

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: September 24-25, 2003

Reference No.: 2.2c.(8)
Action Item

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Ref: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING, 05-SB/SLO-166, KP 88.5/113.6 (PM 55.1/70.6), RESOLUTION NUMBER E-03-29**

ISSUE:

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

- Overlay existing pavement and widen existing lanes and shoulders in New Cuyama.

This project is fully funded in the 2002 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) for \$21,626,000. Construction is scheduled to begin in FY 2005/06.

The Negative Declaration and supporting Initial Study have been transmitted to California Transportation Commission staff.

The Department of Transportation (Department) 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-03-29.

Attachment(s)

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding
05-SB/SLO-166, KP 88.5/113.6 (PM 55.1/70.6),**

Resolution E-03-29

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Negative Declaration in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - Route 166 in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties – Overlay existing pavement and widen existing lanes and shoulders in New Cuyama.
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the Department has certified that the Negative Declaration has been completed in compliance with 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.

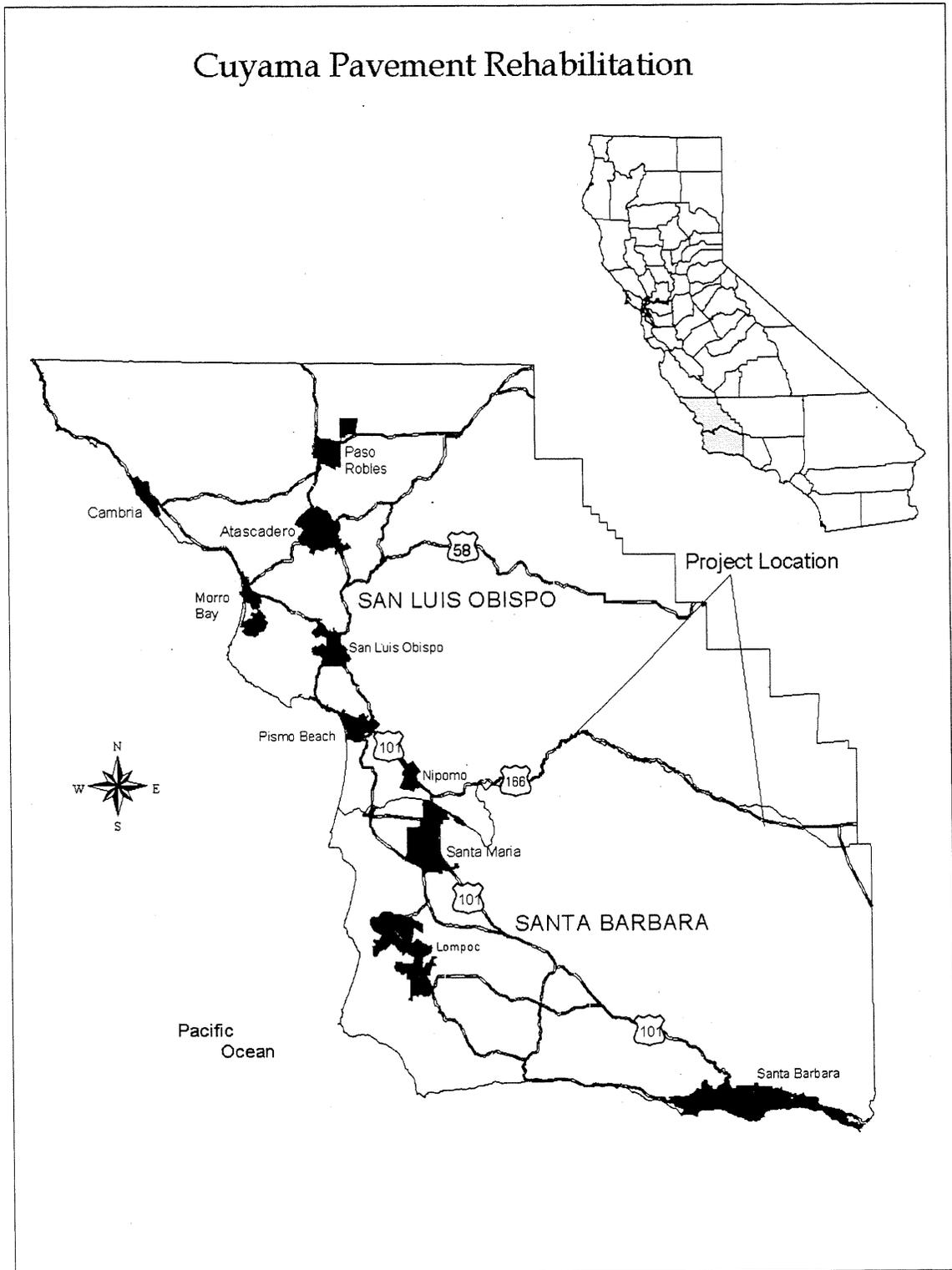


Figure 6: Vicinity Map