

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: October 14-15, 2009

Reference No.: 2.2c.(3)
Action Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING**
04-SCL-101, PM 52.17/48.97
RESOLUTION E-09-76

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-09-76.

ISSUE:

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

- Route 101 in Santa Clara County. Construct auxiliary lanes, lengthen existing high occupancy vehicle lanes, and improve roadway in the city of Palo Alto. (PPNO 0483I)

This project in Santa Clara County will construct auxiliary lanes, lengthen existing high occupancy vehicle lanes, and construct roadway improvements. The project is programmed in the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account and includes local funds. Total estimated project cost is \$102,258,000, capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2010-11. The project differs from the baseline agreement in that it proposes to extend the existing dual HOV lanes in addition to the original auxiliary lanes originally proposed. This change has been approved by the project delivery team and is documented in the Caltrans First Quarter Fiscal Year 2008-09 Bond Program Project Delivery Report Supplement Corrective Action Report.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will involve construction activities resulting in visual, noise, and temporary air quality effects that will be addressed by aesthetic treatments, bat exclusion measures, and dust control measures. As a result, an MND 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-SCI-101, PM 52.17/48.97

Resolution E-09-76

- 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 101 in Santa Clara County. Construct auxiliary lanes, lengthen existing high occupancy vehicle lanes, and improve roadway in the city of Palo Alto. (PPNO 0483I)
- 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.

US 101 AUXILIARY LANES PROJECT (EMBARCADERO ROAD TO STATE ROUTE 85)



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-  PROPOSED SHOULDER UPGRADE (WITHOUT AUXILIARY LANE)



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