

Memorandum

To: Chairman and Commissioners

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BOOK ITEM
Action

Ref: Consideration of future funding for San Francisco Muni Third Street Light Rail Project (San Francisco County) Extending Third Street Line to Chinatown (Tunnel) (Notice of Determination) (TCRP #20) Resolution E-02-07

Issue:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) adopt the attached resolution to approve future consideration of funding for the San Francisco Muni Third Street Light Rail Project, which would extend the Third Street line to the Chinatown (Tunnel) in the City and County of San Francisco by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (MUNI)?

Recommendation:

The Commission staff recommends that the Commission, as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-02-07.

Background

This resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding the following project for which an Environmental Impact Report under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) has been completed.

- San Francisco Muni Third Street Light Rail Project - Extend Third Street line to Chinatown (Tunnel) in the City and County of San Francisco

The current estimate for the project is \$1,168 billion. The project is included in the Governor's Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP), Project #20, for \$140 million. The Commission approved the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's application for the project at its July 11-12, 2001 meeting. The remaining \$1,028 billion will come from federal, local, and other state funding sources.

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency has approved an Environmental Impact Report for the San Francisco Muni Third Street Light Rail project, which would extend the Third Street line to Chinatown (Tunnel) in the City and County of San Francisco. The Environmental Impact Report has been transmitted to Commission staff. The Commission's approval and the resulting filing of the Notice of Determination with the Office of Planning and Research will satisfy the environmental requirements for this stage of the project planning process.

Attachment

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CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Approval of Project for Future Consideration of Funding San Francisco Muni Third Street Light Rail; Extend Third Street Line to Chinatown (Tunnel) in the City and County of San Francisco

RESOLUTION E-02-07

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency has completed a Notice of Determination in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the CEQA Guidelines, and the California Transportation Commission Environmental Regulations for the following project:
 - San Francisco Muni Third Street Light Rail Project - Extend Third Street line to Chinatown (Tunnel) in the City and County of San Francisco;
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a responsible agency, has considered the information contained in the Notice of Determination; and
- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, the project will 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.