

*Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey*  
*State of California*

**Resolution No. 25-215**

Board of Supervisors Resolution to:

- a. Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study for the Prunedale Roundabout Project (“County Project No. 1176” or “Project”);
- b. Adopt a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and
- c. Authorize the Department of Public Works, Facilities and Parks (PWFP) to proceed with the Project.

**The Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Prunedale Roundabout Project 1176 came before the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey on June 17, 2025. Having considered all the written and documentary evidence, the administrative record, the staff report, and other evidence presented, the Board of Supervisors finds and decides as follows:**

**FINDINGS**

1. **FINDING:** **PROJECT DESCRIPTION** – The proposed Project includes the replacement of the existing one-way stop-controlled intersection located at Castroville Boulevard and San Miguel Canyon Road with a single-lane roundabout with a right-turn bypass lane and the construction of associated roadway improvements, including installation of pedestrian crosswalk, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) curb ramps.  
  
**EVIDENCE:** The Project plans and related support materials for the proposed Project are on file with the Department of Public Works, Facilities and Parks (PWFP).
2. **FINDING:** **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration** - On the basis of the record as a whole before the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey (County), there is no substantial evidence that the proposed Project as designed, conditioned and mitigated, will have a significant effect on the environment. The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the County.

**EVIDENCE:**

1. California Public Resources Code Section 21080.d. and CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 15064.a.1. require environmental review if there is substantial evidence that the project may have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Initial Study was prepared pursuant to CEQA. The Initial Study is on file with PWWP and incorporated by this reference.
3. Nine (9) mitigation measures were identified to avoid or mitigate the effects to a point where no significant effects would occur. A Mitigation Monitoring and/or Reporting Plan (MMRP) has been prepared in accordance with County of Monterey (County) regulations. It is designed to ensure compliance during project implementation. The MMRP is attached and incorporated by this reference.
4. The Project changes required to avoid significant effects on the environment have been incorporated into the proposed Project and/or are made conditions of approval. The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Project was prepared in accordance with CEQA and circulated for public review from February 14, 2025, through March 17, 2025.
5. Issues that were analyzed in the IS/MND include: Aesthetics, Agriculture and Forestry Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Energy, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Mineral Resources, Noise, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation, Tribal Cultural Resources, Utilities and Service Systems, Wildfire, and Mandatory Findings of Significance.
6. To mitigate the physical impacts of the Project, the following is a summary of the mitigation measures (MM) proposed:
  - a. **Air Quality.** The project would be consistent with the Monterey Bay Air Resources District (MBARD) Particulate Matter Plan and the South Coast Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) and would not exceed established MBARD emissions thresholds during project construction or operation. MM AQ-1 and MM AQ-2 have been included to reduce diesel exhaust and fugitive dust exposure to sensitive receptors during construction. MM AQ-3 has been included to reduce the potential to disturb ACM and result in other air emissions. Upon implementation of the identified mitigation measures, potential impacts related to air quality would be less than significant
  - b. **Biological Resources.** MM BIO-1 and MM BIO-2 have been included to avoid and/or minimize potential impacts related to biological resources. Therefore, with implementation of MM BIO-1 MMBIO-2 potential impacts related to biological resources would be less than significant. For any construction activities that occur

during the wet season (November–April), the construction contractor **will** install temporary wildlife exclusion fencing approved by the County along the northbound lane of San Miguel Canyon Road, entirely within the County right-of-way. Prior to initiation of any site preparation/construction activities, if work is planned to occur between February 1, and September 15, a qualified biologist **will** survey the area for nesting birds within 1 week prior to initial project activity beginning, including ground disturbance and/or vegetation removal/trimming. If nesting birds are located on or near the proposed project site, they **will** be avoided until they have successfully fledged, or the nest is no longer deemed active.

- c. **Cultural Resources.** In the event that cultural resources are encountered during project activities, all ground-disturbing activities within a 25-foot radius of the find shall cease and the County will be notified immediately. Work will not continue until a qualified archaeologist assesses the find and determines the need for further study. If the find includes Native American-affiliated materials, a local Native American tribal representative will be contacted to work in conjunction with the approved archaeologist to determine the need for further study. A standard inadvertent discovery clause will be included in every grading and construction contract to inform contractors of this requirement
- d. **Land use and Planning.** Implement MM AQ-1 through MM AQ-3, MM BIO-1 and MM BIO-2, MM CR-1, and MM N-1.
- e. **Noise.** With implementation of MM N-1, the project would not generate a substantial increase in temporary or permanent ambient noise levels or generate ground borne noise in a manner that would result in disturbance. The project site is not located within an airport land use plan or within 2 miles of an airport. Therefore, with implementation of MM N-1, impacts related to noise would be less than significant.
  - Stationary construction equipment that generates noise that exceeds 65A-weighted decibels (dBA) at the project boundaries will be shielded with the most modern noise control devices (i.e., mufflers, lagging, and/or motor enclosures
  - Impact tools (e.g., jackhammers, pavement breakers, rock drills, etc.) used for project construction will be hydraulically or electrically powered wherever possible to avoid noise associated with compressed air exhaust from

pneumatic power tools.

- Where use of pneumatic tools is unavoidable, an exhaust muffler on the compressed air exhaust shall be used.
  - Construction equipment will have the manufacturers' recommended noise abatement methods installed, such as mufflers, engine enclosures, and engine vibration insulators, intact and operational.
  - Construction equipment will undergo inspection at periodic intervals to ensure proper maintenance and presence of noise control devices (e.g., mufflers, shrouding, etc.).
  - The project contractor will inform residents at properties within 300 feet of the project of proposed construction timelines and noise compliant procedures to minimize potential annoyance related to construction noise.
7. **Hazards and Hazardous Materials.** Implement MM AQ-3.
  8. **Tribal Cultural Resources.** Implement MM CR-1.
  9. **Utilities and Service Systems.** Implement MM AQ-1 through MM AQ-3, MM BIO-1 and MM BIO-2, MM CR-1, and MM N-1.
  10. **Mandatory Findings of Significance.** Based on implementation of MM AQ-1 through MM AQ-3, MM BIO-1 and MM BIO-2, MM CR-1, and MM N-1, all potential impacts associated with the construction and operation of the proposed project would be mitigated to less-than-significant levels
  11. Evidence that has been received and considered includes: the application, and technical studies/reports staff reports that reflect the County's independent judgment. These documents are on file with the County Public Works, Facilities and Parks Department and are hereby incorporated by this reference.
  12. The IS/MND was circulated through the State Clearinghouse, a Division of the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation which coordinates the State-level review of Environmental Documents prepared pursuant to CEQA for the required 30-day public review period from February 14, 2025, through March 17, 2025. A Notice of Intent (NOI) to Adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration was filed with the Monterey County Clerk on February 14, 2025. Comment letters were received during the circulation period of the initial study and mitigated negative declaration. The issues raised in the comment letters have been reviewed and do not require the project mitigation measures to be changed or modified.

**DECISION**

NOW, THEREFORE, BASED ON THE ABOVE FINDINGS AND EVIDENCE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey does hereby:

- a. Adopt an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Prunedale Roundabout Project (County Project 1176);
- b. Adopt a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and
- c. Authorize the Department of Public Works, Facilities and Parks (PWFP) to proceed with the Project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025, by roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Alejo, Church, Lopez, Askew, and Daniels

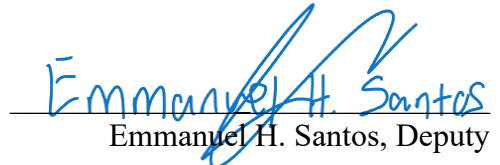
NOES: None

ABSENT: None

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 82 for the meeting on June 17, 2025.

Dated: June 18, 2025  
File ID: RES 25-091  
Agenda Item No. 50

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California

  
Emmanuel H. Santos, Deputy