

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Ref: **FINANCIAL ALLOCATION FOR PROJECTS THAT EXCEED 20 PERCENT OF THE  
PROGRAMMED AMOUNT  
RESOLUTION FP-05-XX**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) consider the following resolution pending the availability of funds for lower priority projects as determined in the allocation plan.

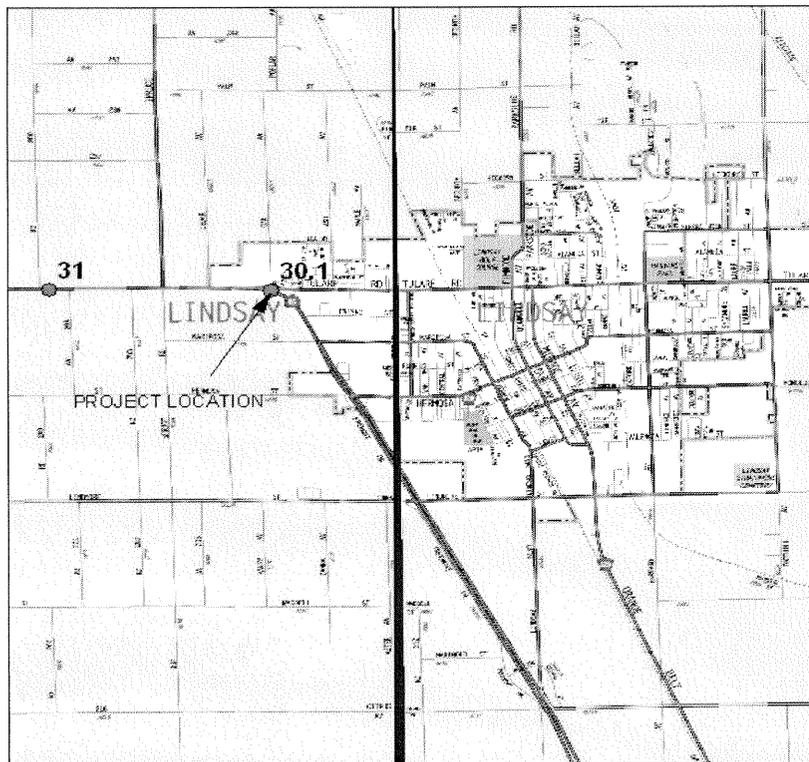
## **FINANCIAL RESOLUTION:**

Resolved that \$300,000 be allocated from the Budget Act of 2005, from Budget Act Items 2660-301-0042 and 2660-301-0890 to provide funds for the project listed below. This major construction project is included in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

## **SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS:**

This resolution allocates State and Federal funds of \$300,000 for one (1) new major construction project that is programmed in the STIP. The project has construction costs that exceed its programmed amount by more than 20 percent, totaling \$300,000.

Project # Allocation Amount Recipient County Dist-Co-Rte Postmile	Location Project Description Project Support Expenditures	EA (PPNO) Program (Prog Year) Prog Amount	Budget Year Item # Program Codes	State Federal Total Amount
<b>2.5d.(3) Allocations for Projects with Cost Increases Greater than 20 Percent of Programmed Amount Resolution: FP-05-XX</b>				
1 \$300,000 Department of Transportation TCAG Tulare 06S-TUL-99 30.1/31.0	In Tulare County, at Prosperity Avenue. Landscape.  Final Project Development Support Estimate: \$13,000 Programmed Amount: \$40,000 Adjustment: \$0  Final Right-of-Way Share Adjustment: N/A	388211 06-6405Y RIP / 05-06 \$0 \$0 \$35,000 \$300,000	2005-06 801-3008 301-0042 301-0890 20.20.075.600	\$35,000 \$265,000 - \$300,000



**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

This project is located in the City of Tulare on Route 99 at the Prosperity Avenue Interchange. The interchange reconstruction project (EA 06-388204) consisted of significant earthwork and paving operations that would disturb and remove the existing landscaping. The landscape portion of the project was deferred until the major roadwork was completed. This project is the split-off landscape project from the parent project (EA 06-388204). The project will install irrigation pipes, watering systems, and new ground cover, vines, shrubs, and trees as replacement for these items that were removed as a result of a related project.

FUNDING STATUS

The project is currently programmed in the 2004 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for \$155,000 for construction in the FY 2005-06. This request for \$300,000 will result in an increase of 93% above the programmed amount.

REASON FOR INCREASE

The current estimate is \$300,000, representing an increase of \$145,000 over the programmed amount. The reason for this cost increase is that the interchange reconstruction plans did not accurately depict the northbound loop on ramp cut slope. Additional trees, planting and irrigation system had to be removed from this cut slope area. As a result, the planting area was broadened and resulting in a corresponding cost increase.

The final cost estimate represents the latest bid item costs as of July 29, 2005. The project's plans, specifications, and estimate (PS&E) package was submitted to the Department's Office Engineer on October 21, 2004, and the right-of-way (R/W) was certified on August 11, 2005. The project is ready for advertisement.

FUNDING OPTIONS

OPTION A: Approve this request as represented above for \$300,000 to allow this project to be advertised. This will allow the Department to meet its commitment to replace established planting that was removed as part of the interchange reconstruction project. The Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) is also in support of this request.

OPTION B: Deny this request and direct the Department to downscale the project to remain within the proposed amount. The Department has reviewed the project scope of work and is unable to identify any options that would reduce the project cost increase to below 20 percent of the programmed dollars. Any reduction of the scope of work will result in not meeting the project's purpose and need.

RECOMMENDED OPTION

The Department recommends that this request for \$300,000, as represented in Option A above, be approved pending the availability of funds for lower priority projects as determined in the allocation plan.