

Memorandum

To: Chair and Commissioners

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Executive Director

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ACTION

Ref: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING –
CONSTRUCTION OF THE SWANSTON TRANSIT CENTER AND REALIGNMENT OF
THE LUMBERJACK CURVE IN SACRAMENTO (TCRP #116.) (FINAL ND)
RESOLUTION E-05-23**

Issue: Should the Commission approve the Sacramento Regional Transit District's (RT) Final Negative Declaration for construction of a light rail transit center and re-aligning Lumberjack curve near Arden Way in Sacramento in Sacramento County?

Recommendation: Commission staff recommends that the Commission, as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-05-23. As a responsible agency, the Commission must approve this Resolution prior to allocating funds for capital purposes to the proposed project.

The proposed project would convert an existing 5.5-acre station into a transit center consisting of 8 bus bays, parking and a small transit village. Currently, if TCRP funding is not available, the proposed light rail transit center will be constructed later with other funds. The Lumberjack curve realignment is fully funded at \$25.977 million with the bulk of the revenues from the TCR Program (\$25 million) and other state and local revenues. The Lumberjack curve realignment is part of RT's plan to re-align, straighten and double-track the line between Roseville Road and Watt Avenue/I-80 stations, so that it can provide express rail service in the Northeast Corridor of the Sacramento/Roseville area.

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

- Sacramento Regional Transit District – enhance the existing Swanston Transit Center to function as a transit center and re-align, straighten and double track the Lumberjack curve so that express rail service can be provided in the Northeast Corridor of the Sacramento area in Sacramento County.

The Final Negative Declaration has been transmitted to Commission staff. The Commission's 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.

Attachment

CTCmemo1205 Swanston transit ctr Lumberjack curve realignment Final ND.doc

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**Resolution for Approval of Project for Consideration of Future Funding
To enhance the existing Swanston Transit Center to function as a transit center
And
Re-align, straighten and double track the Lumberjack curve
In the Northeast Corridor of Sacramento County.**

Resolution E-05-23

- 1.1** **WHEREAS**, the Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) completed a Final Negative Declaration in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the CEQA Guidelines, and the California Transportation Commission Environmental Regulations for the following project:
- Sacramento Regional Transit District – enhance the existing Swanston Transit Center to function as a transit center and re-align, straighten and double track the Lumberjack curve so that express rail service can be provided in the Northeast Corridor of the Sacramento area in Sacramento County.
- 1.2** **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a responsible agency, has considered the information contained in the Final Negative Declaration; and
- 1.3** **WHEREAS**, the RT has considered the record taken as a whole and found that the project will not individually or cumulatively have an adverse impact on wildlife resources or habitat.
- 2.1** **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Commission, as a responsible agency, finds that the:
- Sacramento Regional Transit District project to enhance the existing Swanston Transit Center to function as a transit center and to re-align, straighten and double track the Lumberjack curve so that express rail service can be provided in the Northeast Corridor of the Sacramento area in Sacramento County is approved for future consideration of funding.