

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING**  
**10-Mer-165, PM 11.7/26.9**  
**RESOLUTION E-07-14**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-07-14.

## **ISSUE:**

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

- Route 165 in Merced County – Roadway improvements near Stevinson.

This project in Merced County will make roadway improvements near Stevinson. This project is fully funded in the 2006 State Highway Operations and Protection Program. The total estimated project cost, support and capital, is \$25,087,000. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10.

A copy of the Mitigated Negative Declaration has been provided to Commission staff. Project construction is in an area that is habitat to several federally listed special status species, including the California tiger salamander, the giant garter snake, and the western burrowing owl. As a result, a Mitigated Negative Declaration was completed for this project.

The Department has approved this project for construction. This approval and the 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.

Attachments

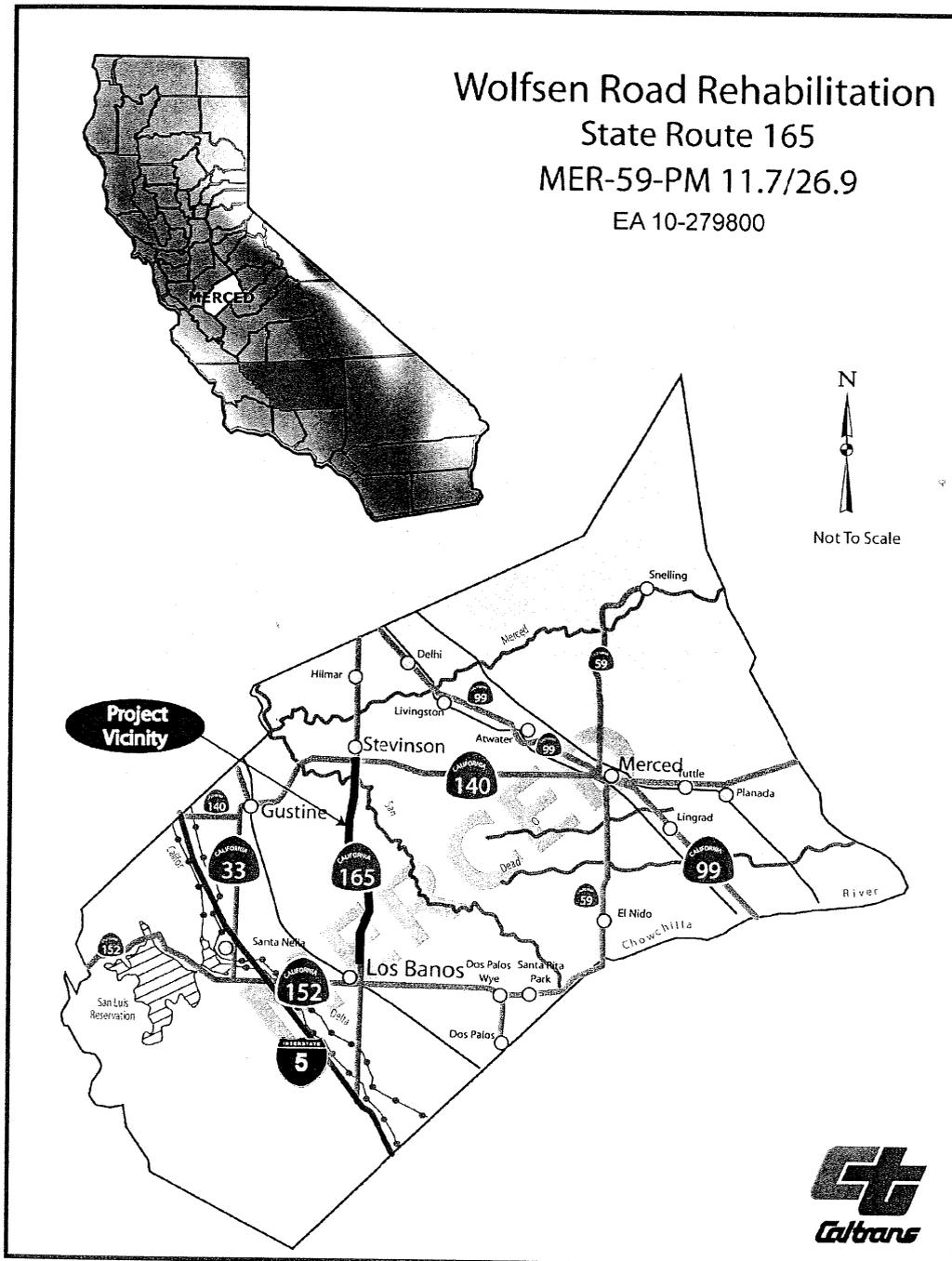
## **CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

### **Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding**

**10-Mer-165, PM 11.7/26.9**

**Resolution E-07-14**

- 1.1** **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- Route 165 in Merced County – Roadway improvements near Stevinson.
- 1.2** **WHEREAS**, the Department has certified that the Mitigated Negative Declaration has been completed pursuant to 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 Mitigated 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 1** Project Vicinity Map