

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: September 22-23, 2010

Reference No.: 2.2c.(4)
Action Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
05-MON-101, PM 100.0/101.3, 05-SBT-101, PM 0.0/1.6
RESOLUTION E-10-79**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-10-79.

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 101 in Monterey and San Benito Counties. Construct roadway improvements including a new interchange on Route 101 near the city of Prunedale. (PPNO 0058E)

This project in Monterey and San Benito Counties will construct an interchange on Route 101 and modify existing local roads near the Monterey/San Benito County line. The project is programmed in the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund and the 2010 State Transportation Improvement Program and includes local funds. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2012-13. Total estimated project cost is \$90,600,000 for capital and support. The scope as described for the preferred alternative is consistent with the project scope set forth in the proposed project baseline agreement.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will mitigate potential impacts to water quality, aesthetics, and riparian habitat. The project will also require construction activities in the habitat of the California tiger salamander, the Southwestern pond turtle, and the California red-legged frog. All of which are federally listed threatened and endangered species. The project contains mitigation measures to reduce impacts to these species to a less than significant level. As a result, an MND was completed for this project.

Attachments

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 05-Mon-101, 100.0/101.3, 05-SBt-101, 0.0/1.6 Resolution E-10-79

- 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 101 in Monterey and San Benito Counties. Construct roadway improvements including a new interchange on Route 101 near the city of Prunedale. (PPNO 0058E)
- 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.

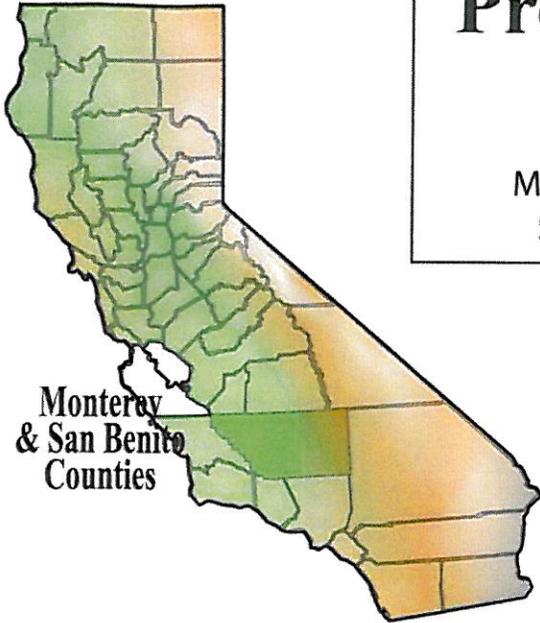
Project Vicinity Map

US Route 101

San Juan Interchange

Monterey County - Postmile 100.0/101.3

San Benito County - Postmile 0.0/1.6



PROJECT VICINITY



Not to Scale

