

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: May 21-22, 2003

Reference No.: 2.2c.(3)
Action Item

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Ref: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING, 07-LA-1, KP 25.7 (PM 16.0), RESOLUTION NUMBER E-03-13**

ISSUE:

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

- Improve an intersection in the City of Torrance.

This project will improve an intersection in the City of Torrance. The estimated total project cost is \$16,600,000 with \$2,000,000 in Traffic Congestion Relief Program funds already committed. The project is not fully funded, with \$14,600,000 remaining to be identified. The project will be included in the submittal to Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) call for projects for the 2004 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

The Negative Declaration and supporting Initial Study have 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-03-13.

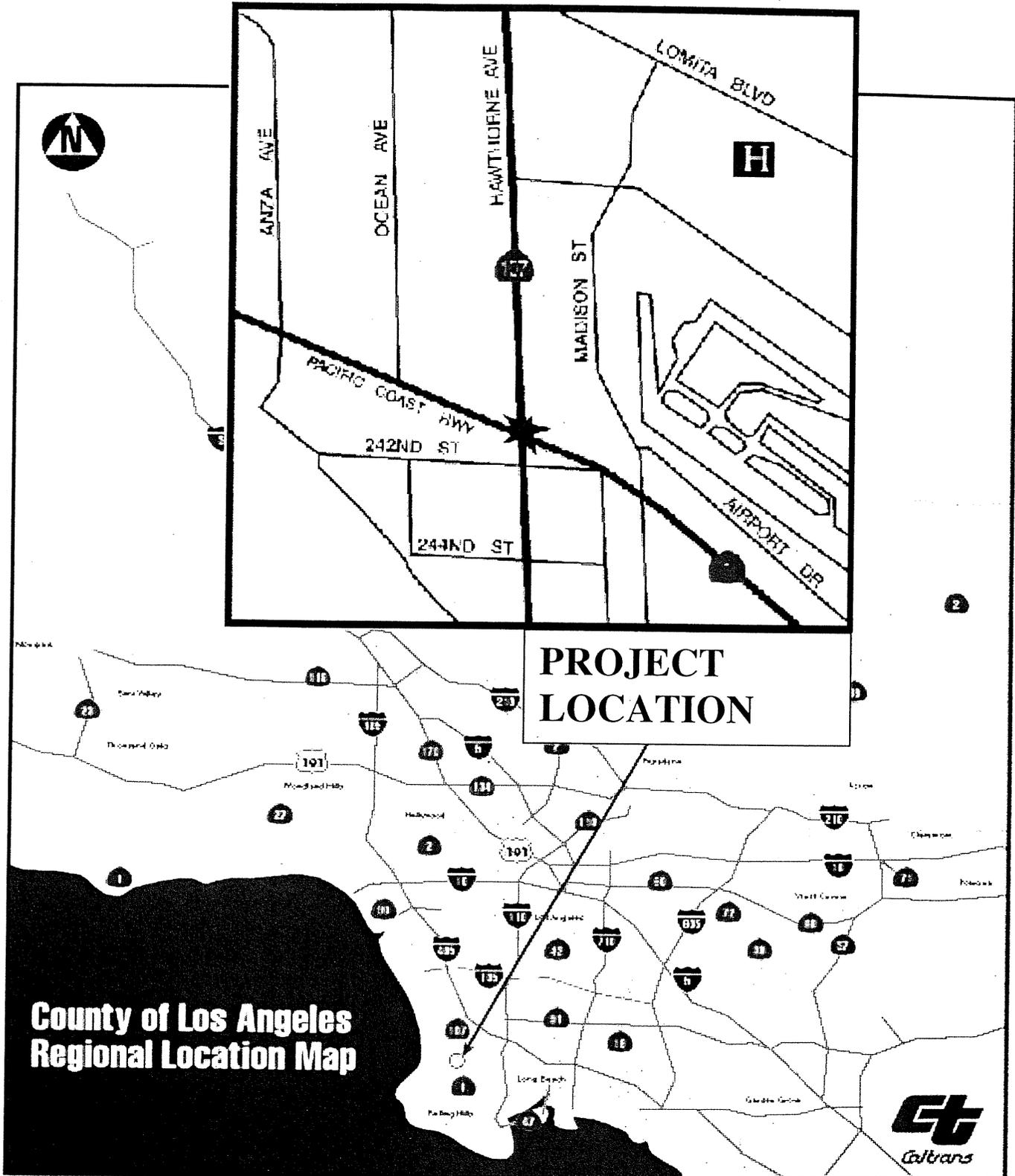
Attachment(s)

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding
07-LA-1, KP 25.7 (PM 16.0)**

Resolution E-03-13

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Negative Declaration in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - Route 1 in Los Angeles County – Improve an intersection in the City of Torrance.
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the Department has certified that the Negative Declaration has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines for its implementation; and
- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a responsible agency, has considered the information contained in the Negative Declaration; and
- 1.4 **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 to allow for future consideration of funding.



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Figure 1

07-LA-1 KP 25.7 (PM 16.0)
07-LA-107 KP 0.0 (PM 0.0)
07-217200

On State Route 1 at State Route 107
From 0.1 KM West of Madison Street to 0.04 KM East of Ocean Avenue
07-SR-1 KP 25.7 (PM 16.0)
07-SR-107 KP 0.0 (PM 0.0)
In the City of Torrance, in Los Angeles County
07-217200

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT/INITIAL STUDY (EA/IS) and SECTION 4(f) EVALUATION

Submitted Pursuant to: (State) Division 13. Public Resources Code
(Federal) 42 USC 4332(2)(C)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Highway Administration
and
THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Department of Transportation

Oct 10, 2002
Date of Approval


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10/17/02
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PCH/Hawthorne Blvd. - Intersection Improvement Project EA/IS

NEGATIVE DECLARATION (CEQA)

Pursuant to: Division 13, Public Resources Code

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (the Department or "Caltrans") proposes to improve traffic flow and safety at the intersection of State Route-1 (Pacific Coast Highway, PCH) and State Route-107 (Hawthorne Boulevard) through an intersection improvement and reconfiguration project. The proposed project area is located in the City of Torrance, in Los Angeles County. The action is intended to widen and upgrade the intersection via the acquisition of right of way, the construction of dedicated right and left-hand turn pockets, restriping, and resignalization. Utility relocation will be required.

The proposed project is comprised of two build Alternatives that call to improve and reconfigure the intersection as follows:

- Construct two (2) left turn pockets on both eastbound and westbound PCH
- Construct one (1) right turn pocket on both eastbound and westbound PCH
- Construct one (1) exclusive right turn lane on northbound Hawthorne Boulevard to eastbound PCH

When considering the existing configuration, the proposed project would add:

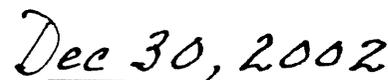
- One (1) left hand turn pocket on both eastbound and westbound PCH
- One (1) right turn pocket on both eastbound and westbound PCH
- One (1) exclusive right turn lane on northbound Hawthorne Boulevard to eastbound PCH

Determination

An Initial Study has been prepared by Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). On the basis of this study, it is determined that the proposed project will not have a significant effect upon the environment for the following reasons: (1) the proposed project will not significantly affect topography, seismic exposure, floodplains, wetlands, or water quality; (2) the proposed project will not significantly affect natural vegetation, sensitive, endangered, or threatened plant or animal species, or agriculture; (3) the proposed project will not significantly increase amounts solid waste or increase the consumption of energy and natural resources; (4) the proposed project may uncover hazardous waste, but any reuse or disposal of contaminated soil will be in conformance with the California Department of Toxic Substances Control regulations; (5) the proposed project will not significantly affect air quality; (6) the proposed project may affect noise levels, but noise barriers are not practical or desirable since the vast majority of the project segment is currently designated as commercial use or because noise barriers would obstruct existing driveways; (7) the proposed project will not significantly affect land use, public facilities, or other socioeconomic features; (8) the proposed project will not require acquisition of significant amounts of property; (9) the proposed project will not significantly affect aesthetics, parklands, open space, or cultural, paleontological, historic, or scenic resources.



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Date of Approval