

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: February 24-25, 2010

Reference No.: 2.2c.(6)
Action Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
08-RIV-15, PM 10.3/10.9
RESOLUTION E-10-11**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-10-11.

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 15 in Riverside County. Reconfigure the existing California Oaks Road interchange, and construct roadway improvements in the city of Murrieta. (PPNO 9991)

This project in Riverside County will construct roadway improvements that include modifications to an existing diamond interchange on State Route 15 at California Oaks Road in the city of Murrieta. The project is programmed in the 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program. The total estimated project cost is \$36,208,000 for capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2009-10.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will involve construction activities resulting in both visual effects and biological resource impacts in the form of disturbance of burrowing owl habitat. 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

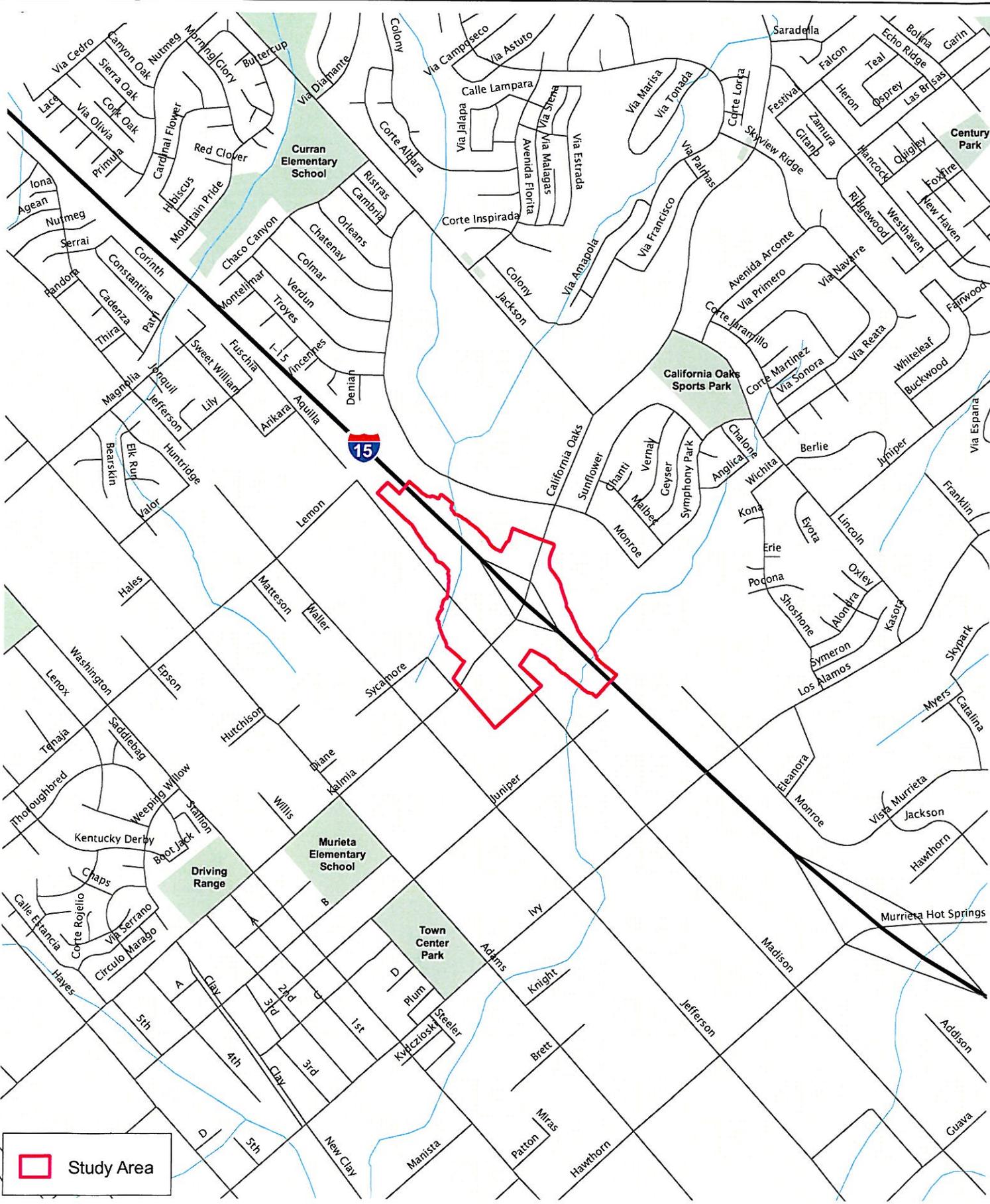
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding

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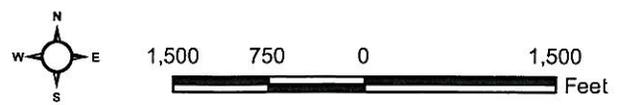
Resolution E-10-11

- 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 15 in Riverside County. Reconfigure the existing California Oaks Road interchange and construct roadway improvements on Route 15 in the city of Murrieta. (PPNO 9991)
- 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.



 Study Area

Local Vicinity I-15/California Oaks Road



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