

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: April 2-3, 2003

Reference No.: 2.3a.

Action Item

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Chief Financial Officer

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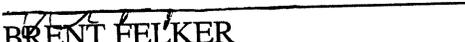
Subject: ROUTE ADOPTION, 11-IMP-78 KP R14.6/R24.8 (PM R09.1/R15.4)
11-IMP-111 KP R33.0/R39.7 (PM R20.5/R24.7), Resolution HRA 03-02

RECOMMENDATION

Submitted for transmittal to the Commission are Highway Route Adoption Resolution HRA 03-02 and the map of a location for the State Highway Route 78 and State Highway Route 111. The Department of Transportation recommends that the Commission approve the resolution and the route location map in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Engineer. This resolution adopts a 10.2-kilometer (6.3 mile) location for State Highway Route 78 and a 6.7-kilometer (4.2 mile) location for State Highway Route 111 in the County of Imperial as a controlled access highway.

A Project Report was approved February 28, 2003. An Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/ Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been approved for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) approval.

Recommended by:


BRENT FELKER
Chief Engineer

Background

The project was initiated at the request of the California Transportation Commission (CTC) and the City of Brawley. In March 1993 a Project Study Report (PSR), which provided an evaluation of several alternatives for an expressway bypass of the City of Brawley, was approved. The Imperial County General Plan and the Imperial County Transportation Plan have both identified and included this expressway as a future corridor within the region. The proposed project is also included in the 1996 District System Management Plan.

The study area for this project lies mostly in the unincorporated area of Imperial County and partly in the City of Brawley. The predominant land use is agricultural. State Route 78 originates at Interstate 5 in San Diego County and terminates at Interstate 10 in Riverside County near the Arizona border. In Imperial County State Route 78 is primarily a rural two-lane conventional highway and in the City of Brawley a four lane arterial. State Route 111 originates near the U.S./Mexico border in Calexico and runs north to intersect with State Route 78 in the City of Brawley. It continues in a northerly direction and terminates at Interstate 10. State Route 111 operates mostly as a two-lane conventional highway.

Proposal

The proposed project would adopt a new route and construct a four-lane divided expressway from State Route 78/86, northwest of the City of Brawley, to State Route 111, southeast of the City of Brawley in Imperial County. The Project Report and EIS/EIR were approved on February 28, 2003.

The purpose of the State Route 78 & 111 expressway project is to reduce traffic impacts (accidents, traffic congestion and time delays) in the downtown area of Brawley, and to accommodate increased regional and international traffic due to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). This project is among a number of projects proposed to address transportation infrastructure needs along the California/Mexico border.

The total cost estimate for the project is \$108,900,000. The funding consists of a combination of federal and state sources through Flexible Congestion Relief (FCR) and the New Highways (NH) HE14 program. A total of \$90,194,000 has been programmed in the 2002 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The funding sources include \$35,454,000 from the 1996 Grand fathered STIP (RIP), \$40,740,000 from the Interregional Improvement Program (IIP), and \$15,000,000 from the 2002 RTIP. The Imperial Valley Association of Governments (IVAG) has agreed to fund the remaining \$18,000,000 from the 2004 STIP. These monies will not be needed until the 05/06 FY. This project is tentatively scheduled for construction in the 2004/2005 fiscal year with CCA expected June 2007.

Coordination

Fact sheets for an exception to mandatory and advisory design standards have been approved. This document has been prepared in conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) to address potential effects of the proposed State Route 78/111 Brawley bypass.

Conclusion

The proposed adoption of the new freeway location for this portion State Route 78 and State Route 111 are considered to be in the best interest of the public.

Attachments

Resolution HRA 03-02
Route Adoption Map

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Resolution Adopting A Controlled Access Highway Location
11-IMP-78 KP R14.6/R24.8 (PM R09.1/R15.4)
11-IMP-111 KP R33.0/R39.7 (PM R20.5/R24.7)

Resolution HRA 03-02

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation, with input for the project from the City of Brawley, has completed studies and approved of the public hearing process relative to the adopted from State Route 78, northwest of the City of Brawley, to State Route 111, southwest of the City of Brawley, in Imperial County; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has completed a Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report; and,

WHEREAS, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment; and

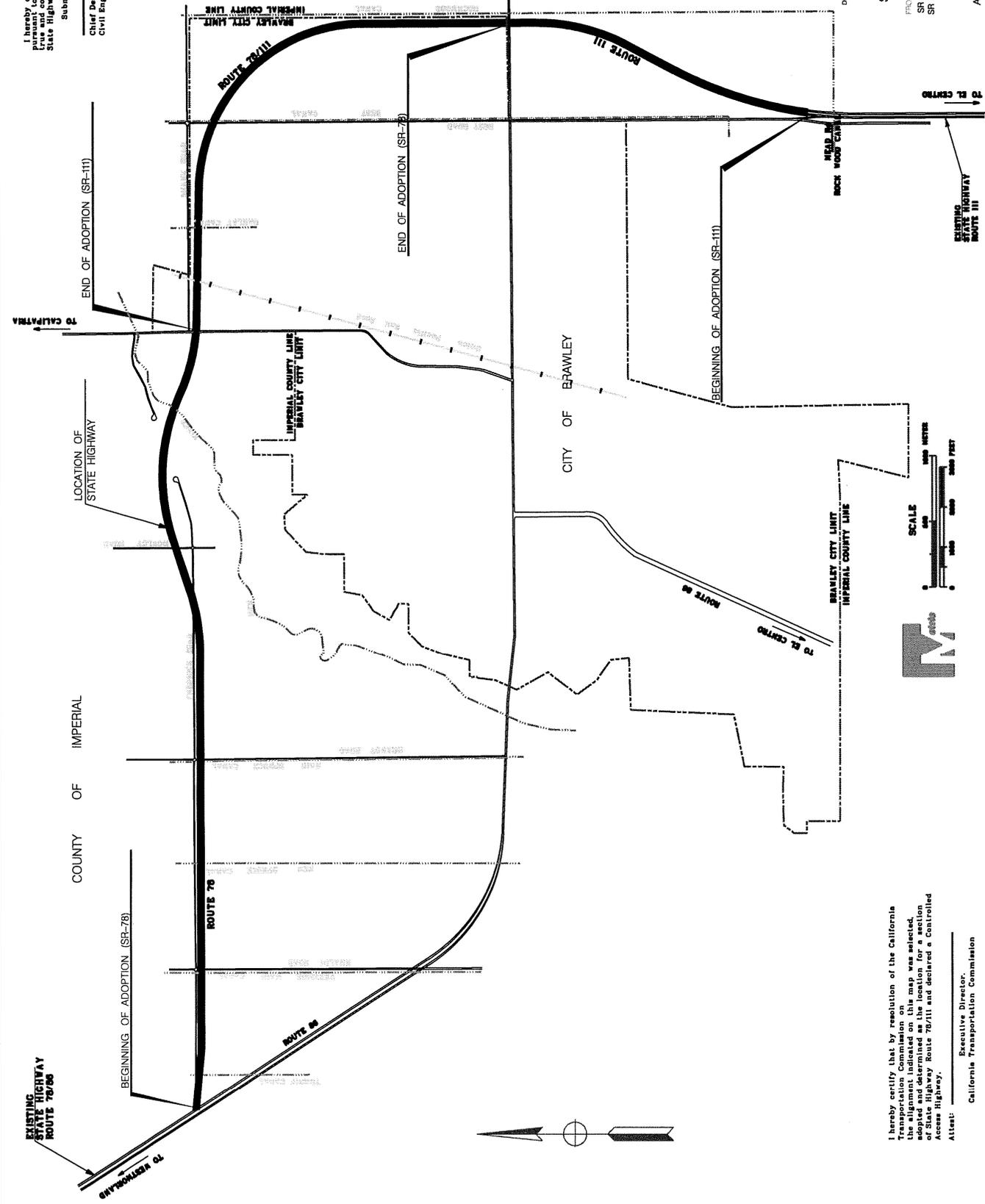
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the California Transportation Commission that pursuant to the authority vested in it by law, this Commission does hereby select, adopt and determine the location of that segment of State Highway Route 78, northwest of the City of Brawley, to State Route 111, southwest of the City of Brawley, in Imperial County and officially designated as 11-IMP-78/111, as said location is shown on the map submitted on April 1, 2003 by Karla Sutliff, Chief, Division of Design; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Commission has found and determined and hereby declares that such the location of said State highway is for the best interest of the State.

I hereby certify that this map was prepared pursuant to and under my direction and is a true and correct map of a section of proposed State Highway Route 78/111.

Submitted: _____

Chief Design Engineer
Civil Engineer License No. _____



I hereby certify that by resolution of the California Transportation Commission on the alignment indicated on this map was selected, adopted and determined as the location for a section of State Highway 78/111 and declared a Controlled Access Highway.

Attest: _____
Executive Director,
California Transportation Commission

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

MAP SHOWING
LOCATION OF
STATE HIGHWAY

IN IMPERIAL COUNTY
SR 78 KP R4.6R24.8 (PM R09.1R15.4)
SR 111 KP R33.0R33.7 (PM R20.5R24.7)

11-IMP-78/111
A CONTROLLED
ACCESS HIGHWAY

IN IMPERIAL COUNTY
RTE 78 KP R4.6/R24.8 (PM R09.1/R15.4)
RTE 111 KP R33.0/R33.7 (PM R20.5/R24.7)