EXHIBIT 6-A PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY (PES)

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Federal Project No.: -5238(061)		F	Final Design:		
(Federal Program Pre	efix-Project No., Agree	ment No.)		(Expected Start Date)	
To: Stella Liao		From: City of	Davis, Publi	c Works Department	
(District Local Assistance Engin	neer)		((Local Agency)	
Caltrans, District 3			el Mitchell	(530)757-5686	
(District)			(Project Manag	er's Name and Telephone No.)	
703 B Street, Marysville, CA 95901		_1717 F	ifth Street, D	avis, CA 95616	
(Address)				(Address)	
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(Email Address)			(Email Address)	
Is this Project "ON" the Yes IF YES, STOP HERE and contact the District Local Assistance Engineer regarding the completion of other environmental documentation.					
Federal State Transportation Improvemen	nt Program	2015/2018 SAC	OG MTIP	106	
(FSTIP) http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/transprog/oftmp.htm (Currently Adopted Plan Date) (Page No. attach to this form)					
Programming Preliminary Engineerin		Digital of May		Construction	
for FSTIP: Preliminary Engineerin	ig N/A	Right of Way	(
(Fiscal Year) (Dollar	rs) (Fiscal	Year) (Do.	ollars)	2018 \$ 2,008,359 (Fiscal Year) (Dollars)	
Project Description as Shown in RTP and lanes from 4 to 2 lanes, rehabilitate pavemer Cowell, improve intersection for bicycles an	nt, add buffered bi	ke lanes, add two	o-way buffere	ed cycle-track; At Mace and	
Detailed Project Description: (Describe the for acquisition, proposed facilities, staging areas, disposal See Appendix A for detailed project description.)	l and borrow sites, contion.	struction activities, a	and construction	access.)	
	(C	ontinue description (on "Notes" shee	t, last page of this Exhibit, if necessary)	
Preliminary Design Information: Does the project involve any of the followin or layout including any additional pertinent		he appropriate bo	oxes and deli	neate on an attached map, plan,	
Yes No ☐ ☑ Widen existing roadway ☐ ☐ Increase number of through lanes ☐ ☑ New alignment ☐ ☐ Capacity increasing—other (e.g., channelization)	Road co	tion: anticipated um depth <u>1 ft</u>	Yes No	Easements Equipment staging Temporary access road/detour Utility relocation Right of way acquisition	
☐ ☐ Realignment ☐ Ramp or street closure ☐ ☐ Bridge work	☐ X Floodin	ge/culverts g protection channel work		(if yes, attach map with APN) Disposal/borrow sites	
	☐ ☑ Pile dri	ving		Part of larger adjacent project	
	☐ ☐ Demoli	tion		Railroad	
Required Attachments:					
 ☑ Regional map ☑ Project In Engineering drawings (existing and proposed (Note: all maps (except project location map and region) ☑ Notes to support the conclusions of this check 	nal maps) should be c	vailable	ow/disposal site oject description		

Examine the project for potential effects on the environment, direct or indirect and answer the following questions. The "construction area," as specified below, includes all areas of ground disturbance associated with the project, including staging and stockpiling areas and temporary access roads.

Each answer must be briefly documented on the "Notes" pages at the end of the PES Form.

Α.	Potential Environmental Effects	Yes	To Be Determined	No
Ge	neral			
1.	Will the project require future construction to fully utilize the design capabilities included in the proposed project?			\boxtimes
2.	Will the project generate public controversy?			\boxtimes
No	ise			
3.	Is the project a Type I project as defined in 23 CFR 772.5(h); "construction on new location or the physical alteration of an existing highway, which significantly changes either the horizontal or vertical alignment or increases the number of through-traffic lanes"?			⊠
4.	Does the project have the potential for adverse construction-related noise impact (such as related to pile driving)?			\boxtimes
Air	Quality			
5.	Is the project in a NAAQS non-attainment or maintenance area?	\boxtimes		
6.	Is the project exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be made? (If "Yes," state which conformity exemption in 40 CFR 93.126, Table 2 applies): Bicycle and pedestrian facilities; Pavement resurfacing and/or rehabilitation; safety improvements	\boxtimes		
7.	Is the project exempt from regional conformity? (If "Yes," state which conformity exemption in 40 CFR 93.127, Table 3 applies): Exempt from all conformity under 40CFR93.126 (See #6 Above)	\boxtimes		
8.	If project is not exempt from regional conformity, (If "No" on Question #7) Is project in a metropolitan non-attainment/maintenance area? Is project in an isolated rural non-attainment area? Is project in a CO, PM10 and/or PM2.5 non-attainment/maintenance area?			
Ha	zardous Materials/Hazardous Waste			
9.	Is there potential for hazardous materials (including underground or aboveground tanks, etc.) or hazardous waste (including oil/water separators, waste oil, asbestos-containing material, lead-based paint, ADL, etc.) within or immediately adjacent to the construction area?			
Wa	iter Quality/Resources			
10.	Does the project have the potential to impact water resources (rivers, streams, bays, inlets, lakes, drainage sloughs) within or immediately adjacent to the project area?			\boxtimes
11.	Is the project within a designated sole-source aquifer?			\boxtimes
Co	astal Zone			
12.	Is the project within the State Coastal Zone, San Francisco Bay, or Suisun Marsh?			\boxtimes
Flo	odplain	-		
13.	Is the construction area located within a regulatory floodway or within the base floodplain (100-year) elevation of a watercourse or lake?			
Wi	ld and Scenic Rivers			
14.	Is the project within or immediately adjacent to a Wild and Scenic River System?			\boxtimes
Bio	ological Resources			
15.	Is there a potential for federally listed threatened or endangered species, or their critical habitat or essential fish habitat to occur within or adjacent to the construction area?			
16.	Does the project have the potential to directly or indirectly affect migratory birds, or their nests or eggs (such as vegetation removal, box culvert replacement/repair, bridge work, etc.)?			
17.	Is there a potential for wetlands to occur within or adjacent to the construction area?			\boxtimes

18.	Is there a potential for agricultural wetl	ands t	to occur within or adjacent to t	he constru	ction area?			\boxtimes
19.	Is there a potential for the introduction	or spr	read of invasive plant species?					\boxtimes
Sec	tions 4(f) and 6(f)							
20.	Are there any historic sites or publicly refuges (Section 4[f]) within or immed				or waterfowl			\boxtimes
21.	Does the project have the potential to a Conservation Fund Act (Section 6[f]) is			d with Lar	nd and Water			×
Visi	ual Resources							
22.	Does the project have the potential to a	iffect a	any visual or scenic resources?	_=				\boxtimes
Rele	ocation Impacts							
23.	Will the project require the relocation of	of resi	dential or business properties?					\boxtimes
Lan	d Use, Community, and Farmland	i Imp	acts					
24.	Will the project require any right of wa easements and utility relocations.	ıy, inc	luding partial or full takes? Co	onsider co	nstruction			
25.	Is the project inconsistent with plans ar	nd goa	ils adopted by the community?					\boxtimes
26.	Does the project have the potential to d	livide	or disrupt neighborhoods/com	munities?				\boxtimes
27.	Does the project have the potential to oppoulations?	rity			\boxtimes			
28.	Will the project require the relocation of	of pub	lic utilities?					\boxtimes
29.	Will the project affect access to proper		\boxtimes					
30.	Will the project involve changes in acc)?			\boxtimes			
31.	Will the project involve the use of a ter		\boxtimes					
32.	Will the project reduce available parking				\boxtimes			
33.	Will the project construction encroach on state or federal lands?							\boxtimes
34.	Will the project convert any farmland t	to a di	fferent use or impact any farm	lands?			\bar{\bar{\bar{\bar{\bar{\bar{\bar{	\boxtimes
Cul	tural Resources					100	/115	
35.	Is there National Register listed, or pot resources within or immediately adjace (Note: Caltrans PQS answers question	ent to	the construction area?	or archaeol	logical		a!	Ø
36.	Is the project adjacent to, or would it e	ncroa	ch on Tribal land?					\boxtimes
For S	Sections B, C, and D, check appropriate	riate l	oox to indicate required tech	nnical stu	dies, coordinat	ion, permits	, or appro	vals.
В,	Required Technical Studies and Analyses	C.	Coordination	D.	Anticipated Actions/Per	mits/Appro	vals	
	Traffic							
	Check one:							
	☐ Traffic Study		Caltrans		Approval			
	Technical Memorandum		Caltrans		Approval			
	☐ Discussion in ED Only		Caltrans		Approval			
	Noise							
	Check as applicable:							
	☐ Traffic Related ☐ Construction Related							
	CORSUSCION ACISTO							
	Check one:							
	Noise Study Report		Caltrans		Approval			
	NADR		Caltrans		Approval			

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	☐ Technical Memorandum	Caltrans	Approval
	☐ Discussion in ED Only	Caltrans	☐ Approval
	Air Quality Check as applicable: Traffic Related Construction Related Check one: Air Quality Report	☐ Caltrans	
100	Technical Memorandum	Caltrans	☐ Approval
	☐ Discussion in ED Only	☐ Caltrans	Approval
		☐ FHWA	Conformity Finding (23 USC 327 CEs, EAs, EISs)
		Caltrans	Conformity Finding (23 USC 326 CEs)
		Regional Agency	☐ PM10/PM2.5 Interagency Consultation.
MABS 10/19/2015	Hazardous Materials/ Hazardous Waste Check as applicable: Initial Site Assessment (Phase 1)	☐ Caltrans	☐ Approval
	Preliminary Site Assessment (Phase 2)	☐ Caltrans	☐ Approval
	☑ Discussion in ED Only		X Approval Yellow Traffic Stripe SSP on
		Cal EPA DTSC	Review Database
_		Local Agency	Review Database
	Water Quality/Resources Check as applicable:		
	Water Quality Assess. Report	☐ Caltrans	Approval
	☐ Technical Memorandum	Caltrans	☐ Approval
	☐ Discussion in ED Only	Caltrans	Approval
	Sole-Source Aquifer		
	(Districts 5, 6 and 11)	☐ EPA (S.F. Regional Office	Approval of Analysis in ED
	Coastal Zone	□ ccc	Coastal Zone Consistency Determination

	В.	Required Technical Studies and Analyses	C.	Coordination	D.	Anticipated Actions/Permits/Approvals
		Floodplain				
2		Check as applicable:				
		☐ Location Hydraulic Study		Caltrans		Approval
		☐ Floodplain Evaluation Report		Caltrans		Approval
		Summary Floodplain Encroachment Report		Caltrans		Approval
				Caltrans		Only Practicable Alternative Finding
				FHWA		Approves significant encroachments and concurs in Only Practicable Alternative Findings
		Wild and Scenic Rivers		River Managing Agency		Wild and Scenic Rivers Determination
		Biological Resources				
		Check as applicable:				
		☐ NES, Minimal Impact		Caltrans		Approval
		☐ NES				
		□ ВА		Caltrans		Approves for Consultation
				USFWS		Section 7 Informal/Formal Consultation
				NOAA Fisheries		
₩,	٠6	EFH Evaluation		NOAA Fisheries		MSA Consultation
110	h_2	☐ Bio-Acoustic Evaluation		NOAA Fisheries		Approval
101.		Technical Memorandum	X	Caltrans	X	Approval
		Wetlands				
		Check as applicable:				
		☐ WD and Assessment		Caltrans		Approval
				ACOE		Wetland Verification
				NRCS		Agricultural Wetland Verification
	_			Caltrans		Wetlands Only Practicable Alternative Finding
	ш	Invasive Plants				
	_	☐ Discussion in ED Only		Caltrans		Approval
	Ш	Section 4(f)				
		Check as applicable:			<u> </u>	
				Caltrans		Determine Temporary Occupancy
		De minimis		Caltrans		De minimis finding
		Programmatic 4(f) Evaluation Type:		Caltrans		Approval
		☐ Individual 4(f) Evaluation		Caltrans		Approval
				Agency with Jurisdiction SHPO DOI		
				HUD USDA		
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В.	Required Technical Studies and Analyses	C.	Coordination	D.	Anticipated Actions/Permits/Approvals
	Section 6(f)		Agency with Jurisdiction NPS		Determines Consistency with Long-Term Management Plan
(2 = -			NPS		Approves Conversion
	Visual Resources				••
	☐ Technical Memorandum		Caltrans		Approval
	☐ Minor VIA		Caltrans		Approval
	☐ Moderate VIA		Caltrans		Approval
	Advance/Complex VIA		Caltrans		Approval
	Relocation Impacts				
	Check one:				
	Relocation Impact Memo		Caltrans		Approval
	☐ Relocation Impact Study		Caltrans		Approval
	☐ Relocation Impact Report		Caltrans		Approval
	Land Use and				
	Community Impacts				
	Check one:				
	☐ CIA		Caltrans		Approval
	☐ Technical Memorandum		Caltrans		Approval
	☐ Discussion in ED Only		Caltrans		Approval
	Construction/Encroachment				
	on State Lands				
	Check as applicable:	_			
	SLC Jurisdiction		SLC		SLC Lease
	Caltrans Jurisdiction		Caltrans		Encroachment Permit
	☐ SP Jurisdiction		SP		Encroachment Permit
	Construction/Encroachment				
	on Federal Lands				
			Federal Agency with Jurisdiction		Encroachment Permit
	Construction/Encroachment On Indian Trust Lands		Bureau of Indian Affairs		Right of Way Permit
	Farmlands				
	Check one:				
	□ CIA		Caltrans		Approval
	☐ Technical Memorandum		Caltrans		Approval
	☐ Discussion in ED Only		Caltrans		Approval
	Check as applicable:				
	☐ Form AD 1006		NRCS		Approves Conversion
			CDOC		Approves Conversion
	☐ Conversion to Non-Agri Use		ACOE		

В.	Required Technical Studies and Analyses	C.	Coordination	D.	Anticipated Actions/Permits/ Approvals
	Cultural Resources				
	(PQS completes this section)				
	Check as applicable:	,	/		
			Caltrans PQS	1	Screened Undertaking
	☐ APE Map		Caltrans PQS and DLAE		Approves APE Map
6/15			Local Preservation Groups and/or Native American Tribes		Provides Comments Regarding Concerns with Project
	☐ HPSR ☐ ASR ☐ HRER		Caltrans		Approves for Consultation
	Finding of Effect Report		Caltrans		Concurs on No Effect, No Adverse Effect with Standard Conditions
			SHPO		Letter of Concurrence on Eligibility, No Adverse Effect without Standard
	☐ MOA		Caltrans		Approves MOA
			SHPO		Approves MOA
			ACHP (if requested)		Approves MOA
	Permits				
	Copies of permits and a list of		ACOE		Section 404 Nationwide Permit
	mitigation commitments are		ACOE		Section 404 Individual Permit
	mandatory submittals following		Caltrans/ACOE/EPA		NEPA/404 Integration MOU
	NEPA approval.		USFWS		
			NOAA Fisheries		
			ACOE		Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 Perm
			USCG		USCG Bridge Permit
			RWQCB		Section 401 Water Quality Certification
			CDFG		Section 1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement
			RWQCB		NPDES Permit
			CCC		Coastal Zone Permit
			Local Agency		
			BCDC		BCDC Permit

Notes: Additional studies may be required for other federal agencies.

ACHP	=	Advisory Council on Historic Preservation	HRER	=	Historical Resources Evaluation Report
ACOE	=	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	HUD	=	U.S. Housing and Urban Development
ADL	=	Aerially Deposited Lead	MOA	=	Memorandum of Agreement
APE	=	Area of Potential Effect	MSA	=	Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and
APN	=	Assessor Parcel Number			Management Act
ASR	=	Archaeological Survey Report	NEPA	=	National Environmental Policy Act
BA	=	Biological Assessment	NADR	=	Noise Abatement Decision Report
BCDC	=	Bay Conservation and Development Commission	NES	=	Natural Environment Study
BE	=	Biological Evaluation	NHPA	=	National Historic Preservation Act
BO	=	Biological Opinion	NOAA	=	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Cal EPA	=	California Environmental Protection Agency	NMFS		National Marine Fisheries Service
CCC	=	California Coastal Commission	NPDES	=	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
CDFG	=	California Department of Fish and Game	NPS	=	
CDOC	=	California Department of Conservation	NRCS	=	Natural Resources Conservation Service
CE	=	Categorical Exclusion	PM10	=	Particulate Matter 10 Microns in Diameter or Less
CIA	=	Community Impact Assessment	PM2.5	=	Particulate Matter 2.5 Microns in Diameter or Less
CWA	=	Clean Water Act	PMP	=	Project Management Plan
DLAE	=	District Local Assistance Engineer	PQS	=	Professionally Qualified Staff
DOI	=	U.S. Department of Interior	ROD	=	Record of Decision
DTSC	=	Department of Toxic Substances Control	RTIP	=	Regional Transportation Improvement Program
EA	=	Environmental Assessment	RTP	=	Regional Transportation Plan
ED	=	Environmental Document	RWQCB	=	Regional Water Quality Control Board
EFH	=	Essential Fish Habitat	SER	=	Standard Environmental Reference
EIS	=	Environmental Impact Statement	SEP	=	Senior Environmental Planner
EPA	=	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	SHPO	=	State Historic Preservation Officer
FEMA	=	Federal Emergency Management Agency	SLC	=	State Lands Commission
FHWA	=	Federal Highway Administration	SP	=	State Parks
FONSI	=	Finding of No Significant Impacted	TIP	=	Transportation Improvement Program
FTIP	=	Federal Transportation Improvement Program	USCG	_	U.S. Coast Guard
HPSR	=	Historic Property Survey Report	USDA	=	U.S. Department of Agriculture
			USFWS	=	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
			WD .	=	Wetland Delineation

E.	Preliminary Environmental Document Classification (NEPA)							
	Based on the evaluation of the project, the environmental document to be developed should be:							
	Check one:							
	Environmental Impact Statement (Note: Engagement with participating agencies in accordance with 23 USC 139 require	ed)						
	Compliance with 23 USC 139 regarding Participating Agencies required							
	Complex Environmental Assessment							
	Routine Environmental Assessment							
	☐ Categorical Exclusion without required technical studies.							
	Categorical Exclusion with required technical studies							
	(if Categorical Exclusion is selected, check one of the following):							
	Section 23 USC 326							
	≥23 CFR 771 activity (c) (3) Construction of bicycle and pedestrian lanes, paths, and facilities							
	23 CFR 771 activity (d) ()							
	Activity listed in the Section 23 USC 326							
	Section 23 USC 327							
F.	Public Availability and Public Hearing							
	Check as applicable:							
	Not Required							
	Notice of Availability of Environmental Document							
	Public Meeting							
	Notice of Opportunity for a Public Hearing							
	☐ Public Hearing Required							
	. Signatures							
G.	. Signatures							
	Local Agency Staff and/or Consultant Signature							
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	JANE J							
-	09-02-15 (916) 231-1265 (Signature of Preparer) (Date) (Telephone No.)							
	(Signature of Preparer) (Date) (Telephone No.)							
	Steve Smith,							
	Project Manager							
E	Environmental Science Associates (ESA) (Name)							
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	Local Agency Project Engineer Signature							
	This document was prepared under my supervision, according to the Local Assistance Procedures Manual, Exhibit 6	-B,						
	"Instructions for Completing the Preliminary Environmental Study Form."							
	(530) 757-5686							
	(Signature of Local Agency) (Date) (Telephone No.)							
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Caltrans District Professionally Qualified Staff (PQS)	Signature						
Project does not meet definition of an "undertaking"; no further review is necessary under Section 106 ("No" Section A, #35).							
Project is limited to the type of activity listed in Attachmer provided in the PES Form, the project does not have the po	Project is limited to the type of activity listed in Attachment 2 of the Section 106 PA and based on the information provided in the PES Form, the project does not have the potential to affect historic properties ("No" Section A, #35).						
Project is limited to the type of activity listed in Attachment procedures or information is needed to determine the potential Records Search	nt 2 of the Section 106 PA, b	out the following additional					
Project meets the definition of an "undertaking"; all proper Attachment 4 of the Section 106 PA ("No" Section A, #35]		xempt from evaluation per					
The proposed undertaking is considered to have the potentic compliance are indicated in Sections B, C, and D of this PR	ial to affect historic properti ES Form ("Yes" Section A,	es; further studies for 106 #35).					
	10/19/15	530 - 741 - 4538 (Telephone No.)					
(Signature of Professionally Qualified Staff)	(Date)	(Telephone No.)					
Caltrans District Senior Environmental Planner (or De I have reviewed this Preliminary Environmental Study (PES) For sufficient. I concur with the studies to be performed and the red Susan A. Bauer (Signature of Senior Environmental Planner or Designee) Susan D. Bauer (Name)	orm and determined that the commended NEPA Class of	submittal is complete and					
Signature of District Local Assistance Engineer or Designee) Felicia Haslem (Name)	10/1/2015 (Date)	(530) 741. 4156 (Telephone No.)					
☐ HQ DEA Environmental Coordinator concurrence							
(date)	Emai	l concurrence attached.					

Preliminary Environmental Investigation Notes to Support the Conclusions of the PES Form (May Also Include Continuation of Detailed Project Description)

Preliminary Design Information Notes:

Ramp or Street Closure: The project will involve the use of a temporary road, detour, or ramp closure. Any temporary closures or detours due to project actions will be staggered as to not greatly impact the level of service on Mace Boulevard and surrounding streets. If work is being done on one side, the other side will be open traffic control allowing traffic movement in both directions.

Ground Disturbance: The project will involve ground disturbance in the form of excavation (below).

Excavation (1 ft): The project will involve excavation with a maximum depth of one foot, in order to replace segments of the sidewalk.

<u>Drainage and Culverts:</u> The project will involve drainage improvements, as the drain inlets will be adjusted at conflict points with the new ADA compliant curb ramps.

<u>Demolition:</u> The project may involve demolition of the current road in order to rehabilitate and improve conditions. All demolition material will be disposed of in a manner that is compliant with the City's regulations on construction and demolition debris.

Temporary Access Roads and Detours: The project will involve the use of a temporary road, detour, or ramp closure.

Any temporary closures or detours due to project actions will be staggered as to not greatly impact the level of service on Mace Boulevard and surrounding streets. If work is being done on one side, the other side will be open traffic control allowing traffic movement in both directions.

Brief Explanation of How Project Complies, or Will Comply with Applicable Federal Mandate (Part A):

- The purpose of the project is to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety along Mace Boulevard by decreasing the number of vehicle lanes, adding buffered bike lanes, adding a cycle track, installing signals, modifying the intersection at Cowell Boulevard, and resurfacing and restriping Mace Boulevard. No future construction is required, planned, or anticipated to fully utilize the design capacity.
- 2. The City of Davis has conducted outreach regarding how to increase non-motorized trips to Pioneer Elementary, and several members of the public cited safety concerns as the barrier to pedestrian and bicycle trips in the Mace Boulevard area. Given this response, no public controversy is anticipated.
- 3. The project is not a type 1 project as defined in 23 CFR 772.5(h); "construction on new location or the physical alteration of an existing highway, which significantly changes the horizontal or vertical alignment or increases the number of through-traffic lanes." The project is repaving existing streets within the City in order to accommodate an increased amount of bike travel. There will be no significant changes to the horizontal or vertical alignment and no increase in the number of through-traffic lanes.
- 4. This project is not anticipated to generate adverse construction related noise, such as pile driving. Construction will be limited to the hours between 7:00am and 7:00pm on weekdays, and follow the other construction noise related provisions per City of Davis municipal code "24.02.040 Special provisions." Large equipment may include excavators, compactors, grinding machines, backhoes, and bobcats.
- 5. The project is located in Yolo County, which is in non-attainment under the NAAQS for ozone and PM2.5 (parts of Yolo County). http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/env/air/pages/conftable.htm
- 6. Based on a review of the conformity requirements, the project is exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be made under 40 CFR 93.126 because the project considered is considered exempt under the Table 2 Air Quality category as "Bicycle and pedestrian facilities; Pavement resurfacing and/or rehabilitation; Safety improvements.

- 7. Per 40 CFR 93.126, projects types listed in Table 2 of that section are exempt from the requirement to determine conformity. Such projects may proceed toward implementation regardless of regional conformity; "Such projects may proceed toward implementation even in the absence of a conforming transportation plan and TIP." Additional information is available on the Caltrans Transportation Air Quality Conformity Findings Checklist (See Attachment B).
- 8. Because project is exempt under 40 CFR 93.126 Table 2, this question can be skipped.
- 9. The project location and surrounding area were reviewed at geotracker waterboards.ca.gov. The closest site shown in the Geotracker (accessed on August 11, 2015) database is the BP (formerly Exxon) gas station, a leaking underground storage tank (LUST) site that has been completed and is a closed case. The BP site is located approximately 500 feet north of Cowell Boulevard along Mace Boulevard. Furthermore, there are no signs on the project site of past or present hazardous materials or waste. Additionally, there is no anticipated presence of ADL in the area as there was not a high enough volume of traffic in the project area from ADL emitting vehicles. If the paint on the roads must be removed, there is a risk of thermoplastic residue. However, if the contractor is required to follow a measure similar to Caltrans 2010 Standard Special Provision 15-2.02C(2) regarding the removal of traffic stripes and pavement markings that contain lead, any potential impact would be minimized (See Attachment C).
- 10. The project site is completely developed and all construction and staging would occur within previously developed areas. The original alignment of Putah Creek ends near Mace Boulevard between San Marino Drive and Blue Oak Place. During the 1800s, Putah Creek was redirected and realigned to avoid flooding in Davis (http://www.putahcreekcouncil.org/ebook/jhtml/jbook_17.html?-20). The current active creek alignment flows south of the City of Davis. The original alignment near the project site is now a parkway with an adjacent bike path. Because there is no water flowing in the original alignment, water resources would not be affected by the proposed improvements to Mace Boulevard.
- 11. Based on a search for sole source aquifers in California on August 11, 2015, using a U.S. EPA Region 9 map of the sole source aquifers in the region, no sole source aquifers are located in the project area.
- 12. Based on Google Earth images of the project area, the project is not located within the State Coastal Zone, San Francisco Bay, or Suisun Marsh.
- 13. The project site is within 'Zone X,' an area determined to be outside the 0.2% annual chance floodplain (See Attachment D). The Putah Creek Parkway, which is located just west of Mace Boulevard between San Marino Drive and Blue Oak Place, is designated as 'Zone A,' a special flood hazard area with no base flood elevation determination. As discussed in the response to item 10 above, the Putah Creek Parkway in this area is historically dry.
- Based on the location of the project and Google Earth images of the project area, there are no Wild or Scenic River Systems in the area that may be potentially affected. The nearest Wild and Scenic River is the lower American River, located more than 10 miles east of the project site. The list of Nationally Designated Rivers, which was found on the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System website, was compared to the bodies of water in the area to ensure there are none located in the project area.
- 15. A map depicting California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) information was created (See Attachment E) and 19 species were discovered. The list of species found within 3 miles of the project area includes heartscale, alkali milk-vetch, San Joaquin spearscale, brittlescale, white tail kite, American badger, Antioch multilid wasp, Ferris' milk vetch, Sacramento Valley tiger beetle, silver hair bat, tricolored blackbird, vernal pool tadpole shrimp, valley elderberry longhorn beetle, pallid bat, hoary pat, California linderiella, giant garter snake, Swainson's hawk, and burrowing owl. In the project area specifically there are both Swainson's hawks and burrowing owls. There are also annual grasslands, croplands, wetlands, oak woodlands, valley foothill riparian, urban and water habitat types within 3-miles of the project location. Given the disturbed urban character of the project area, there is a low potential for federally listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat to occur within or adjacent to the construction area.
- 16. The project is located in a developed urban area and contains large trees that could support nesting birds and roosting bats. Implementation of the project would not involve the removal of trees and other of vegetation.

- 17. The project site primarily consists of paved roadway, roadway shoulder, and adjacent residential developed lots. The project will not require additional right of way acquisition because all project activities will take place on existing roadways. Because no new land will be impacted by the project, there is no likelihood for the occurrence of new wetlands in the project area
- 18. Agricultural uses are not located within or adjacent to the project site. Therefore, agricultural wetlands would not be affected by the project.
- 19. The project would not introduce invasive species to the area. The project would comply with the Executive Order on Invasive Species, EO 13112. In areas of particular sensitivity, extra precautions will be taken if invasive species are found in or adjacent to the construction areas. These include the inspection and cleaning of construction equipment and eradication strategies to be implemented should an invasion occur.
- 20. Based on a search of schools directly in the project area, it was determined that there is one public school in the vicinity of the project location. The Pioneer Elementary School office was contacted to find out whether the school is open to the public after hours and it was determined that the school's playground is not open after school hours.

Based on a search of parks directly in the project area, it was determined that there is one City park in the vicinity of the project area, Pioneer Park, which is open at all hours. The park is located next to Pioneer Elementary School.

A gravel recreational trail along the Putah Creek Parkway outlets onto Mace Boulevard just south of San Marino Drive (See Project Description Figure 1-2). Construction activities in this area will be pavement rehabilitation and striping and will not impact the trail or access to the trail.

A cultural resource search for potential sites and resources in the project area was conducted at the North West Information Center on March 11, 2015. It was found that there are no archaeological sites in the APE or within 1 mile of the project location. There are two resources in the vicinity that are not in the immediate APE: a railroad by Interstate 80 and a grove of oak trees at the golf course. These resources will not be impacted by the project activities. There are older houses to the south of the project location, but they are not located within the APE. Studies have been conducted in the area, but there have been no findings. The project is anticipated to be a screened undertaking per the Caltrans PA.

Because the project is taking place on existing roads there would not be any actual "use" (either permanently or temporarily) of the parks or schools in the area or eligible historic resources found outside the area. Lastly, as a bicycle facility, no proximity impacts, such as visual, noise, or air quality, are expected such that proximity impacts would rise to the level of substantial impairment. Additional information from the March 11, 2015 North West

- 21. No Land and Water Conservation Fund Act (Section 6[f]) properties are located in the project area (per the LWCF website (http://waso-lwcf.ncrc.nps.gov/public/index.cfm), accessed 03/24/15).
- 22. This project is not changing any characteristics that would have the potential to affect any visual or scenic resources, as it is only rehabilitating the Mace Boulevard corridor, modifying the Mace Boulevard and Cowell Boulevard intersection, adding cycle tracks to the east side of Mace Boulevard, and adding signal control to San Marino Drive. The new bike lanes will be painted green, with additional protection for bicycles using the cycle tracks.
- The project will not require the relocation or residential or business properties as the project activities will take place on existing roadways.
- The project will not require any right of way, including partial or full takes because the project activities only include existing roads.
- 25. The project implements Policy TRANS-2.1 of the City of Davis General Plan Transportation Element, which directs the City to provide "Complete Streets" to meet the needs of drivers, public transportation vehicles and riders, bicyclists, and pedestrians of all ages and abilities.
- 26. The project involves work completely within the existing roadway alignment, with the primary goal of increasing safety for bicyclists and pedestrian to encourage increased non-motorized use. Therefore, the project would not divide or disrupt neighborhoods or communities.

- 27. It is anticipated that this project does not have the potential to disproportionately affect low-income and minority populations because the project activities are on current roads, not creating or removing roads. The bike lanes will be available to all and benefit all income levels. According to the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, the two census tracts for the project site are both upper income with 33-38% minority population. For all tracts within the City of Davis, minority population ranges from a low of 25.48% to a high of 65.3%. Because the two tracts covering the project site are both upper income and do not have a disproportionate number of minorities, the project is not anticipated to disproportionally impact minority or low-income populations (See Attachment F). Additionally, the project is not located within a half mile of a SACOG Environmental Justice designated area and the project does not have to fulfill SACOG's environmental justice requirements.
- 28. The project will not require the relocation of public utilities because the project is on existing roadways and there will be minimal disturbance consisting of the installation of the cycle tracks. However, maintenance holes within the roadway will be adjusted to grade.
- 29. During construction, access to some properties and roadways will be affected. However, any disturbance due to project actions will be staggered. If work is being done on one side, the other side will be open traffic control allowing traffic movement in both directions.
- 30. Mace Boulevard is not part of the State Highway System (SHS). The nearest highway is Interstate 80, located approximately one-quarter mile north of the intersection of mace Boulevard and Cowell Boulevard. Project activities would not impact I-80 or access control to the SHS.
- The project will involve the use of a temporary road, detour, or ramp closure. Any temporary closures or detours due to project actions will be staggered as to not greatly impact the level of service on Mace Boulevard and surrounding streets. If work is being done on one side, the other side will be open traffic control allowing traffic movement in both directions.
- 32. During the construction of the project, on street parking will be restricted on the west side of Mace Boulevard.

 After the project is completed, on street parking will resume. There will not be decreased parking for residents in the area after the project is complete.
- 33. Based on the project plan and search on the Bureau of Land Management website, the project construction will not encroach on state or federal lands.
- 34. None of the land within the project area of work is farmland or used for agricultural purposes. Therefore, no conversion or impact would occur.
- 35. Caltrans to complete.
- 36. Based off a search of federally recognized tribes on August 12, 2015 on the Bureau of Indian Affairs website on tribes, there are no tribal lands in the project area.

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Attachment A Project Description

Mace Boulevard Complete Street Project Description

1.1. Project Background

The City of Davis within Yolo County, California proposes to rehabilitate and upgrade an approximately one-half mile stretch of Mace Boulevard between Cowell Boulevard and Blue Oak Place to improve safety for non-motorized users with the goal of increasing pedestrian and bicycle usage. In particular, the City of Davis would like to increase walking and bicycling trips to Pioneer Elementary School.

Pioneer Elementary School is located in the El Macero neighborhood east of Mace Boulevard. This neighborhood was established prior to the rest of south Davis. Bicycle connectivity in this area is deficient, with only two entrances for all traffic onto Mace Boulevard and no surrounding bike paths connecting with adjacent neighborhoods. Mace Boulevard provides access to the El Macero Shopping Center, restaurants, and schools. However, the arterial is wide with basic bike lanes and sidewalks that deter families, as well as other residents, from walking or biking along the corridor (**Figure 1-1**).

1.2 Project Purpose and Need

The primary purpose of the Mace Boulevard Complete Street Project (proposed project) is to increase bicycling and walking to Pioneer Elementary School, which has the highest percentage of students driven to school in the Davis Joint Unified School District at 80 percent. A 2013 Safe Routes to School audit determined that a perceived lack of safety when traveling on or crossing Mace Boulevard is a major barrier to parents allowing their children to walk or bike to school. Furthermore, an open house for this project held in June 2013 revealed that neighborhood residents would walk or bike on Mace Boulevard if speed concerns were addressed and bicycle comfort and safety were improved.

Additionally, the project aims to rehabilitate the street deterioration which has occurred and encourage non-motorized transportation along the corridor and between neighborhoods east and west of Mace Boulevard, not limited to the increasing the trips to and from Pioneer Elementary School.

1.3 Project Description

1.3.1 Project Location

The proposed project is located on Mace Boulevard between Cowell Boulevard and Blue Oak Place in the City of Davis within Yolo County, California (Figure 1-1). The project site includes the existing roadway, adjacent sidewalks, and construction staging areas (Figure 1-2).



SOURCE: City of Davis Geographic Information System



Mace Boulevard is a four-lane major arterial that runs north-south and is located in the eastern side of the city. Mace Boulevard provides a linkage between areas north and south of Interstate 80. The half mile stretch of Mace Boulevard between Cowell Boulevard and Blue Oak Place, where the project will take place, includes four vehicle lanes with a center median with turn pockets. This section of Mace Boulevard includes sidewalks and bicycle lanes on both sides of the street.

1.3.2 Project Elements

The project footprint is depicted on **Figure 1-3**. Specific project elements are described below.

Roadway Rehabilitiation

The entire Mace Boulevard corridor between Cowell Boulevard and Blue Oak Place will be rehabilitated. Key activities will include repair of broken sidewalks, roadway resurfacing and restriping, and construction of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant curb ramps at all intersection corners. Additionally, Mace Boulevard in the project site will be reduced to two vehicular lanes to allow for turn lanes and buffered bicycle lanes.

Mace Boulevard and Cowell Boulevard Intersection

The intersection of Mace Boulevard and Cowell Boulevard will be modified to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety. Specific activities include removal of free-right turn lanes, creation of free-right bicycle channels, installation of bike boxes, and extension of pedestrian refuge islands.

Bicycle Lanes

The stretch of Mace Boulevard between Cowell Boulevard and San Marino Drive will be modified to include buffered bicycle lanes on the west side of Mace Boulevard and a two-way cycle track on the east side. Should the cycle track be determined to be infeasible, buffered bicycle lanes will be added.

Signal Control at San Marino Drive

The intersection of Mace Boulevard and San Marino Drive has been identified as a key crossing point. To increase safety at this crossing, the proposed project would install a high-intensity activated crosswalk signal (HAWK signal) at San Marino Drive. The HAWK signal would be activated by pedestrians or bicyclists.

1.3.3 Utilities

For this project there will be no relocation of utilities. However, maintenance holes on Mace Boulevard within the roadway will be adjusted to grade. If necessary, coordination activities between the City and affected utility service provider will take place.

1.3.4 Project Construction

Project construction will take place from February to October 2016, approximately forty weeks. The project will take place in two phases: 1) concrete and flatwork 2) paving and striping. The phasing will allow for increased use by pedestrians and the disabled while the bicycling improvements are made.

There will be no site preparation activities, such as demolition or vegetation and tree removal, needed for this project.

Additionally, there will be no cut and fill activities because all work will be taking place on the existing roadway. There will be excavation in order to replace segments of the sidewalk, which could be a maximum of one foot deep.

All off haul and disposal of waste material will be disposed of in a manner that ensures the City's construction and demolition requirements are fulfilled.

There will be drainage improvements, as the drain inlets will be adjusted at conflict points with the new ADA compliant curb ramps.

During the time of construction, there are plans for lane closure but access to connected roadways and homes will be maintained during construction. There is currently no designated staging area for the necessary equipment; however, if the equipment needs to be stored the contractor will be allowed to close an outside lane during construction for staging purposes. Additionally, parking will be restricted during the installation of the bike lanes on the west side of Mace Boulevard. Construction activities in the area of the recreational trail to the north of Blue Oak Place will include pavement rehabilitation and striping, which will not impact access to the trail or the trail itself.