

Memorandum

To: Chair and Commissioners

Date: June 26, 2002

From: Diane C. Eidam

File No:
Reference Number 2.2c.(2)
Action

Ref: **Parking Structure at Transit Village at Richmond Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Station Project (Contra Costa County) – Future Consideration of Funding to Construct a Parking Structure at Transit Village at the Richmond BART Station (Notice of Determination) (TCRP #28) Resolution E-02-33**

Issue:

Should the Commission adopt the attached resolution to approve future consideration of funding to construct a parking structure at a transit village at the Richmond BART Station in Contra Costa County?

Recommendation:

Commission staff recommends that the Commission, as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-02-33. As a responsible agency, the Commission must approve this Resolution prior to allocating funds for capital purposes on the proposed parking structure project.

Background:

This resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding the following project for which a Mitigated Negative Declaration under the California Environmental Quality Act has been completed:

- Parking Structure at Transit Village at Richmond BART Station Project – Construct a parking structure at a transit village at the Richmond BART Station in Contra Costa County.

The project is to construct a 680-space BART parking garage at the Richmond BART Station. The new garage will allow for the development of a mix-use transit village where the current BART surface parking lot is located. The new parking garage will be built on BART land and will be owned and maintained by BART. All of the parking spaces within the parking garage will be used exclusively for transit users (BART and Capitol Corridor), with the exception of 45 spaces to be used by the patrons of the retail stores. The overall transit village is a mixed-use pedestrian-oriented development comprised of a variety of elements including 231 for-sale townhouse units; approximately 20,000 square feet of retail space; 30,000 square foot cultural arts facility, an AC Transit bus transfer station; a 3,400 square foot transit station building; pedestrian plazas; center boarding platform for Amtrak patrons; and a parking structure.

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The current estimate for the parking structure project is \$11,500,000, of which \$5,000,000 in funding will be provided through the Governor's Traffic Congestion Relief (TCR) Program, Project #28. The remaining \$6,500,000 will come from committed state and local funding sources. The Commission, at its March 28, 2001 meeting, approved the City of Richmond's original application; and subsequently approved an amended application at its October 2001 meeting to extend the completion date for Phase 2 (PS&E).

The City of Richmond has approved the Mitigated Negative Declaration and has filed a Notice of Determination for this project. The Commission's approval and the resulting filing of the attached Notice of Determination with the Office of Planning and Research will satisfy the environmental requirements for this stage of the project planning process.

Attachment

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Approval of Project for Consideration of Funding Parking Structure at Transit Village at Richmond Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Station Project (Contra Costa County)

Resolution E-02-33

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Richmond has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the CEQA Guidelines, and the California Transportation Commission Environmental Regulations for the following project
 - Parking Structure at Transit Village at Richmond Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Station Project in Contra Costa County
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a responsible agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2.1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby approve the above referenced project for future consideration of funding.