

RESOLUTION 20-__

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX APPROVING THE PROPOSED MEADOW WAY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Town of Fairfax is proposing to implement the ‘Meadow Way Bridge Replacement Project’ located over San Anselmo Creek between Cascade Drive and Meadow Way (Assessor’s Parcel Numbers 003-102-18 and 003-122-41); and

WHEREAS, Meadow Way Bridge serves as the only egress and ingress facility for nearly two dozen homes on Meadow Way across San Anselmo Creek from Cascade Drive. The bridge is labeled as Structurally Deficient by Caltrans and the site/bridge configuration has caused historic bank erosion and bridge foundation scour at the site; and

WHEREAS, the Town proposes to construct a 70-foot long single-span concrete arch replacement bridge. The replacement bridge would be 21.5-feet wide to allow safe passage for both automobiles and pedestrians. The proposed replacement bridge would also include raised reflective pavement markers at proper intervals to alert the drivers and pedestrians of the two separate travel zones. The new bridge would comply with federal and state design codes and weight limits and would do away with the deficiencies of the existing bridge; and

WHEREAS, the proposed bridge replacement project over the San Anselmo Creek at Meadow Way is consistent with the applicable Town of Fairfax General Plan policies regarding land use, circulation, conservation, health and safety, and noise; and

WHEREAS, in January 2017, the Council approved the preliminary Meadow Way bridge design and authorized staff to move forward with the environmental analysis of the project which included both NEPA and CEQA; and

WHEREAS, in January 2018, the Council received a status report on the environmental assessment phase for the Meadow Way Bridge replacement project and approved an alternative “half retaining wall-half rip-rap” design; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax conducted a duly noticed meeting to consider the project’s California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) for the proposed project; considered all public testimony, written and oral, presented at the meeting; and received and considered the written information and recommendation of the staff report for the March 4, 2020 meeting related to the proposed project.

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax adopted Resolution 20- ___ adopting the IS/MND and MMRP and certifying, in accordance with CEQA guidelines, that the IS/MND and MMRP addresses all the impacts of the proposed Meadow Way Bridge replacement project.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Council finds and resolves the following:

1. The project's IS/MND and MMRP were prepared and adopted in compliance with CEQA and the CEQA guidelines, and
2. Approves the Meadow Way Bridge Replacement Project as currently proposed.

The foregoing resolution was duly introduced and adopted at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax held in said Town on the 4th day of March 2020, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RENEE GODARD, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Michele Gardner, Town Clerk