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07-LA-71, KP R0.84/7.24 (PM 1.2/2.0)
Action Item

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**APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
TO UPGRADE FREEWAY AND IMPROVE INTERCHANGE IN THE COUNTY OF
LOS ANGELES, IN THE CITY OF POMONA**

RESOLUTION E-02-48

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The attached resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding the following project for which a Negative Declaration has been completed:

- Route 71 in Los Angeles County – Upgrade freeway and improve interchange in Pomona.

Two projects are included in this document. PPNO 2232, the Mission Boulevard/Route 71 Interchange is fully funded in the 2002 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) with Regional Improvement Program (RIP) funds and local funds. The total cost of the project is \$24 million with \$10 million coming Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funding and locally generated funds. Construction is scheduled to begin in FY 2005/06. PPNO 2741, the Route 71 Expressway Project is currently programmed in the 2002 STIP for support with RIP funds and Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) funds of \$1,592,000 and \$30,000,000, respectively. The total cost of the project is \$181,342,000, with the remaining funds to come from the 2004 STIP. Construction for this project is scheduled to begin in FY 2004/05.

The Negative Declaration and supporting Initial Study has been transmitted to California Transportation Commission staff.

The Department of Transportation has approved the project for construction. This 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.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends that the California Transportation Commission, as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-02-48.

Attachment

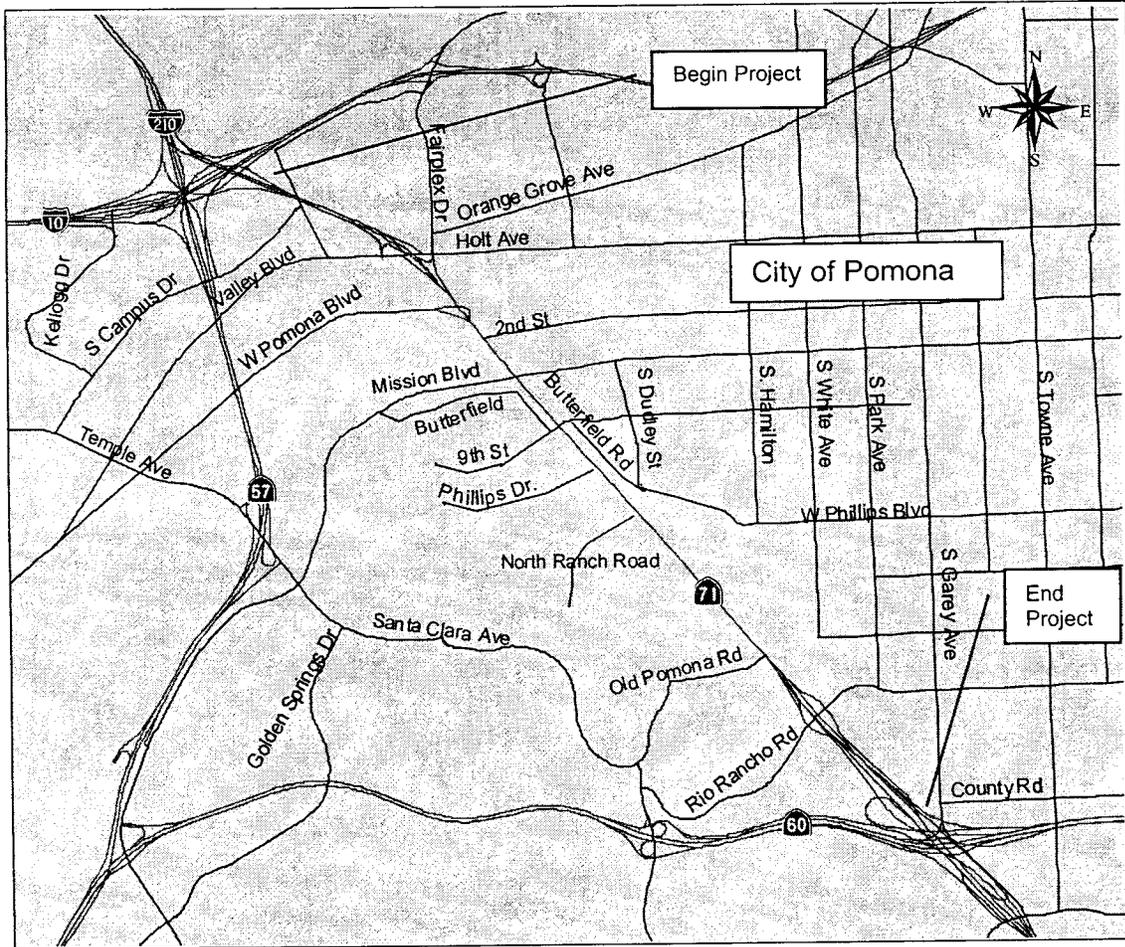
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 07-LA-71, KP R0.84/7.24 (PM 1.2/2.0)

Resolution E-02-48

- 1.1** **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Negative Declaration in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, the CEQA Guidelines, and the California Transportation Commission Environmental Regulations for the following project:
- Route 71 in Los Angeles County – Upgrade freeway and improve interchange in the City of Pomona.
- 1.2** **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a responsible agency, has considered the information contained in the 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.

State Route 71 Vicinity Map



SUMMARY

This Initial Study/Environmental Assessment (IS/EA) addresses the potential environmental impacts resulting from the upgrade of State Route 71 and the improvement of the Mission Boulevard Interchange project. This project proposes to add one High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane in each direction of travel in the median of State Route 71 between Interstate 10 and State Route 60 in the City of Pomona, Los Angeles County, California. The other project in the corridor proposes to improve Mission Boulevard by constructing a new interchange. All of the alternatives with the exception of the No Action Alternative will require widening of the highway to accommodate the HOV lanes and associated improvements.

This IS/EA is a preliminary analysis of the proposed projects to determine whether a Negative Declaration/Finding of No Significant Impact (ND/FONSI) is appropriate or if there will be significant impacts, which would require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report/Study (EIR/EIS). This IS/EA has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

After review by various agencies and the public, Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration in consultation with the City of Pomona have selected Alternative 2B as the recommended project. It has also been determined that project impacts can be mitigated to a level of non-significance allowing the approval of this ND/FONSI.

Changes have been made to this environmental document since the circulation of the draft environmental document. Public and Agency comments received during the circulation of the Draft IS/EA, the Public Hearing process, and subsequent agency consultations have resulted in refinements that have been incorporated in this final environmental document. A vertical line in the outside margin indicates changes in the document.