

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: October 29-30, 2008

Reference No.: 2.2c.(2)
Action Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR CONSIDERATION OF ROUTE ADOPTION**
06-FRE-180, PM 65.3/66.9
RESOLUTION E-08-15

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-08-15.

ISSUE:

The attached resolution proposes to approve for consideration of route adoption for the following project for which a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been completed:

- Route 180 in Fresno County – Update the Department’s freeway agreement, pursue a route adoption for this segment, and identify an interchange for future construction.

This MND in Fresno County will update the Department’s freeway agreement and identify an interchange for future construction. This project for the freeway agreement and subsequent route adoption only is fully funded. Funding for the interchange has yet to be identified. A separate project and environmental evaluation will be conducted once a future build project is proposed.

A copy of the MND has been provided to the Commission staff. An Initial Study was prepared to determine the level of impacts to the non-motorized traffic currently using the expressway. The freeway agreement would designate Route 180 from Temperance Avenue to DeWolf Avenue as a freeway. Because the Department does not typically allow bicycles on freeways, the access to Route 180 at Temperance Avenue is no longer valid. With mitigation measures incorporated, the proposed project would have less than significant impacts on bicycle and pedestrian facilities and plans, policies, and programs supporting alternative transportation.

The Department has approved this update of the Route 180 Freeway Agreement. 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

06-Fre-180, PM 65.3/66.9

Resolution E-08-15

- 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 180 in Fresno County – Update the Department’s freeway agreement, pursue a route adoption for this segment, and identify an interchange for future construction.
- 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.

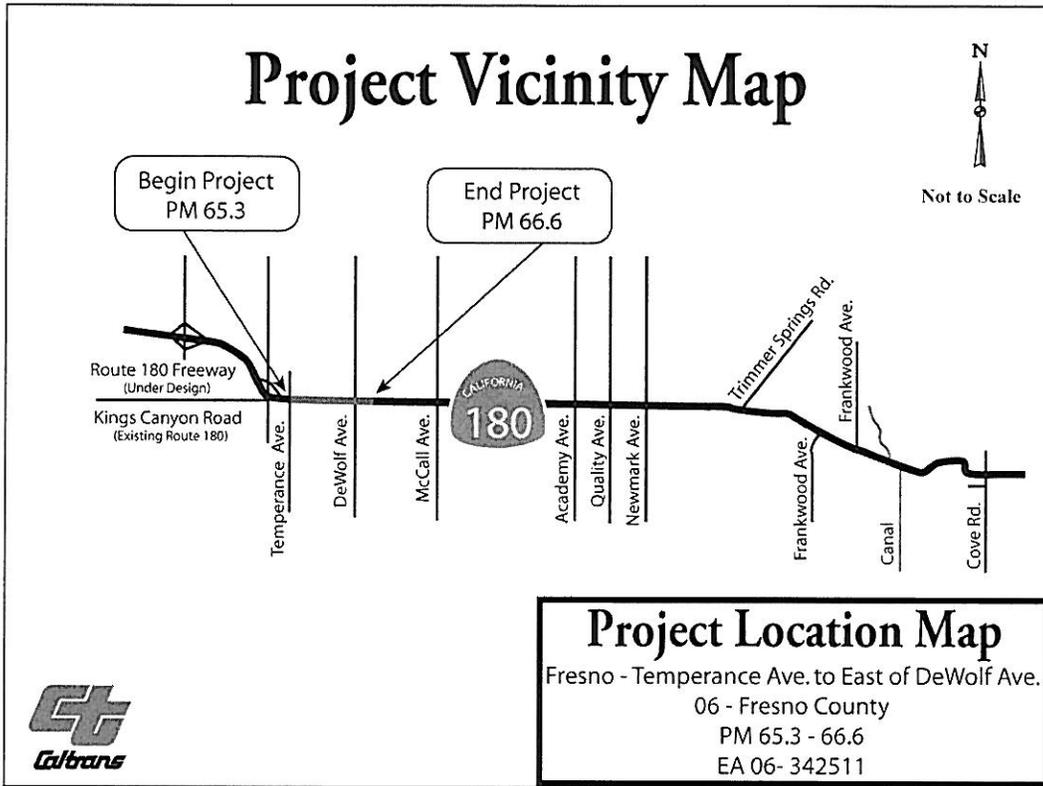


Figure 2 Project Location Map