

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: January 14, 2009

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Action Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
04-SON-101, PM 7.5/13.9
RESOLUTION E-09-02**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-09-02.

ISSUE:

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

- Route 101 in Sonoma County – Construct roadway improvements that include the construction of an additional high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane in each direction between Old Redwood Highway and the Rohnert Park Expressway in the cities of Petaluma, Cotati and Rohnert Park. (PPNO 0775)

This project will construct roadway improvements to a 6.4 mile long section of Route 101 in Sonoma County. The improvements will include the construction of an additional HOV lane in each direction. The additional lanes will be constructed in the existing median. The project is programmed with corridor mobility improvement account funds, state transportation improvement program funds, and local funds. The total estimated project cost, capital and support, is \$118,250,000. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2009-10. 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. The project will involve construction activities along an existing facility but will require the acquisition of additional right-of-way resulting in potential impacts to water quality and noise. Construction activities will occur in habitat areas of several endangered or threatened plant and animal species. The project will also require both residential and business relocations. As a result, an FEIR 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

04-Son-101, PM 7.5/13.9

Resolution E-09-02

- 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 – Construct roadway improvements that include the construction of an additional high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane in each direction between Old Redwood Highway and the Rohnert Park Expressway in the cities of Petaluma, Cotati and Rohnert Park. (PPNO 0775)
- 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
- 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.

