

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: December 10-11, 2008

Reference No.: 2.2c.(4)
Action Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUNDING**
04-SON-101, PM 21.7/29.3
RESOLUTION E-08-24

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-08-24.

ISSUE:

The attached resolution proposes to approve the following project for which a Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) has been completed:

- Route 101 in Sonoma County – Widen Route 101 from four to six lanes between Steele Lane Interchange to Windsor River Road Interchange in the unincorporated community of Windsor near Santa Rosa.

This project in Sonoma County would widen the existing four-lane route to six lanes between the Steele Lane interchange and the Windsor River Road interchange in the unincorporated community of Windsor. The project is fully funded in the 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The project is programmed with Corridor Mobility Improvement Account, local, and federal funds. The cost of the project is \$120,260,000. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope set forth in the approved project baseline agreement.

A copy of the FEIR has been provided to Commission staff. Construction of the project impacts aquatic habitat of steelhead, coho, and chinook salmon, which are federally-listed species; and western pond turtle, northwestern pond turtle, northern red-legged frog, and foothill yellow-legged frog, which are state species of concern. Additionally loss of mature vegetation and redwood trees, permanent impacts to waters of the U.S., and the public controversy regarding the project resulted in an environmental impact report being completed for this project. Due to mitigation such as revegetation, tree replacement, aesthetic design treatments, riparian and aquatic habitat restoration, and relocation of identified turtle and frog species encountered during surveys, impacts were determined to be less than significant.

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.

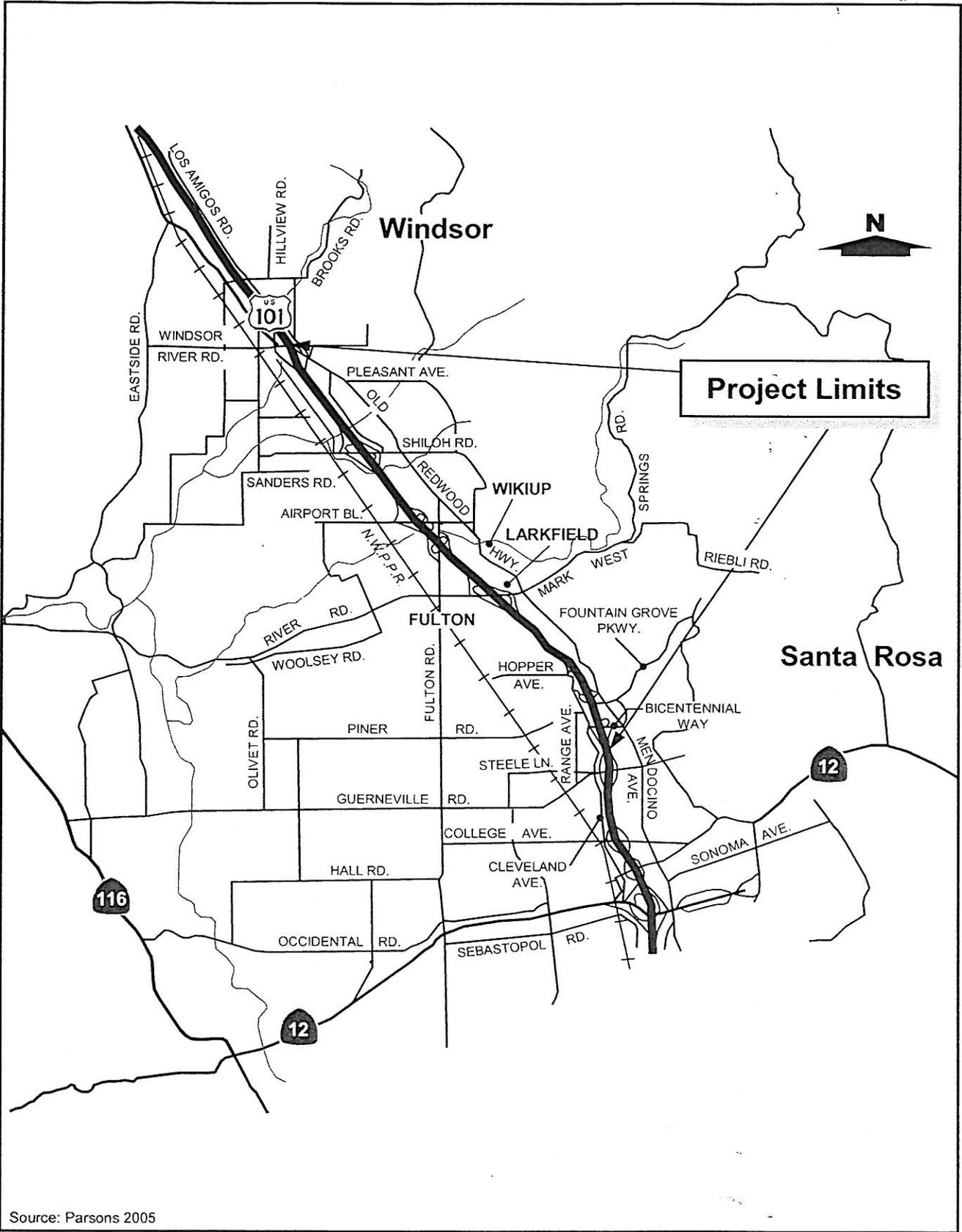
Attachments

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Funding 04-Son-101, PM 21.7/29.3 Resolution E-08-24

- 1.1** **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Final Environmental Impact Report pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:

 - Route 101 in Sonoma County – Widen Route 101 from four to six lanes between Steele Lane Interchange to Windsor River Road Interchange in the unincorporated community of Windsor near Santa Rosa.
- 1.2** **WHEREAS**, the Department has certified that the Final Environmental Impact Report 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 Final Environmental Impact Report; and
- 1.4** **WHEREAS**, the Final Environmental Impact Report did not identify significant effects after mitigation.
- 2.1** **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby approve the above referenced project to allow for funding.



Source: Parsons 2005

SCTA Highway 101 HOV Lane Widening Project:
 Steele Lane, Santa Rosa to
 Windsor River Road, Windsor



PROJECT VICINITY
 Figure 1.1-2