

DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

ALAMEDA COUNTY

Alameda County Public Works Agency (Lead Agency)

1. **Project Name:** Temporary Closure of Strobridge Avenue at Gary Drive to Exclude Southbound Through-Traffic, in Unincorporated Castro Valley, Alameda County

2. **Description and Location:** The project would consist of constructing a raised bulb-out and installing “Do Not Enter” and “Wrong Way” signs on Strobridge Avenue near the southwesterly corner of Gary Drive within the roadway to block southbound traffic from entering the section of Strobridge Avenue to the south of Gary Drive. Northbound through-traffic on Strobridge Avenue at the same location would remain open, and southbound traffic on Strobridge Avenue just south of Gary Drive would remain open to local traffic only. The project would also include roadway striping and the addition of a U-turn lane for southbound vehicles on Strobridge Avenue at the corner of Gary Drive. The purpose of the project is to provide an interim measure to prevent bypass traffic from entering into the Baywood Area via Strobridge Avenue that is expected to result from the planned freeway construction on I-238 and the Redwood Road interchange. This interim measure would be in place for the duration of the construction that is expected to last until 2010. The proposed project would be located on Strobridge Avenue at the intersection of Gary Drive in the Baywood Area of Castro Valley, in unincorporated Alameda County.

3. **Person or Entity Undertaking Project:** Alameda County Public Works Agency

4. **Responsible Agencies:** None

5. **Findings:**

Based on the attached Initial Study, the Lead Agency has found that:

The project will not have significant effect on the environment.

The significant effects of the project noted in the attached Initial Study have been eliminated or mitigated by revisions to the project so that the potential adverse effects are reduced to a point where no significant effects would occur.

6. **Mitigation Measures:** for traffic impacts (1) addition of a U-turn lane for southbound vehicles on Strobridge Avenue at the corner of Gary Drive, (2) coordination of signalization timing along Castro Valley Boulevard between Market Place and Center Street and intersections east of Redwood Road, (3) re-stripe “left turn lane only” lane on westbound I-580 off ramp to accommodate both left and right turns, and (4) addition of a left-turn lane at the westbound approach of Castro Valley Boulevard to Mattox Road and Foothill Boulevard (RTE 238).

7. **Date of Public Notice of Negative Declaration:** August 30, 2005

8. **End of Review Period:** September 30, 2005

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ISSUANCE OF THIS NEGATIVE  
DECLARATION DOES NOT IMPLY  
APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT  
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Signature

Alameda County Public Works Agency

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Date