

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: March 23-24, 2011

Reference No.: 2.2c (5)
Action

From: BIMLA G. RHINEHART
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE MAPLE STREET PEDESTRIAN PLAZA PROJECT
(RESOLUTION E-11-20)**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Negative Declaration (ND) for the Maple Street Plaza Project (project) in the City of Escondido 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 Escondido (City) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. The project will develop a pedestrian corridor between the City Hall complex and the central business district in Downtown Escondido. The project will reconstruct Maple Street as a pedestrian plaza while maintaining a one-way travel lane with vehicular access from West Grand Avenue north to West Valley Parkway. The project will also signalize the intersection of Maple Street and West Valley Parkway.

On February 25, 2010, the City found that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and mitigation measures are not required. On May 5, 2010, the City approved the ND.

The project is estimated to cost \$2,861,000 and is programmed with STIP-TE reserve (\$945,000) funds and Local (\$1,916,000) funds. Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2010/11.

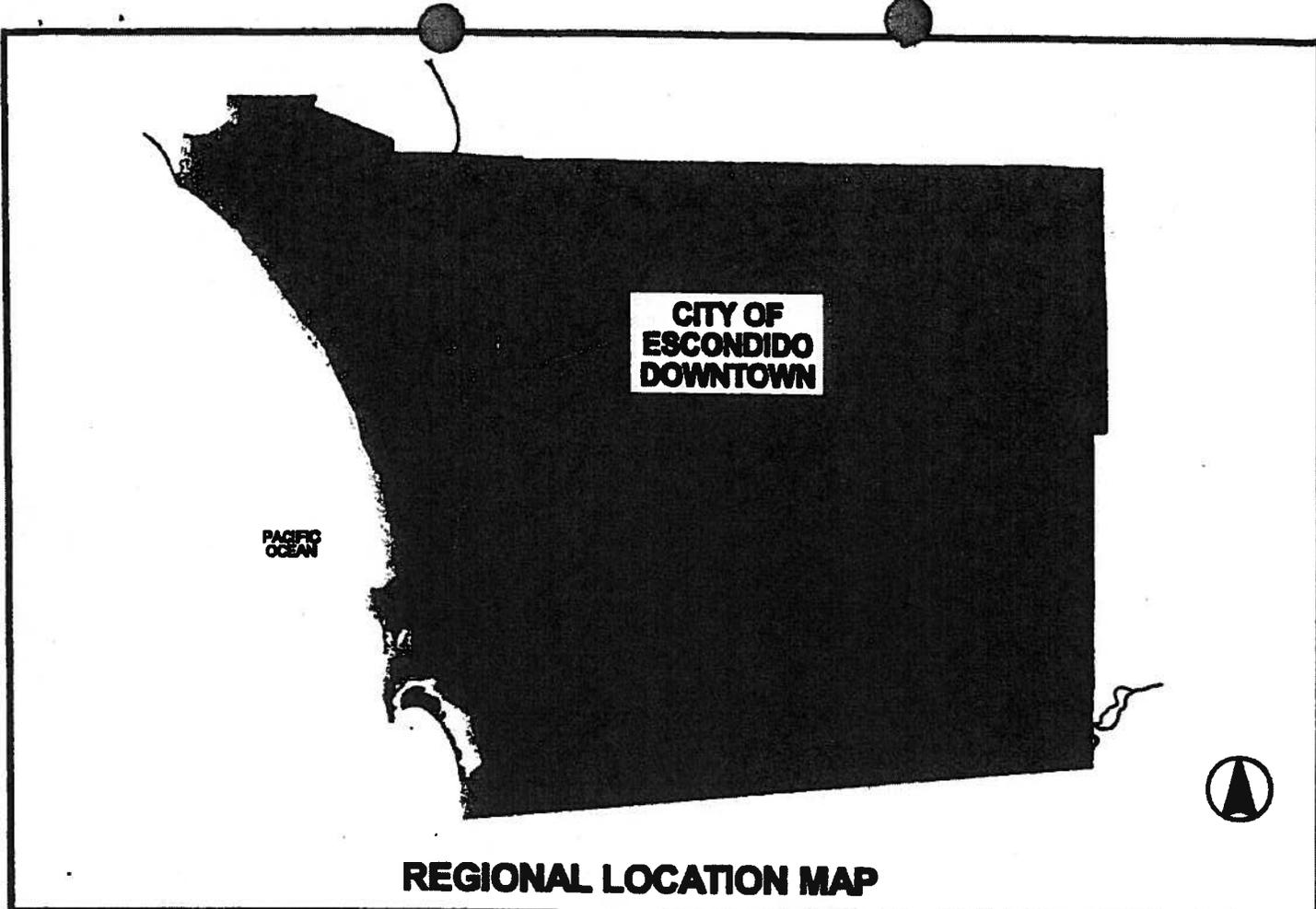
Attachment

- Resolution E-11-20
- Project Location

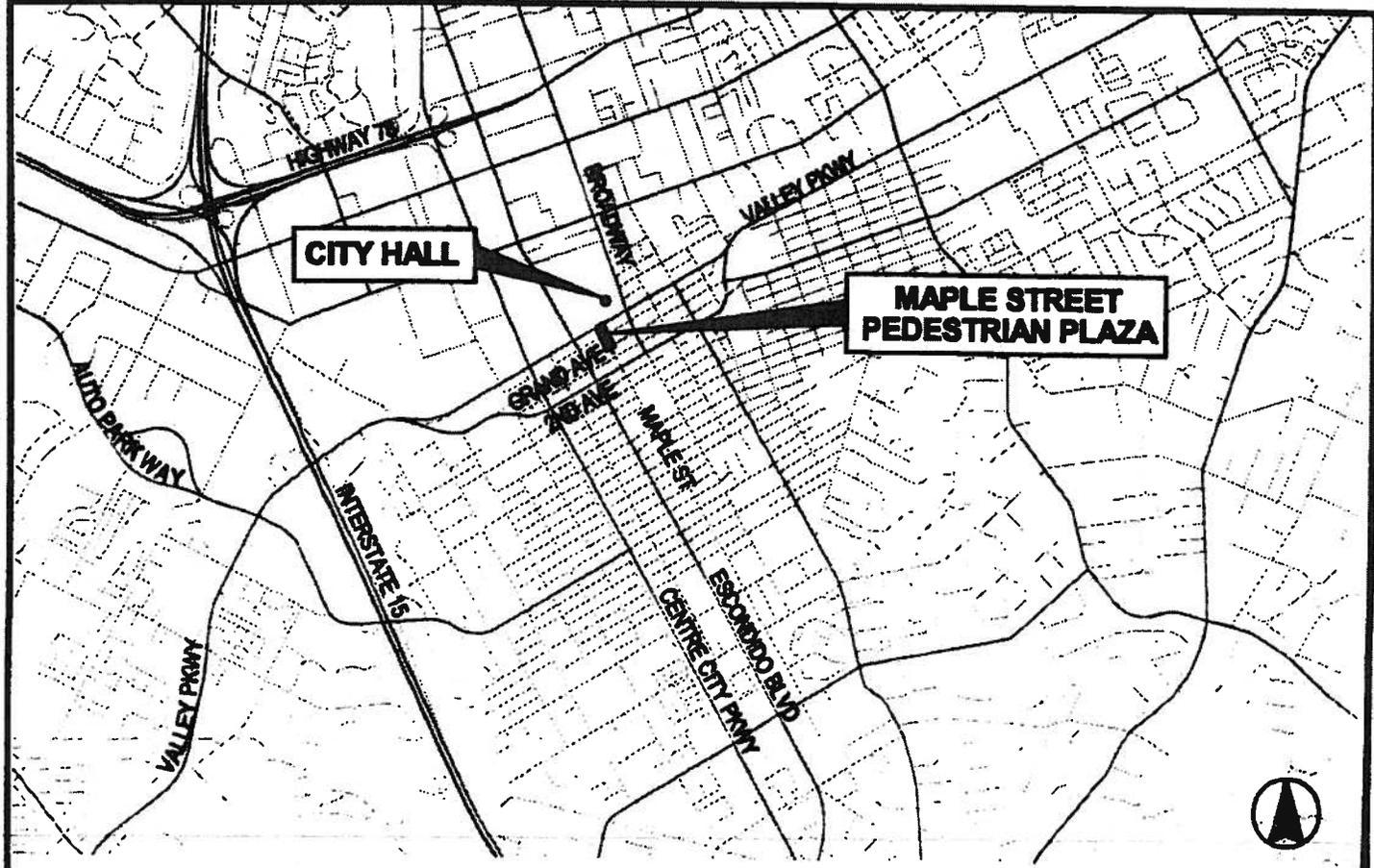
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Escondido (City) has completed a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - Maple Street Pedestrian Plaza 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 reconstruct Maple Street as a pedestrian plaza while maintaining a one-way travel lane with vehicular access from West Grand Avenue north to West Valley Parkway and signalize the intersection of Maple Street and West Valley Parkway in the City of Escondido, San Diego County; 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.



REGIONAL LOCATION MAP



AREA SPECIFIC MAP