

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: January 19-20, 2011

Reference No.: 2.2c.(9)
Action

From: BIMLA G. RHINEHART
Executive Director

Subject: **MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE BULLARD AVENUE, LOCAN AVENUE TO ¼ MILE EAST AND LOCAN AVENUE, BULLARD AVENUE TO ½ MILE SOUTH PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-11-09)**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Bullard Avenue, Locan Avenue to ¼ Mile East and Locan Avenue, Bullard Avenue to ½ Mile South Project (project) in the city of Clovis and approve the project for future consideration of funding?

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission accept the MND and approve the project for future consideration of funding.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Clovis (City) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. On July 12, 2010 the City approved the MND and found that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation.

The project will convert Bullard Avenue from a two lane undivided arterial to a three lane divided arterial roadway including a landscaped median island, one westbound and two eastbound travel lanes, and one eastbound and one westbound Class II bicycle lane. The project will also convert Locan Avenue from a two lane undivided collector roadway to a two lane undivided collector roadway with a two way left turn lane and Class II bike lanes. The project will reduce congestion, improve mobility and growth, and is consistent with adjacent street improvements.

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to aesthetics and air quality. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to, lighting installed on the site shall be designed and installed to minimize adverse fugitive light; limit traffic speeds on unpaved roads or surfaces to 15mph; install sandbags to prevent runoff to public roadway; and off-road construction equipment will achieve Tier II emissions standards, if feasible.

The project is estimated to cost \$ 860,210 and is funded with Proposition 1B SLPP (\$315,385) funds and Local (\$544,825) funds. Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2010/11.

Attachment

- Resolution E-11-09
- Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 06 – Fresno County Resolution E-11-09

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Clovis (City) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - Bullard Avenue, Locan Avenue to ¼ Mile East and Locan Avenue, Bullard Avenue to ½ Mile South Project
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the City 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 project will convert Bullard Avenue from a two lane undivided arterial to a three lane divided arterial and install a median island, center travel lane and one class II bicycle lane in the City of Clovis, Fresno County; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.5 **WHEREAS**, the City found that all significant or potentially significant impacts can be reduced by mitigation measures to a less than significant level; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, the City Council approved the Mitigated Negative Declaration.
- 2.1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration and approve the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.

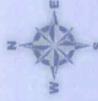
Prop 1B State Local Partnership Program

Locan & Bullard

Lead Agency: City of Clovis
Implementing Entity: Developer



City of Clovis



 Project Location
 View Direction of Photo

August 2010



Project Priority #4

PROJECT COST ESTIMATE			
	PROP 1B	LOCAL MATCH	TOTAL
CONST	\$315,385.00	\$414,385.00	\$729,770.00
ROW	\$0.00	\$60,440.00	\$60,440.00
PE	\$0.00	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00
TOTAL	\$315,385.00	\$544,825.00	\$860,210.00
PERCENTAGE	36.56%	63.34%	100.00%

Project Description

Convert Locan Avenue from a two lane undivided roadway to a two lane undivided roadway with a two way left turn lane and bike lanes. Convert Bullard Avenue from a two lane undivided roadway to a three lane divided roadway with landscaped median island, one westbound and two eastbound travel lanes, and one eastbound and one westbound bike lane.

