>
21. <u>Mandatory Findings of Significance</u> .			
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 self sustaining 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?	—	—	<u>X</u>
b. Does the project have the potential to achieve short-term, to the disadvantage of long-term, environmental goals? (A short-term impact on the environment is one which occurs in a relatively brief, definitive period of time while long-term impacts will endure well into the future.)	—	—	<u>X</u>
c. Does the project have impacts which are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? (A project may impact on two or more separate resources where the impact on each resource is relatively small, but where the effect of the total of those impacts on the environment is significant.	—	—	<u>X</u>
d. Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?	—	—	<u>X</u>

III. DISCUSSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION (any "yes" or "maybe" answers must be explained - attached additional sheets if necessary)

II,1,b: The project will involve placing a fill on present unused land and placement of approximately 2700 square yards of asphalt concrete pavement on areas presently unpaved.

ii,1,c: The project will result in the construction of a roadway prism approximately 50 feet wide and 500 feet long in a varying height from 0 to 12 feet.

II,2,b: Some odors will be present during construction from construction equipment and placement of hot asphalt concrete.

II,3,b: Project will result in approximately 2,700 square yards of impervious surface being placed.

II,4,a: Existing grasses and forbs on-site would be eliminated. This area has routinely been disced each year to control weeds and reduce the fire hazard.

II,9,a: Project will use approximately 1,000 cubic yards of crushed aggregate and asphalt products.

II,13,d: Project will provide new access between Howe Avenue and La Riviera Drive and relieve congestion at two existing intersections (Howe Avenue and College Town Drive - College Town Drive and La Riviera Drive). Project will reduce vehicle miles traveled.

IV. Mitigation measures proposed to minimize environmental impacts for the project as identified above. (Explain in detail - if none, so state)

1) Best management practices to control erosion would be employed throughout the construction phase. The plans and specifications will provide for adequate erosion control.

2) The site would be sprinkled, as needed, to control dust during construction phase.

V. Alternatives to the project which would produce less of an adverse impact on the environment (lower density, less intense land use, move building on site, no project, et cetera)

Since the project would incorporate measures to fully mitigate potential
environmental impacts, no other alternative would produce less of an adverse
impact on the environment.

VI. DETERMINATION

On the basis of this initial study:

- I find 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 the mitigation measures described in IV above have been added to the project or the possibility of a significant effect on the environment is so remote as to be insignificant.
- I find the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT IS REQUIRED.

Date 10/21/83


(Signature)

Title Principal Engineer

Raymond Vail and Associates

