

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

Date: April 27, 2009

From: BIMLA RHINEHART
Executive Director

File: Book Item 2.2c (8)
Action

Ref: Final Negative Declaration – Imperial Highway Smart Street Improvement Project (Resolution E-09-33)

ISSUE: Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Final Negative Declaration (ND) for the Imperial Highway Smart Street Improvement Project (project) and approve the project to be considered for future funding?

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Commission accept the ND and approve the project to allow for future consideration of funding.

BACKGROUND: The Imperial Highway (Route 90) Smart Street Improvements Project (project) is part of a county-wide Smart Street program intended to ease traffic congestion on over 21 major thoroughfares in Orange County. The project alignment traverses the Cities of La Habra, Fullerton, Brea, Placentia, Yorba Linda, and Anaheim.

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), as the Lead Agency for CEQA, adopted a ND for the project on November 14, 1994. On May 10, 2006, OCTA completed an addendum to the ND. This addendum documents that there are no substantial changes to the circumstances under which the project will be undertaken that require revisions to the previous ND. A supplemental project report on Route 90 (Imperial Highway) at the Associated Road Intersection was also completed and approved by Caltrans on July 19, 2006. OCTA determined that the project will not have a significant effect upon the environment. The ND provides environmental clearance for two projects that are anticipated to be funded through the Proposition 1B State and Local Partnership Program (SLPP) as follows:

Imperial Highway Smart Street – Los Angeles (LA)/Orange County Line to Harbor Boulevard

This project will be implemented by the City of La Habra and includes re-striping Imperial Highway from five to six lanes and adding a continuous raised median between the LA/Orange County line and Beach Boulevard and modifying four intersections and adding bus pads, turnouts, and sound walls at various locations.

The project is estimated to cost \$11,930,088 and is anticipated to be funded with Proposition 1B State and Local Partnership (\$5,965,044) and Local (\$5,965,044) funds. Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2008/09.

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Imperial Highway Project – Imperial Highway and Associated Road Smart Street Project

This project will be implemented by the City of Brea and will increase the capacity and widen the intersection of Imperial Highway and Associated Road.

The project is estimated to cost \$1,900,000 and is anticipated to be funded with Proposition 1B State and Local Partnership (\$200,000) and Local (\$1,700,000) funds. Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2008/09.

Attachments

- Resolution No. 09-33
- Project Location

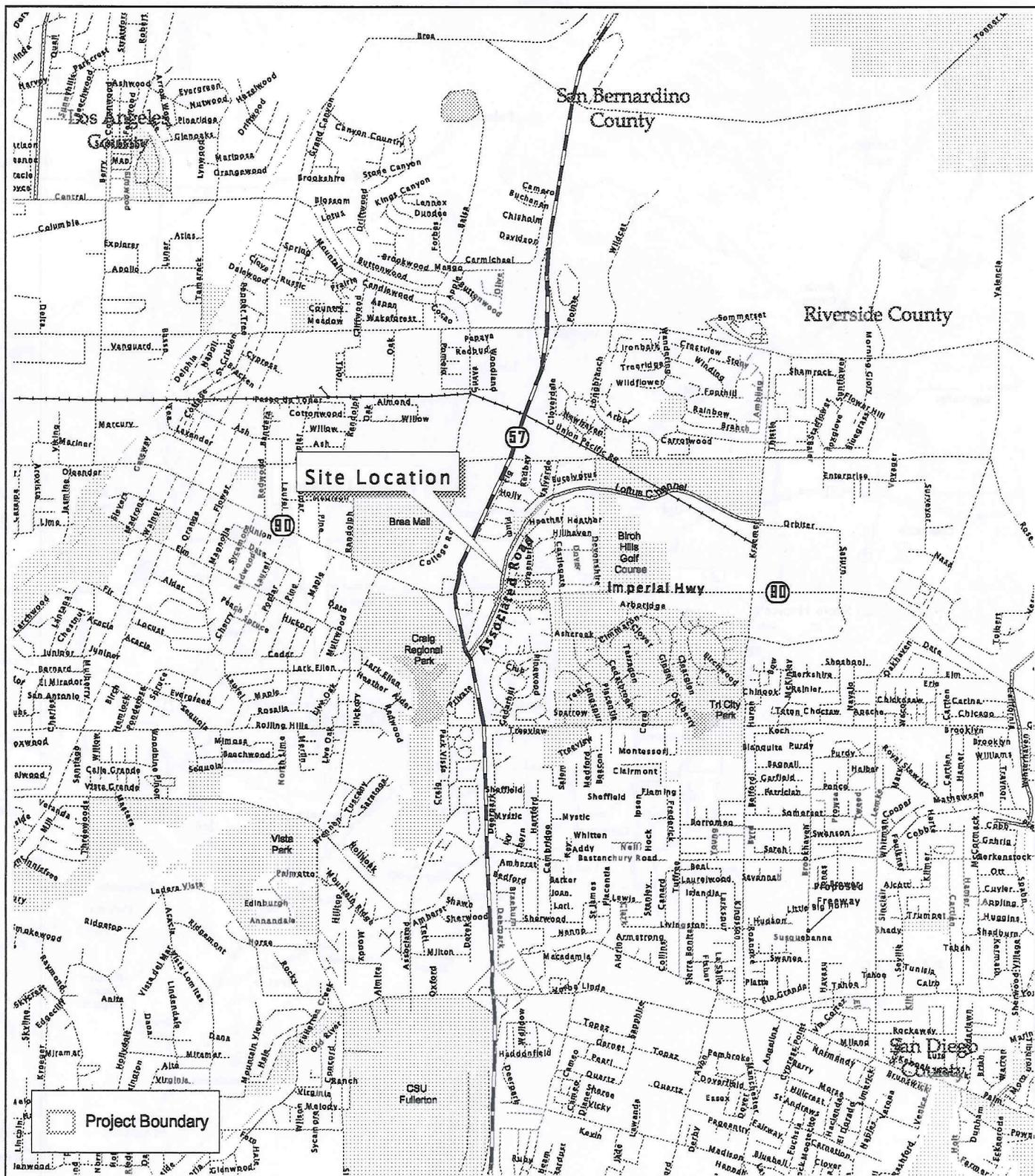
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding

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Resolution E-09-33

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the Orange County Transportation Authority has completed a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - Imperial Highway Smart Street Improvement Project
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the Orange County Transportation Authority has certified that the Negative Declaration has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines for its implementation; and
- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, the project would provide mid block widening, intersection improvements, raised median construction, and signal interconnection to promote efficient vehicular travel and improve safety along the corridor; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Negative Declaration; and
- 1.5 **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.



Local Vicinity

Imperial Highway at Associated Road Intersection Improvements

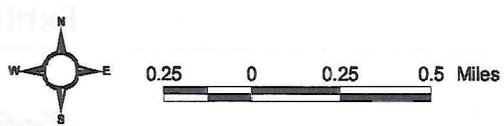


Exhibit 2

