

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action

Ref: Negative Declaration for the Road A15 Rehabilitation from Colorado Street to South City Limit and Road 15 Construction and Rehabilitation Project (Resolution E-09-98)

ISSUE: Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Negative Declaration (ND) for the Road A15 Rehabilitation from Colorado Street to South City Limit and Road 15 Construction and Rehabilitation Project (project) in Plumas County and approve the project for future consideration of funding?

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

BACKGROUND: The City of Portola (City) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. The project includes the reconstruction of approximately 3,140 linear feet of Road A15, also known as Portola McLeards Road. The existing pavement width varies and low or no shoulders are typical along the length of the project. The pavement is in poor condition with severe cracking, rutting and pot holes. The proposed reconstruction will include widening the road to a 24 ft paved traveled way, adding 6' shoulders on each side, reconstructing 5 driveway/road approaches, and other improvements.

On March 28, 2007 the Portola City Council approved and adopted the ND. The City Council found that, based on the Initial Study and supporting documents, that no mitigation measures are needed to avoid potentially significant environmental effects; and that there is no substantial evidence that the project may have a significant effect on the environment.

The project is estimated to cost \$ 2,943,000 and is fully programmed in the STIP. Construction is estimated to begin in FY 2009/10. On October 6, 2009, the City provided confirmation that the preferred alternative set forth in the final environmental document is consistent with the project scope of work programmed by the Commission.

Attachments

- Resolution E-09-98
- Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Consideration of Funding 02-Plumas Resolution E-09-98

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Portola (City) has completed a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - Road A15 Construction and Rehabilitation
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the City 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 will reconstruct approximately 3,140 linear feet of Road A15, also known as Portola McLears Road. The proposed reconstruction will also include road widening, shoulder additions, reconstruction of driveway/road approaches, and other improvements; 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 City found that no mitigation measures are needed to avoid potentially significant environmental effects; and that there is no substantial evidence that the project may have a significant effect on the environment; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, the City approved the Negative Declaration.
- 2.1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby accept the Negative Declaration and approve the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.

VICINITY MAP

