



City Council Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: JANUARY 15, 2019
FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WARD: 5
SUBJECT: EPW-18-001 – MONROE MASTER DRAINAGE PLAN LINE E STAGES 2 AND 3,
LINE E-2, AND LINE E-5 STORM DRAIN IMPROVEMENTS – ADOPTION OF A
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

ISSUE:

Adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Monroe Master Drainage Plan Line E Stages 2 and 3, Line E-2, and Line E-5 Storm Drain Improvements.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Find that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment based on the analysis and mitigation set forth in the case record herein and adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and
2. Approve Public Works Department Case EPW-18-001.

BACKGROUND:

On May 16, 2017, the City Council (1) approved a Cooperative Agreement with the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District for Monroe Master Drainage Plan Line E, Stages 2 and 3, Line E-2 and Line E-5 Project Nos. 1-0-00073, -00074 and -00075; (2) authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Monroe Master Drainage Plan Line E, Stages 2 and 3, Line E-2 and Line E-5 Project Nos. 1-0-00073, -00074 and -00075 Cooperative Agreement, including making minor and non-substantive changes; and (3) authorized a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$12,674,370 in District funds to project account number 9899700- 440309 (Monroe Line E2 and E3, Lines E2/E5 – District Funding) and increased the estimated revenue by the same amount in project account number 9899700-339000.

DISCUSSION:

The Monroe Master Drainage Plan Line E Stages 2 and 3, Line E-2, and Line E-5 (Project) will construct 2.12 miles of underground storm drain pipes and ancillary structures within 1) Gratton Street from Lincoln Avenue to Hermosa Drive, 2) Dufferin Avenue from Gratton Street to Adams

Street, and 3) Hermosa Drive from Gratton Street to St. Lawrence Street (Attachment 1). The storm drain improvements are needed to address frequent flooding within the area.

The Draft Initial Study and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Project (Attachment 2) was circulated for public review from November 6, 2018 to December 6, 2018. Comment letters were received from the State Clearinghouse, Regional Water Quality Control Board, Western Municipal Water District, and Northwest Mosquito and Vector Control District (Attachment 3). No new environmental issues were raised by the comments. Therefore, no changes to the IS/MND were required and no response letters were provided. Pursuant to section 15073.5 of the CEQA guidelines, recirculation is not required.

As detailed in the IS/MND, any identified potential impacts are less than significant through compliance with existing regulations, project design considerations, or implementation of mitigation measures. Pursuant to Section 15094 (c), a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) (Attachment 4) has been prepared to verify implementation of adopted mitigation measures.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration. The total estimated project cost of \$12,674,370 will be fully reimbursed by the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

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- Attachments:
1. Location Map
 2. Final Mitigated Negative Declaration
 3. Comment Letters
 4. Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program