

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: June 30-July 1, 2010

Reference No.: 2.2c.(18)
Action Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING**
10-MER-165, PM 11.7/26.9
RESOLUTION E-10-59

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-10-59.

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 165 in Merced County. Roadway rehabilitation including a bridge replacement on Route 165 near the city of Los Banos. (PPNO 5858)

This project in Merced County will rehabilitate roadway and replace bridge near the city of Los Banos. The project is fully funded in the 2010 State Highway Operation and Protection Program. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2009-10. Total estimated project cost is \$25,773,000 for capital and support.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will involve construction activities in the habitat of the giant garter snake, a federally listed threatened species. The project will also impact 0.4 acre of wetlands. As a result, an MND was completed for this project.

Attachments

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding

10-Mer-165, 11.7/26.9

Resolution E-10-59

- 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 165 in Merced County. Roadway rehabilitation including a bridge replacement on Route 165 near the city of Los Banos. (PPNO 5858)
- 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.

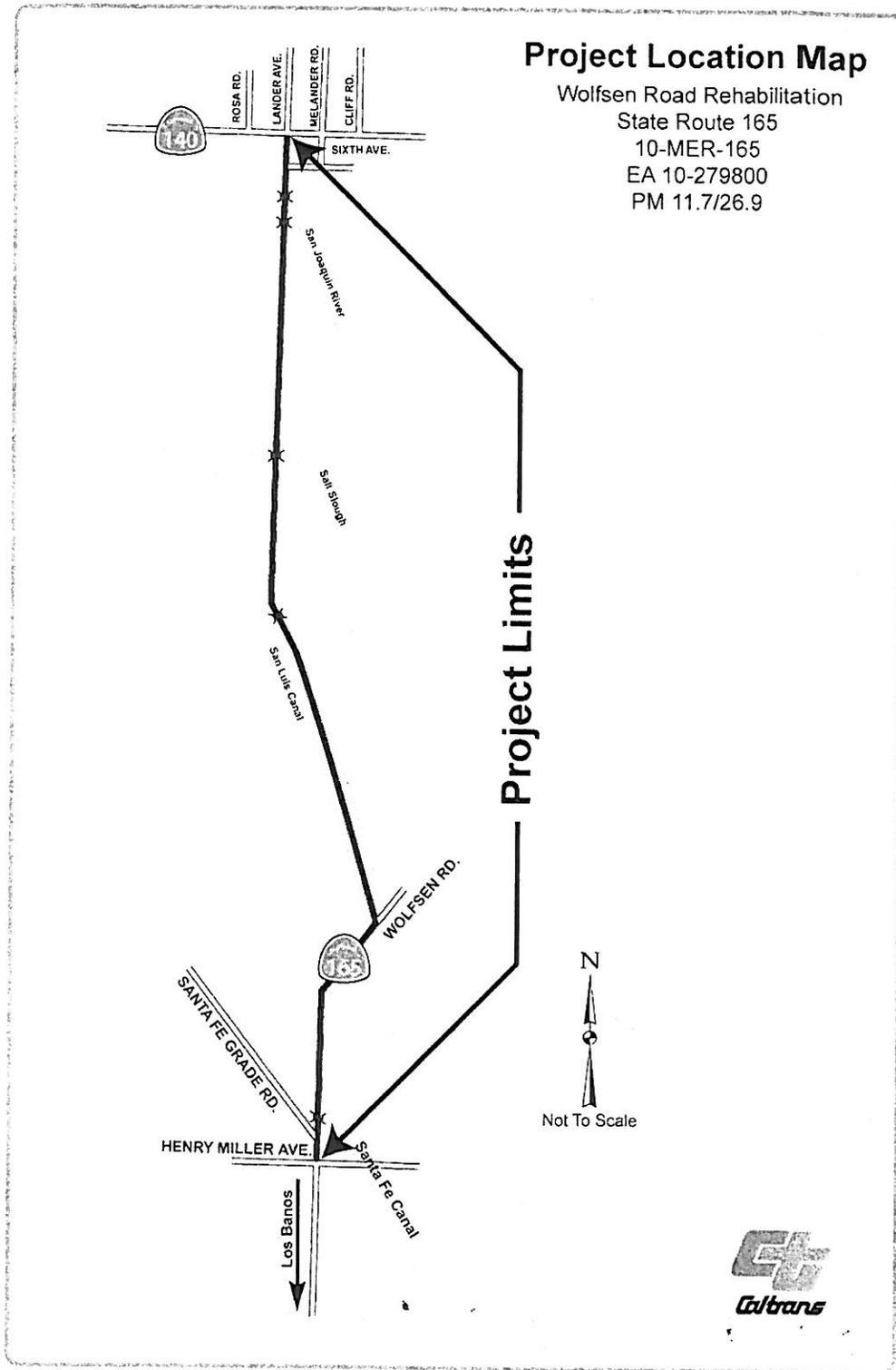


Figure 2 Project Location Map