

Memorandum

To: Chair and Commissioners

Date: May 15, 2006

From: John Barna
Executive Director

File No: Ref. Agenda 2.2c.(1)
ACTION

Ref: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING –
AIRPORT ROAD – RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT FROM RIVERSIDE AVENUE TO
DERSCH ROAD, REPLACE BRIDGE AND WIDEN ROAD IN SHASTA COUNTY
(TCRP #128) (FINAL ND) RESOLUTION E-06-13**

Issue: Should the Commission approve the Shasta County Board of Supervisors' Final Negative Declaration for widening Airport Road from Riverside Avenue to Dersch Road, as well as replacing the bridge on Airport Road near the City of Anderson in Shasta County?

Recommendation: Commission staff recommends that the Commission, as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-06-13. As a responsible agency, the Commission must approve this Resolution prior to allocating funds for capital purposes on the proposed project.

The proposed project (TCRP #128) is needed because the existing two-lane bridge has structural deficiencies due to scour and deteriorating girders. Further, the bridge does not meet safety standards in terms of its shoulders and for bicyclist and pedestrian use. The bridge and existing road that serves as its approach encroaches into the 100-year flood plain of the Sacramento River. Lastly, traffic congestion on the bridge is at level of service E.

The proposed project would widen about 4800 feet of road to a four-lane facility to reduce traffic congestion, replace the current bridge with a new four-lane bridge that meets safety standards, provides shoulders and bicycle and pedestrian access, and lengthens the bridge and span placement to reduce river and flood plain encroachments. The proposed project is fully funded with a combination of federal, state and local funds totaling \$21.450 million. The bulk of the funding comes from \$18 million in federal Bridge Rehabilitation funds and \$3 million in Traffic Congestion Relief Program funds.

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):

- Airport Road near Anderson City – Reconstruction project from Riverside Avenue to Dersch Road, replace bridge and widen road in Shasta County. (TCRP #128) Resolution E-06-13

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

CTCmemo0606 airport road widening tcrp 128 Final ND.doc

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**RESOLUTION
Approval Of Project
For Consideration Of Future Funding
Of
Airport Road Near Anderson City,
Reconstruction Project From Riverside Avenue To Dersch Road,
Replace Bridge And Widen Road In Shasta County.**

Resolution E-06-13

- 1.1** **WHEREAS**, Shasta County 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:
- Reconstruction project of Airport Road from Riverside Avenue to Dersch Road to replace a bridge and widen the road in Shasta 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 Shasta County Board of Supervisors 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:
- Reconstruction project of Airport Road from Riverside Avenue to Dersch Road to replace a bridge and widen the road in Shasta County is approved for future consideration of funding.