

Memorandum

To: Chair and Commissioners

Date: January 8, 2003

From: Diane C. Eidam

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Ref. No. 2.2c.(3)
Action

Ref: Sabre Springs Transit Center Project (San Diego County) - Future Consideration of Funding to Construct a Transit Center to Include Ten Bus Bays and a Park-and-Ride Lot in the City of San Diego (Notice of Determination) (TCRP #83.1) Resolution E-03-03.

Issue:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) adopt the attached resolution to approve future consideration of funding to develop the Sabre Springs Transit Center to include ten bus bays and an adjacent park-and-ride lot, which is one of the three Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) stations proposed for the first phase of the North I-15 Managed Lanes/Bus Rapid Transit Project, Traffic Congestion Relief (TCR) Project #83.1, by the San Diego Metropolitan Transit Development Board (MTDB)?

Recommendation:

The Commission staff recommends that the Commission, as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-03-03. As a responsible agency, the Commission must approve this Resolution prior to allocating funds for capital purposes on the proposed transit center project.

Background

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

- Sabre Springs Transit Station – Transit Center to include ten bus bays and an adjacent park-and-ride lot in Sabre Springs by the MTDB (San Diego County).

The proposed project consists of the development of a 5.64-acre transit center that would include ten bus bays, an approximately 167-vehicle park-and-ride lot, a kiss and ride drop-off area, transit-related furnishings including shelters and benches and an access road connecting to a proposed Direct Access Ramp (DAR) in conjunction with the Department of Transportation's I-15 Managed Lanes Project. The DAR would provide direct access to and from I-15 HOV lanes and is not part of the proposed project. Landscaping would be installed along the site perimeter and in select areas within the proposed facility. Overhead lighting would be installed, where appropriate, to provide adequate lighting during early morning and nighttime operations. A retaining wall would be constructed along the north side of the proposed access road from the transit center to the DAR.

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Proposed circulation improvements would include provision of two vehicular access points (one from Sabre Springs Parkway and another from Evening Creek Drive), installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of the proposed access point and Sabre Springs Parkway, installation of a traffic signal interconnect system between Ted Williams Parkway and Evening Creek Drive, and provision of several vehicular travel lane configurations at the proposed access points and within the proposed transit center.

The current total estimate for the project is \$50,800,000, of which \$28,800,000 in funding will be provided through the Governor's TCR Project #83.1; the remaining \$22,000,000 will come from federal CMAQ funds.

The San Diego MTDB has approved a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the I-15 Bus Rapid Transit Station in Sabre Springs and has filed a Notice of Determination for this project. The Mitigated Negative Declaration and supporting Initial Study 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 Sabre Springs Transit Center (San Diego County)

RESOLUTION E-03-03

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the San Diego Metropolitan Transit Development Board (MTDB) 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:
 - Sabre Springs Transit Station (San Diego County) – Transit Center With Ten Bus Bays and an Adjacent Park-and-Ride Lot in Sabre Springs by the MTDB.
- 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.