

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: September 22-23, 2010

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

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING**
06-TUL-216, PM 1.9/2.9
RESOLUTION E-10-81

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-10-81.

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 216 in Tulare County. Roadway improvements including widening a portion of Route 216 from two lanes to four lanes near the city of Visalia. (PPNO 0106)

This project in Tulare County will widen Route 216 to four lanes from Lovers Lane to McAullif Street in the city of Visalia. The project is programmed in the 2010 State Transportation Improvement Program. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2011-12. Total estimated project cost is \$11,200,000 for capital and support. The scope as described for the preferred alternative is consistent with the project scope programmed by the Commission in the 2010 State Transportation Improvement Program.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will require both commercial and residential relocations. In addition the project would remove on-street parking spaces used for businesses in the area. As a result, an MND was completed for this project.

Attachments

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding

06-Tul-216, 1.9/2.9

Resolution E-10-81

- 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 216 in Tulare County. Roadway improvements including widening a portion of Route 216 from two lanes to four lanes near the city of Visalia. (PPNO 0106)
- 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.

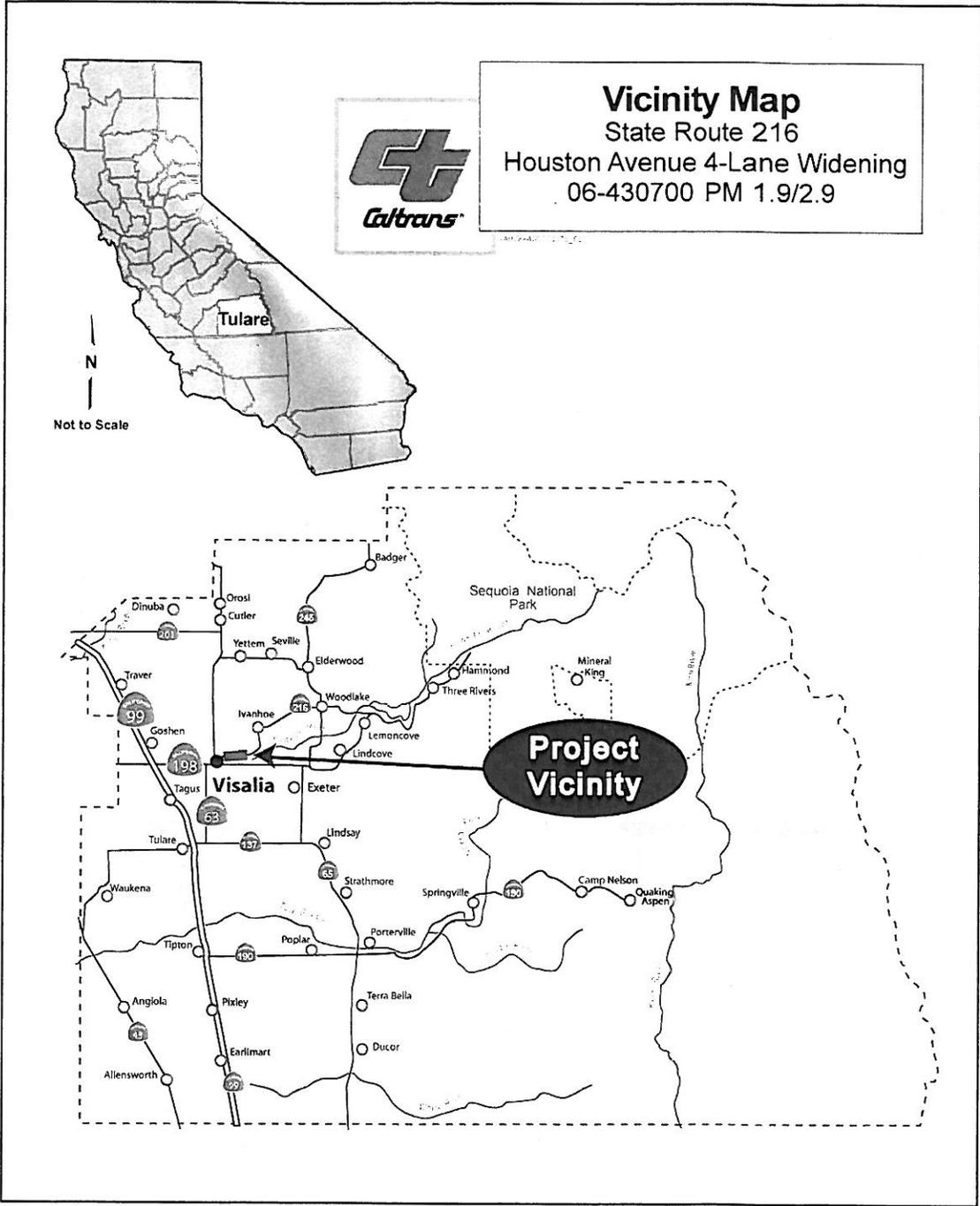


Figure 1-1 Project Vicinity Map