

RESOLUTION NO. 28736

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING A
MASTER PLAN FOR THE REUNIFICATION OF COURTHOUSE SQUARE

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2007, the Council adopted Resolution 26949 certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Downtown Station Area Specific Plan and General Plan Amendment (State Clearinghouse Number 2006072104), and Resolution No. 26950 approving the Downtown Station Area Specific Plan General Plan Amendments including findings and a statement of overriding considerations for implementation of the project; and

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2014, the City Council by Resolution No. 28437 certified the Final Tiered Environmental Impact Report (FTEIR) for the Courthouse Square Reunification Project (Project), finding that the FTEIR adequately identifies and analyzes the environmental effects of the Project and the alternatives, that the FTEIR was completed in compliance with the requirements of CEQA, State CEQA Guidelines and the Santa Rosa City Code, and that the FTEIR represents the independent judgment and analysis of the Council; and

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2014, the Council by Resolution 28568 approved the preferred alternative and adopted the mitigation measures set forth in the Mitigation Monitoring Program; and

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2015, the Council approved basic design guidelines for a revised plan for the Courthouse Square Reunification Project, directed staff to begin redesigning the project with community input, and initiated a concurrent public outreach process for the revised Courthouse Square Reunification Project; and

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2016, as a duly noticed City Council meeting, two master plan options developed consistent with the basic design guidelines as directed by the Council and in response to community input, were presented for Council consideration; and

WHEREAS, an Addendum to the FTEIR was prepared for both master plan options pursuant to Section 15164 of CEQA, which Addendum documents that the changes to the Courthouse Square Reunification Project as set forth and described in each of the master plan options are minor and that none of the conditions described in CEQA Section 15162 have occurred; and

WHEREAS, Council, after considering the two options, the staff report, Addendum and presentation, public comments both written and oral, selected a master plan in the form attached to and made part of this resolution as Exhibit A, referred to the Option 1 Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa finds based on the Addendum and other evidence presented that the potential significant effects of the Option 1 Master Plan for the Revised Courthouse Square Reunification Project (Project) can be mitigated to less than significant with implementation of the mitigation measures

identified in the Mitigation Monitoring Program included within the FTEIR dated February 2014 and therefore, the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council hereby approves and adopts the mitigation measures set forth in the Mitigation Monitoring Program, attached to and made part of this resolution as Exhibit B, and directs staff to implement and complete the Mitigation Monitoring Program as part of the approved Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council directs staff to file a Notice of Determination for the Project consistent with the CEQA Guidelines.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council approves the Option 1 Master Plan for the Revised Reunification of Courthouse Square Project attached hereto as Exhibit A.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 26th day of January, 2016.

AYES: (7) Mayor Sawyer, Vice Mayor Schwedhelm, Council Members Carlstrom, Combs, Coursey, Olivares, Wysocky

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

Exhibit A – Option 1 Master Plan
Exhibit B – Mitigation Monitoring Program