

Memorandum

To: Chairman and Commissioners

Date: January 8, 2003

From: Diane C. Eidam

File No:
Reference Number 2.2c.(5)
Action

Ref: Vasco Road Safety and Transit Enhancement Project (Alameda and Contra Costa Counties) -- Future Consideration of Funding to Improve the Alignment of and Provide Passing Lanes on Vasco Road Between the City of Livermore in Alameda and the Contra Costa County Line (MND) (TCRP #27.1) Resolution E-03-05

Issue:

Should the Commission adopt the attached resolution to approve future consideration of funding for improving the alignment of and providing passing lanes on Vasco Road between the City of Livermore (Alameda County) and the Contra Costa line by the County of Alameda?

Recommendation:

Commission staff recommends that the Commission, as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-03-05. As a responsible agency, the Commission must approve this Resolution prior to allocating funds for capital purposes on the proposed 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:

- Vasco Road Safety Improvements (Phase I) Project between MP 3.4 and 4.3 in Alameda County

The project is to improve the alignment of and provide passing lanes on Vasco Road between the City of Livermore (Alameda County) and the Contra Costa line. The proposed project is to reduce vehicular traffic congestion and to improve safety along this stretch of Vasco Road.

The current estimate for the project is \$19,246,000, of which \$6,500,000 is proposed through the Governor's Traffic Congestion Relief (TCR) Program, for Project #27.1. The remaining \$11,834,000 will come from committed and proposed local, private, and state (State Transportation Improvement Program/Regional Transportation Improvement Program) funding sources.

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Alameda County has approved a Mitigated Negative Declaration 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 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 For the Vasco Road Project to Improve Alignment and Provide Passing Lanes Between the City of Livermore in Alameda and the Contra Costa County Line

Resolution E-03-05

- 1.1** **WHEREAS**, Alameda County 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
 - Vasco Road Safety Improvements (Phase I) Project between MP 3.4 and 4.3 in Alameda 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.