

Memorandum

To: Chair and Commissioners

Date: July 15, 2007

From: John F. Barna, Jr.
Executive Director

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ACTION

Ref: APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR NEW ROAD CONNECTION IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY – NEW ROAD CONNECTION NEAR THE CITY OF ANTIOCH (EIR) RESOLUTION E-07-16

Issue: Should the Commission approve the State Route 4 Joint Exercise of Powers Agency’s (JEPA) Final Environmental Impact Report for the State Route 4 Bypass Project near the City of Antioch, Contra Costa County?

Recommendation: Commission staff recommends that the Commission, as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-07-16. As a responsible agency, the Commission must approve this Resolution for the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR), prior to considering a road connection request by the JEPA to connect the State Route 4 bypass to the existing State Route 4.

This project would connect Segment 1 of the State Route 4 six-lane bypass to State Route 4 near the State Route 4/State Route 160 curve. The proposed project is fully funded with local funds. The estimated cost of the project is \$106 million and is expected to be completed in the fall of 2007.

Background: A Final EIR has been completed under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the following project:

- State Route 4 Bypass and connection to State Route 4 near the City of Antioch, Contra Costa County.

Commission staff received the Final EIR. 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

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Approval of Final Environmental Impact Report To Permit Consideration of Road Connection Of the State Route 4 Bypass to State Route 4 Near the City of Antioch, Contra Costa County

Resolution E-07-16

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the State Route 4 Joint Exercise of Powers Agency's (JEPA) completed a Final Environmental Impact Report in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the CEQA Guidelines, and the California Transportation Commission Environmental Regulations for the following project:
 - State Route 4 Bypass and new road connection to State Route 4 near the City of Antioch, Contra Costa County.
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a responsible agency, has considered the information contained in the Final Environmental Impact Report; and
- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, the State Route 4 JEPA 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, approves the:
 - Final Environmental Impact Report for the State Route 4 Bypass Project and that the Commission will consider a road connection request to Route 4 near the City of Antioch, Contra Costa County.