

# Memorandum

**To:** CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

**Date:** June 10, 2010

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Executive Director

**File:** Book Item 2.2c (25)  
Action

**Ref:** Negative Declaration for the Riverside Drive Bridge and Grade Separation Replacement Project (Resolution E-10-65)

**ISSUE:** Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Negative Declaration (ND) for the Riverside Drive Bridge and Grade Separation Replacement Project (project) in Los Angeles 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 Los Angeles (City) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. The project will replace the existing Riverside Drive Bridge over the Los Angeles River (Bridge No. 53C-0160) and Riverside Drive Viaduct/Grade Separation Structure (Bridge No. 53C-1932) with an integrated two-lane, standard-curvature bridge. The project will correct various safety defects and improve the local circulation of vehicular traffic. The project will also provide an important link between a segment of the County's bicycle trails system and the City's bicycle routes and facilitates access for cyclists and pedestrians.

On January 4, 2006 the City found that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and mitigation measures are not required. On June 04, 2010 the City confirmed that there are no changes with respect to this project that would require mitigation and the ND remains valid for the project. In addition, on June 04, 2010 the City confirmed that the scope of work set forth in the ND is consistent with the scope of work programmed by the Commission in the Proposition 1B Highway Railroad Crossing Safety Account (HRCSA) Program and included in the SCAG Regional Transportation Plan.

The project is estimated to cost \$55,074,000 and is programmed with Proposition 1B HRCSA (\$5,000,000), Federal (\$41,526,000) and Local (\$8,548,000) funds. Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2009/10.

#### Attachments

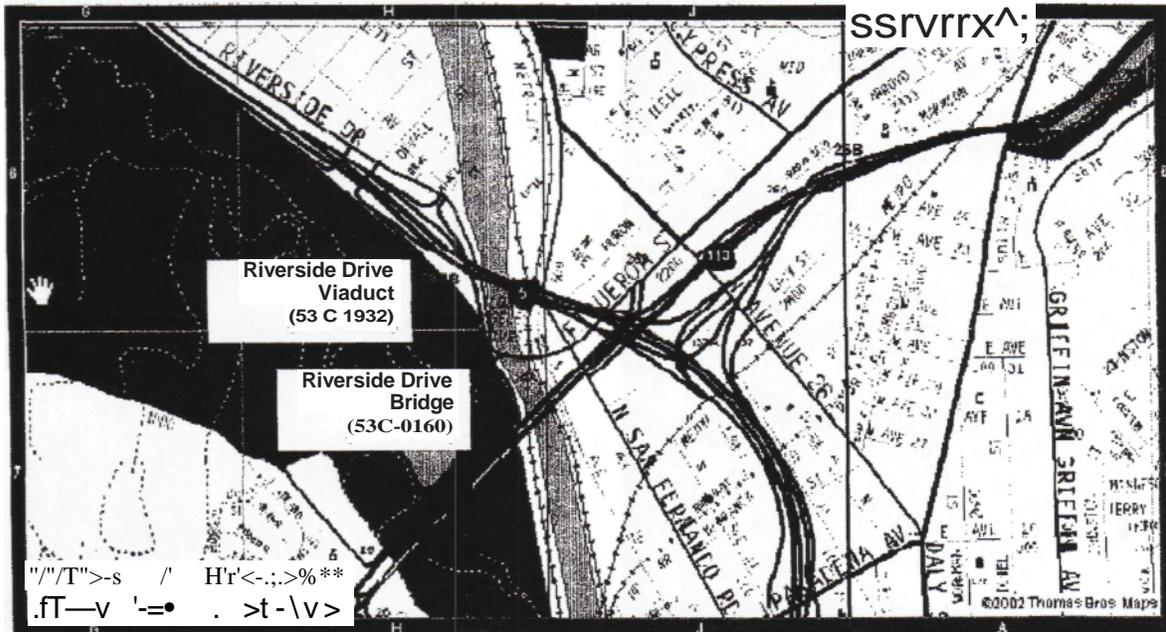
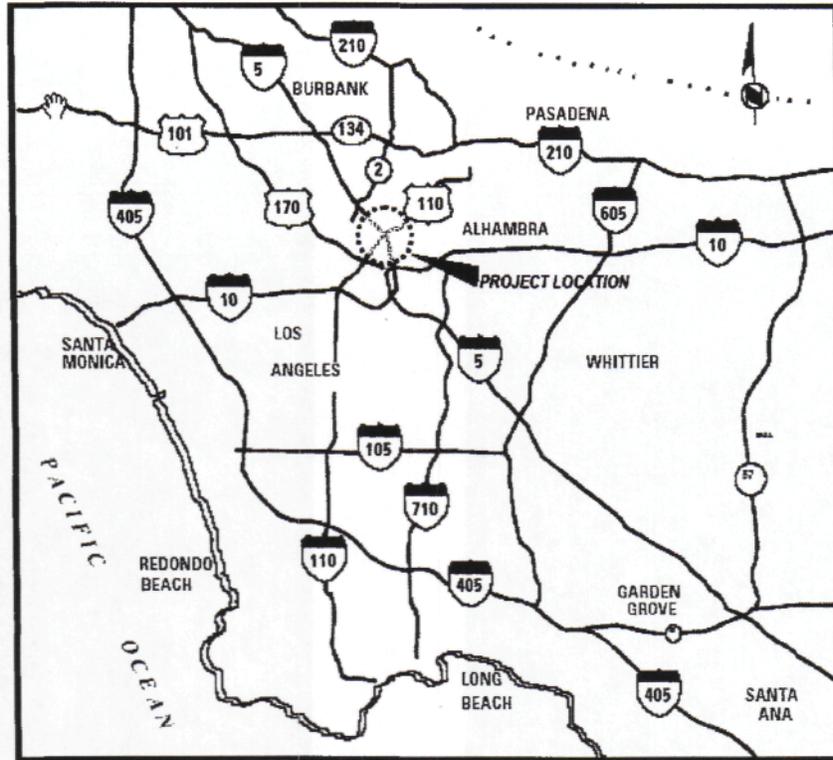
- Resolution E-10-65
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# CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 7 – Los Angeles County Resolution E-10-65

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Los Angeles (City) has completed a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
  - Riverside Drive Bridge & Grade Separation (53C-0160 & 53C-1932) Replacement Project
- 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 replace the existing Riverside Drive Bridge and the Riverside Drive Viaduct/Grade Separation Structure with an integrated two-lane, standard-curvature bridge 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 the proposed project would not 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.

# Riverside Drive Bridge & Viaduct Replacement Project Location Maps



# Riverside Drive Bridge & Viaduct Replacement Project Aerial Map

