



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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CONSENT  
July 18, 2006

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**Title:** 65th Street/University Transit Village Plan Mitigation Measures (M04-091)

**Location/Council District:** 65th Street and Folsom Boulevard (Council Districts 3)

**Recommendation:** Direct staff to prepare a supplemental environmental impact report to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of rescheduling implementation of certain mitigation measures applicable to the 65th Street/University Transit Village Plan area relating to traffic circulation.

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**Presenters:** Not Applicable

**Department:** Planning Department

**Division:** Long Range Planning

**Organization No:** 4912

### Description/Analysis

**Issue:** Staff believes that improvements can be made to the circulation plan for the 65th Street/University Transit Village to enhance the pedestrian and transit orientation of the village. Several transportation projects adopted to mitigate the traffic impacts of the village are expected to be implemented in the near future that may conflict with the ultimate recommendations that staff will prepare.

**Policy Considerations:** Staff's recommendations will further the adopted Smart Growth Principles by setting the stage to evaluate transportation improvements that could enhance the intended goal of creating a transit and pedestrian friendly environment within the 65th Street/University Transit Village Plan area. The recommended action also conforms with the City of Sacramento Strategic Plan, specifically by adhering to the principle of promoting safety, livability, and economic vitality in an effort to become the Most Livable City in America by maximizing the viability of alternative modes of transportation within an area ripe for transformation and in close proximity to transit.

**Committee/Commission Action:** None

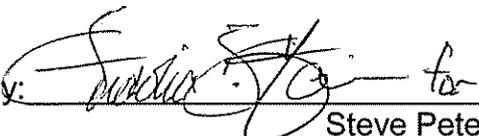


**Environmental Considerations:** Staff will draft a supplement to the adopted 65th Street Transit Village Project EIR (SEIR) to analyze the potential impacts of rescheduling implementation of certain mitigation measures adopted for the Transit Village Plan Project as recommended by staff pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act Section 15163.

**Rationale for Recommendation:** A supplemental environmental impact report has to be prepared for Council consideration before mitigation measures can be rescheduled to allow the opportunity to evaluate alternative improvements.

**Financial Considerations:** Environmental Planning staff within the Development Services Department will conduct the supplemental environmental analysis in-house. No additional funds will be required.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** Not applicable

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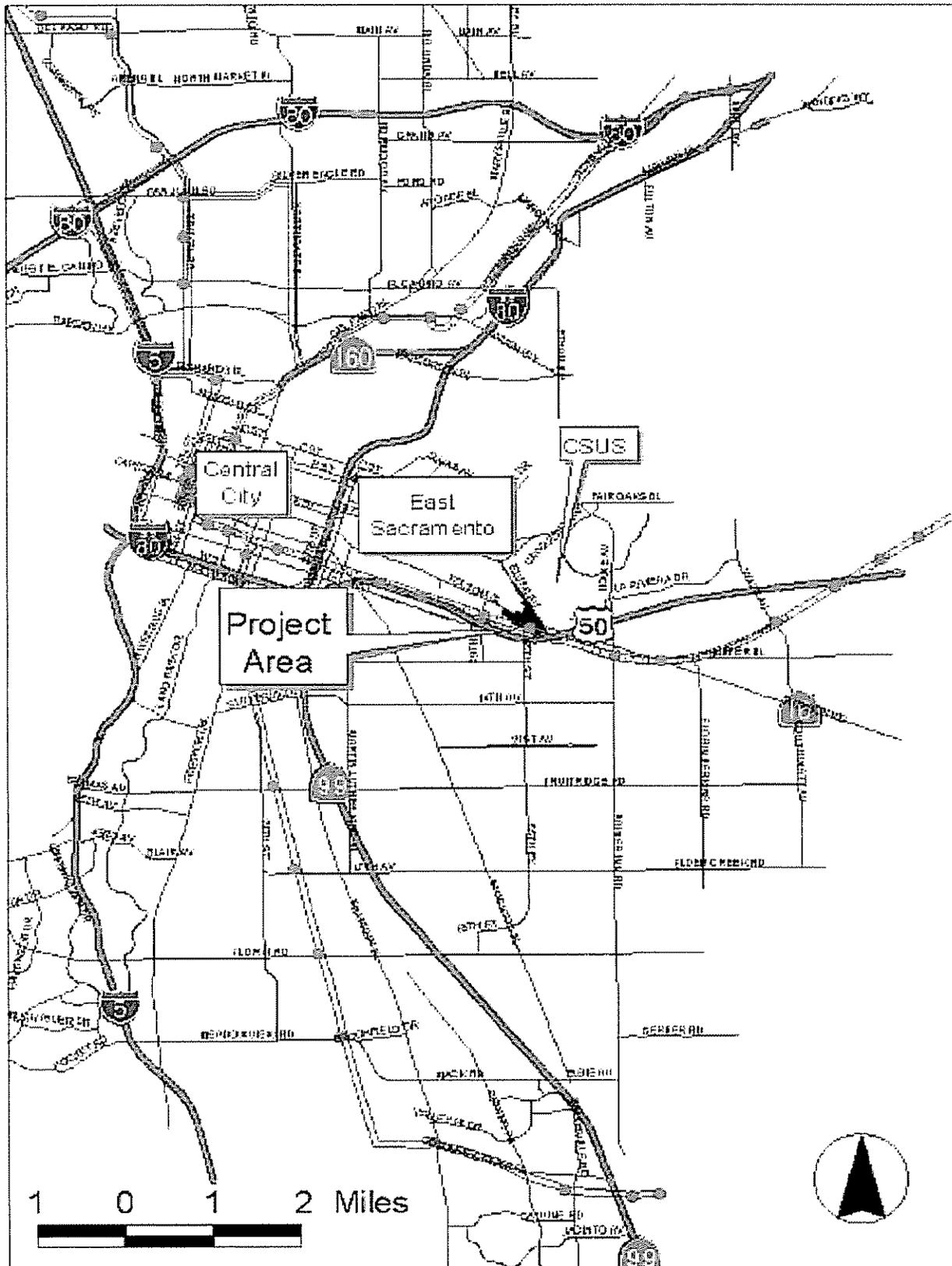
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**Attachment 1****Background: 65th Street/University Transit Village Plan Mitigation (M04-091)**

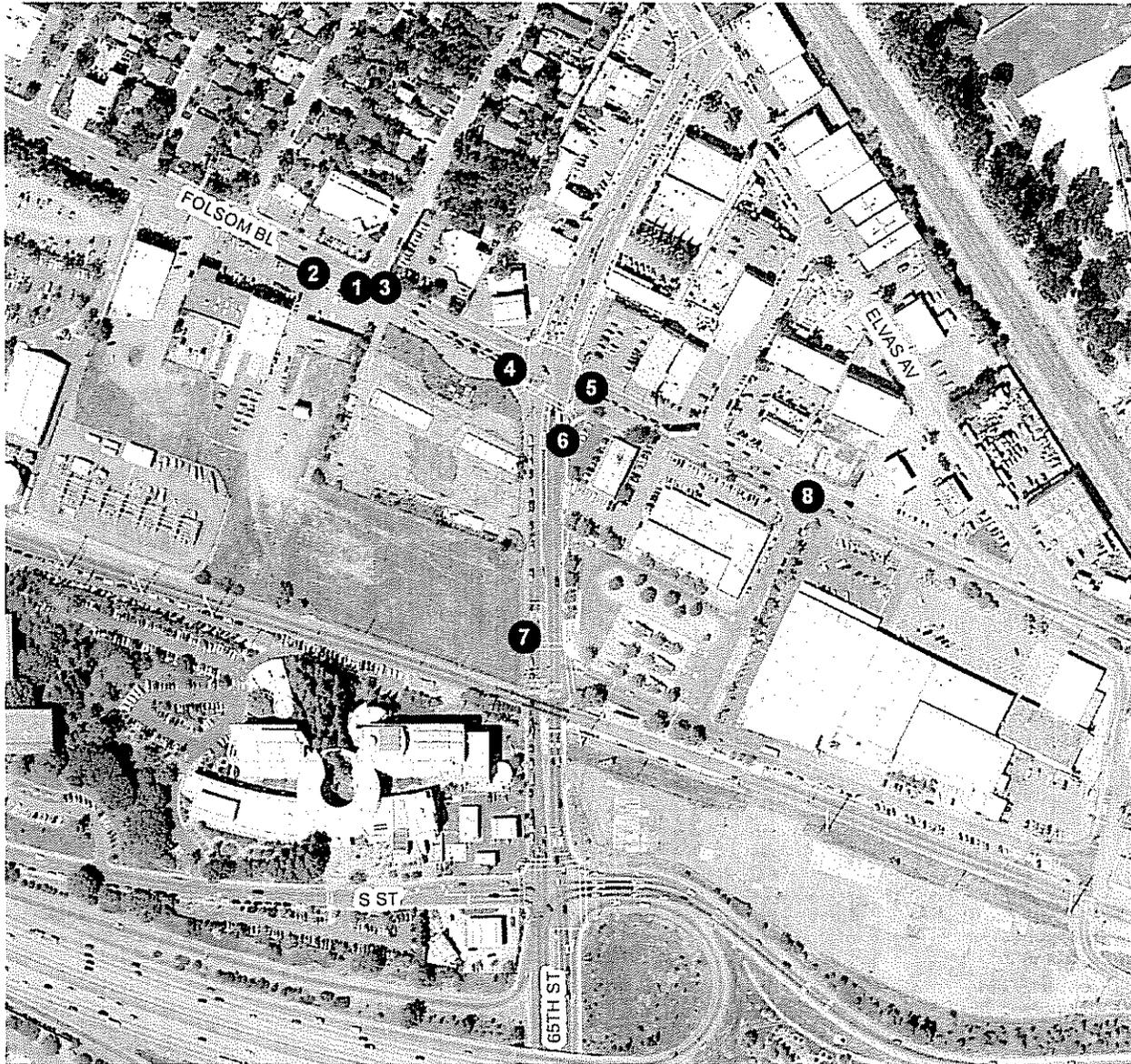
1. The 65th Street/University Transit Village is envisioned as a mixed-use district that provides a lively mix of housing types, retail choices and employment opportunities that directly benefit from transit opportunities and promote pedestrian activity.
2. The Plan envisions 65th Street as a pedestrian-scale "Main Street" connecting the California State University at Sacramento to the surrounding neighborhood and the 65th Street/University light rail and bus transfer station.
3. The Plan emphasizes convenient pedestrian connections for shoppers, employees and residents to the surrounding community, university, and station.
4. Council adopted mitigation measures that were intended to reduce the severity of significant traffic impacts identified in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared for the Transit Village Plan.
5. Similar mitigation measures were also adopted for other projects that have similar impacts to this area. Several of these mitigation measures include, but are not limited to, the widening of the northbound, eastbound, and westbound approaches to the 65th and Folsom Boulevard intersection and a traffic signal at the intersection of 63rd Street and Folsom Boulevard in an attempt to ease traffic congestion.
6. These mitigation measures will be triggered by development within the Plan area, which is beginning to occur.
7. Staff believes that several options for relieving congestion and enhancing the quality of alternative modes have not been fully considered within the Plan area.
8. The City has received grant funding from the Sacramento Area Council of Governments to revise the circulation plan for the 65th Street/University Transit Village area in a comprehensive effort to improve the pedestrian and transit orientation of the area.
9. Many of the street and other traffic-related improvement projects that could be considered in the revision conflict with certain improvements required as mitigation measures adopted for the 65th/University Transit Village Plan ("Plan") and other projects that were found to have traffic impacts in the Plan area.
10. Rescheduling the implementation of these mitigation measures until after Council has had an opportunity to consider and adopt a revised circulation plan and related environmental impacts may avoid the construction of capital improvement projects that are required currently as mitigation measures but that may run contrary to the ultimate improvements desired within the Plan area.
11. Before the Council can consider a new schedule for the implementation of the mitigation measures in question, a supplemental environmental impact report (SEIR) must be prepared to evaluate the environmental impacts of doing so.
12. Once the SEIR has been prepared, properly noticed and circulated, the Council will then be able to conduct the necessary public hearing and consider rescheduling the implementation of the mitigation measures in question.

Attachment 2

Project Area Location



Location of Adopted Mitigation Measures



**Legend:**

**Mitigation Measures with recommended modifications**

\* See Attachment 4 for description of numbered mitigation measures

**Attachment 4****Adopted Mitigation Measures with Recommendations**

	Mitigation	Adopted Trigger	Recommendation
1	Install a traffic signal at the Folsom Boulevard/63rd Street intersection	Implement prior to 30% build out of the transit village plan, or by 2010, whichever is first, if not previously implemented.	Implement by 2015
2	Widen the Folsom Boulevard/63rd Street intersection eastbound approach to include an exclusive left-turn lane, an exclusive through lane, and a shared through/right-turn lane	Implement prior to 30% build out of the transit village plan, or by 2010, whichever is first, if not previously implemented.	Implement by 2015
3	Widen the Folsom Boulevard/63rd Street intersection westbound approach to include an exclusive left-turn lane, an exclusive through lane, and a shared through/right-turn lane	Implement prior to 30% build out of the transit village plan, or by 2010, whichever is first, if not previously implemented.	Implement by 2015
4	Widen the Folsom Boulevard/65 <sup>th</sup> Street westbound to approach to include two exclusive left-turn lanes, two through lanes, and a separate right-turn lane,	Implement prior to 50% build out of the transit village plan, or by 2015, whichever is first.	Implement by 2015
5	Widen the Folsom Boulevard/65 <sup>th</sup> Street eastbound approach to include an exclusive left-turn lane, two through lanes, and a separate right-turn lane	Implement prior to 50% build out of the transit village plan, or by 2015, whichever is first.	Implement by 2015
6	Construct an exclusive right turn lane in the northbound direction at the Folsom Boulevard/65 <sup>th</sup> Street	Implement following City Council approval of a Granite Traffic Mitigation Comprehensive Financing Plan but prior to development beyond the Near Term Development scenario.	Implement by 2015
7	Widen southbound 65th Street between Folsom Boulevard and S Street from 2 to 3 lanes	Implement before issuance of the first Certificate of Occupancy after 25% of development in the plan area.	Implement by 2015
8	Install a traffic signal at 67 <sup>th</sup> Street & Folsom Boulevard	Implement before issuance of the first Certificate of Occupancy after 25% of development in the plan area.	Implement by 2015

