

# Memorandum

**To:** Chair and Commissioners

**Date:** May 12, 2003

**From:** Diane C. Eidam,  
Executive Director

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

**Ref:** Approval of Project for Future Consideration of Funding Oceanside Transit Center Parking Structure (Final Environmental Impact Report), (TCRP #123) Resolution E-03-15

**Issue:** Should the Commission adopt the attached resolution to approve future consideration of funding to construct the Oceanside Transit Center Parking Facility in the City of Oceanside?

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Commission, as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-03-15. As a responsible agency, the Commission must approve this resolution prior to allocating capital funds to the Oceanside Transit Center Parking Facility project.

**Background:** This resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding the following project for which a Final Environmental Impact Report under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) has been completed:

- Oceanside Transit Center Parking Facility.  
A 3-level, 450-stall parking structure. The structure will have two covered parking levels and the third, or upper level, will be uncovered parking. The structure will be approximately 375 feet by 138 feet. The height of the upper level will be approximately 28 feet above the ground with the top of the elevator shafts at almost 40 feet. The proposed parking structure site is owned by the City of Oceanside and is located north of the Oceanside Transit Center and east of the railroad right-of-way.

The Oceanside Transit Center is located in downtown Oceanside, and is operated by the North San Diego County Transit Development Board, also known as the North County Transit District (NCTD). The Oceanside Transit Center is a multimodal facility that accommodates NCTD fixed-route bus service; Greyhound interregional bus service; Amtrak, intercity San Diegan rail service; Metrolink, interregional commuter rail service; and Coaster, commuter rail service.

The transit center currently has surface parking lots located south and west of the transit center. During peak commute times, these surface parking lots fill up and parking spills over onto city streets surrounding the transit center. There are 138 on-street parking stalls located on the streets surrounding the transit center. The City of Oceanside and NCTD would like to reduce the transit center's dependence on these on-street parking stalls and provide off-street parking for the center's clients. In addition to accommodating current commuter parking needs, NCTD and the City would like to accommodate near-term future Oceanside transit growth. The project will not meet the projected long-term parking demand.

The Commission set forth under Resolution TA-01-07 the following condition that remains in effect: Prior to an allocation of capital funds, the City of Oceanside must coordinate with the North County Transit District to develop a parking management plan that, among other requirements, provides for procedures to ensure that designated parking spaces are for the exclusive use of transit riders, and ensures the commuter parking spaces are maintained and operated separate from any retail parking.

The current estimate for the project is \$9.1 million, of which \$1.5 million is proposed through the Traffic Congestion Relief (TCR) Program, Project #123, \$4.0 million through the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Project # PPNO 2029 and the remaining \$3.6 million will come from committed federal and local sources.

The City of Oceanside has approved the Final Environmental Impact Report. The Final Environmental Impact Report has been transmitted to the Commission.

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 Oceanside Transit Center Parking Facility San Diego County

Resolution E-03-15

- 1.1 WHEREAS** the City of Oceanside has completed a Final Environmental Impact Report in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the CEQA Guidelines, and the California Transportation Commission Environmental Regulations for the following project
- Oceanside Transit Center Parking Facility.  
A 3-level, 450-stall parking structure. The structure will have two covered parking levels and the third, or upper level, will be uncovered parking. The structure will be approximately 375 feet by 138 feet. The height of the upper level will be approximately 28 feet above the ground with the top of the elevator shafts at almost 40 feet. The proposed parking structure site is owned by the City of Oceanside and is located north of the Oceanside Transit Center and east of the railroad right-of-way.
- 1.2 WHEREAS** the California Transportation Commission, as a responsible agency, has considered the information contained in the Final Environmental Impact Report; and
- 1.3 WHEREAS** the project will not have a significant adverse impact 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.