

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: May 19-20, 2010

Reference No.: 2.2c.(1)
Action Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING**
07-LA-126, PM R4.2/R5.7
RESOLUTION E-10-31

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-10-31.

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 126 in Los Angeles County. Construct a grade-separated interchange at Route 126 and Commerce Drive near the city of Santa Clarita.

This project in Los Angeles County will construct a grade-separated interchange at the existing signalized interchange of Route 126 and Commerce Drive near the city of Santa Clarita. As part of the project, Route 126 would be realigned to the south over a recently constructed embankment. The project is entirely funded from Metro Proposition C funds and private funds from Newhall Land and Farming Company. Total estimated project cost is \$40,900,000 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 that will result in potential impacts to water quality and noise. In addition, construction activities will be occurring in the habitat of the Peirson's morning glory, a federal species of concern. As a result, an MND was completed for this project.

Attachments

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding

07-LA-126, R4.2/R5.7

Resolution E-10-31

- 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 126 in Los Angeles County. Construct a grade-separated interchange at Route 126 and Commerce Drive near the City of Santa Clarita.
- 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.

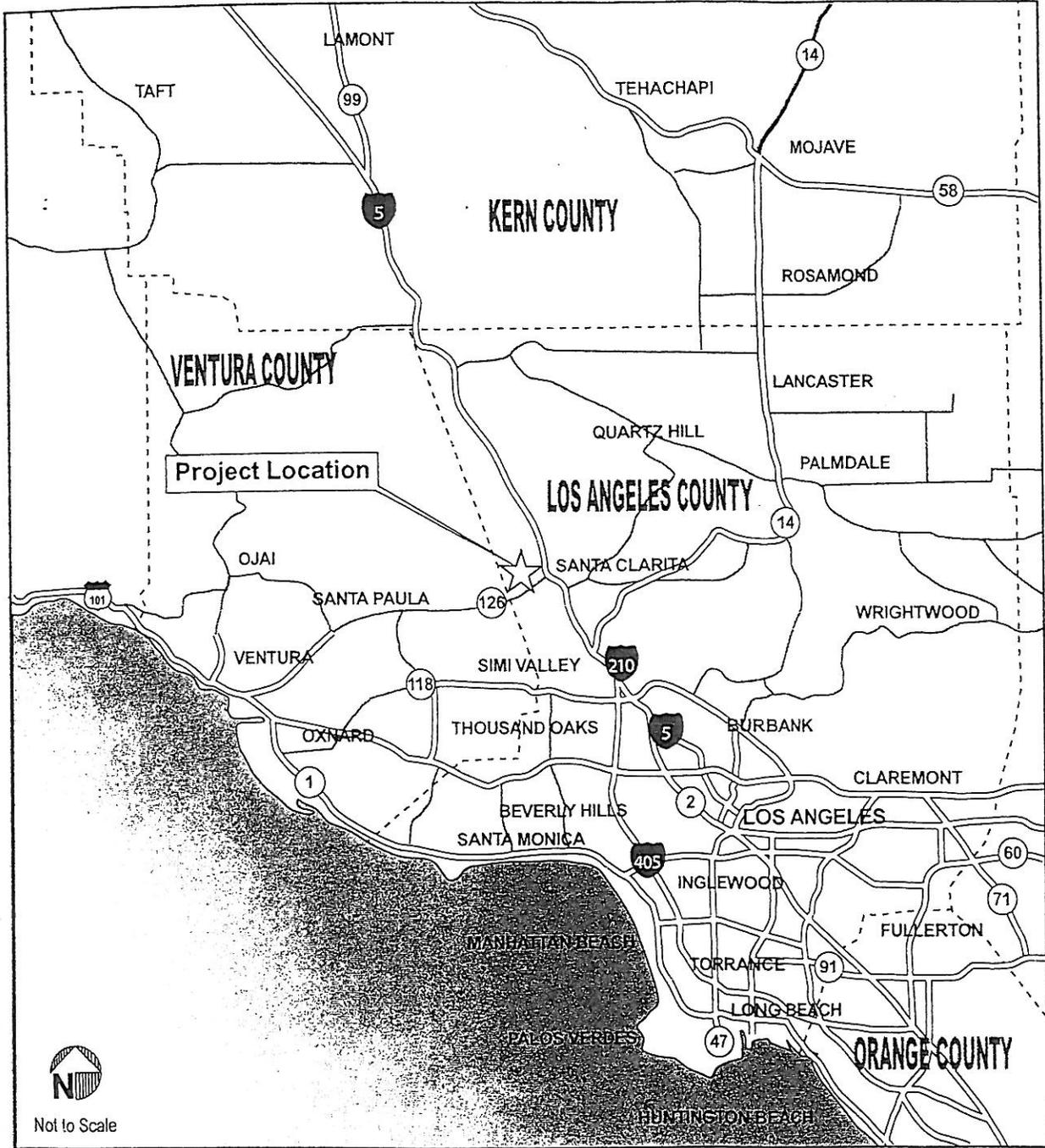


Figure 1.1-1
 Regional Location Map
 SR 126/Commerce Center Drive Interchange
 07-LA-126 KP R6.8-R9.2 (PM R4.2-R5.7)

