



MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM CITY OF CHICO PLANNING DIVISION

Based upon the analysis and findings contained within the attached Initial Study, a Mitigated Negative Declaration is proposed by the City of Chico Planning Division for the following project:

PROJECT NAME AND NUMBER: BMX Track Relocation (UP 19-21)

APPLICANTS NAME(S): Silver Dollar BMX, c/o Vince Enserro,
2352 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
Chico, CA 95928

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project is located on the east side of Marauder Street within the Chico Municipal Airport industrial complex in Chico, California

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed development of the BMX facilities on the project site would be limited to the north eastern portion of the parcel; no construction is proposed on the westerly portion of the site or within the existing baseball fields. The proposed project would result in the construction of an approximately 224,400 sq ft BMX track pad, an approximately 1,700 sq ft building for concessions, bathrooms, office, storage and registration, bleacher seating and a 61,600 sq ft parking lot with 147 vehicle parking spaces. A new access road would be extended from Marauder Street, along the northeast corner of the parcel and additional access point via a new turn pocket from Cohasset Road. The BMX track will consist of two separate tracks directly adjacent to one another each with a staging ramp, a series of jumps, berms and a finish area. The building will be approximately 1,700 square feet. The bleacher seating will accommodate 300 spectators and additional viewing areas for up to 1000 spectators. Prepping of the project site would include cutting/grading of the entire site and fill of approximately 200 cubic yards of fill volume of material across the site. The types of equipment used for the project may include, but are not limited to, a grader, dump haul trucks, backhoe, excavator, and work trucks.

Parking is planned to accommodate 147 vehicle parking spaces with off street overflow parking area. The two tracks are planned to comply with all UCI cycling/USABMX requirements for size, dimensions and parking. The starting hill will be concrete or asphalt surface, the turns will be asphalt or concrete and the track surface will be finished with a weatherproof slurry making the track available and safe in inclement weather. The track will have sports lighting to accommodate events in the evening.

Access to the site would be via Grumman Avenue. The proposed project would establish a road that ties into Grumman Avenue on the north side of the parcel. The road will continue to the eastern border for approximately 600 feet then south for approximately 900 feet. The road will cross a small tributary via two 36" reinforced concrete drainage pipes. A sewer line would be extended from near the intersection of Ryan Avenue and Cohasset Road north to the proposed concessions building. The parking lot would be established south of the BMX track along the south eastern boarder of the parcel. The parking lot would include shade trees and stormwater detention facilities. A curb and gutter catch basin system would be engineered for the collection of storm water runoff. Storm water would subsequently be detained, allowing sediment to settle,

or be filtered, prior to discharge into the natural swale that exists in the center of the parcel. A second point of access would be provided from Cohasset Road as part of a separate project for Santos Excavation, Inc., located directly south-adjacent of the project site.

The BMX track is proposed to be open Sundays and Thursdays for racing between 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm and practice on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The track will also be open for rentals on Fridays and Saturdays for team practices, clinics, birthday parties and other similar events. It is anticipated that these hours of operation would increase in the future. During the summer months, the Chico Area Recreation District (CARD) team would host three- to four-week long BMX camps that are held from 8:00 am-12:00 pm. In addition to the local events, the track is expected to host regional, state and national racing events.

FINDING: As supported by the attached Initial Study there is no substantial evidence, in light of the whole record before the agency, that the project will have a significant effect on the environment if the following mitigation measures are adopted and implemented for the project:

MITIGATION C.1 (Air Quality): To minimize air quality impacts during the construction phase of the project, specific BMPs shall be incorporated during initial grading and subdivision improvement phases of the project as specified in Appendix C of the BCAQMD's CEQA Air Quality Handbook, October 23, 2014, available at <http://bcaqmd.shasta.com/wp-content/uploads/CEQA-Handbook-Appendices-2014.pdf>.

Examples of these types of measures include but are not limited to:

- Limiting idling of construction vehicles to 5 minutes or less.
- Ensuring that all small engines are tuned to the manufacturer's specifications.
- Powering diesel equipment with Air Resources Board-certified motor vehicle diesel fuel.
- Utilizing construction equipment that meets ARB's 2007 certification standard or cleaner.
- Using electric powered equipment when feasible.

MITIGATION MONITORING C.1 (Air Quality): Prior to approving grading permits or improvement plans City staff will review the plans to ensure that Mitigation Measure C.1 is incorporated into the construction documents, as appropriate.

MITIGATION D.1 (Biological Resources):

Prior to ground disturbance, the boundaries of the wetland features shall be flagged in the field by a qualified biologist. In areas near the wetlands, construction and silt fencing shall be installed to designate the work area and to prohibit construction activity in the wetlands. The fencing shall be monitored, maintained and repaired on a daily basis and only removed upon completion of construction activities.

MITIGATION MONITORING D.1 (Biological Resources): Planning staff will verify that the above wording is included on construction plans.

MITIGATION D.2 (Biological Resources):

If vegetation removal or initial ground disturbances occur during the avian breeding season (February 1 – August 31) the applicant shall hire a qualified biologist to conduct a migratory bird and raptor survey to identify any active nests within 250 feet of the biological survey area (BSA).

A qualified biologist shall:

- Conduct a survey for all birds protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and California Fish and Game Commission within seven (7) days prior to vegetation removal or initial ground disturbances (whichever activity comes first), and map all active nests located within 500 feet of the BSA where accessible;
- Develop buffer zones around active nests. The qualified biologist shall determine appropriate species protection buffers around active nests based on the species tolerance of disturbance, species type, nest location and activities that will be conducted near the nest. Construction activities shall be prohibited within the buffer zones until the young have fledged or the nest fails. Active nests shall be monitored once per week or as necessary and a report submitted to the City of Chico Community Development Department weekly or as necessary.
- If construction activities stop for more than 15 days, then another migratory bird and raptor survey shall be conducted within seven (7) days prior to the continuation of construction activities.

MITIGATION MONITORING D.2 (Biological Resources): If initial ground disturbance is proposed to be conducted during the avian breeding season, Planning and Engineering staff will require final copies of the required surveys documenting relief thereof, prior to issuance of any grading or other permits that will result in disturbances to the site. If active nests are encountered, the qualified biologist shall determine appropriate species protection buffers around active nests based on the species tolerance of disturbance, species type, nest location and activities that will be conducted near the nest. Construction activities shall be prohibited within the buffer zones until the young have fledged or the nest fails. Active nests shall be monitored once per week or as necessary and a report submitted to the City of Chico Community Development Department weekly or as necessary.

MITIGATION D.3 (Biological Resources):

Prior to issuance of any grading permit or other city approval that would directly result in disturbance to the site the applicant shall provide Planning staff with final copies of the permits and compensatory mitigation required by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, CVRWQCB and CDFW, or copies of relevant correspondence documenting that no permit is required, as applicable.

MITIGATION MONITORING D.3 (Biological Resources): Planning and Engineering staff will require final copies of the required permits and compensatory mitigation or letters documenting relief thereof, prior to issuance of any grading or other permits that will result in disturbances to the site.

MITIGATION R.1. (Tribal Cultural Resources): If during ground disturbing activities, any potentially paleontological, prehistoric, protohistoric, and/or historic cultural resources or tribal cultural resources are encountered, the supervising contractor shall cease all work within 10 feet of the find (100 feet for human remains) and notify the City. A professional archaeologist meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards for prehistoric and historic archaeology and being familiar with the archaeological record of Butte County, shall be retained to evaluate the significance of the find. City staff shall notify all local tribes on the consultation list maintained by the State of California Native American Heritage Commission, to provide local

tribes the opportunity to monitor evaluation of the site. If human remains are uncovered, the project team shall notify the Butte County Coroner pursuant to Section 7050.5 of California's Health and Safety Code. Site work shall not resume until the archaeologist conducts sufficient research, testing and analysis of the archaeological evidence to make a determination that the resource is either not cultural in origin or not potentially significant. If a potentially significant resource is encountered, the archaeologist shall prepare a mitigation plan for review and approval by the City, including recommendations for total data recovery, Tribal monitoring, disposition protocol, or avoidance, if applicable. All measures determined by the City to be appropriate shall be implemented pursuant to the terms of the archaeologist's report. The preceding requirement shall be incorporated into construction contracts and documents to ensure contractor knowledge and responsibility for the proper implementation.

MITIGATION MONITORING R.1 (Tribal Cultural Resources): Planning staff will verify that the above wording is included on construction plans. Should paleontological, prehistoric, protohistoric, and/or historic cultural resources or tribal cultural resources be encountered, the supervising contractor shall be responsible for reporting any such findings to Planning staff and contacting a professional archaeologist or paleontologist in consultation with Planning staff to evaluate the find.

PROJECT APPLICANTS INCORPORATION OF MITIGATION INTO THE PROPOSED PROJECT:

I have reviewed the Initial Study for the Arco AM/PM project (UP 19-02 and AR 19-07), and the mitigation measures identified herein. I hereby modify the project on file with the City of Chico to include and incorporate all mitigation set forth in this document.

Authorized Signature, Project Applicant

Printed Name

Prepared by: _____
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Date

Adopted via: Resolution No: _____
City of Chico Planning Commission

Date