

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: June 22-23, 2011

Reference No.: 2.2c. (1)
Action

From: BIMLA G. RHINEHART
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE SNEDEN STREET IMPROVEMENTS
PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-11-35)**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Sneden Street Improvements Project (project) in Inyo County 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 Bishop (City) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. On March 23, 2009 the City adopted the MND and found that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation.

The project is located in the City of Bishop in Inyo County. The project will rehabilitate Sneden Street and provide staging areas during construction. The rehabilitation will remove and replace pavement, replace deteriorated curb and gutter, and construct continuous Americans with Disabilities (ADA) compliant sidewalks. The project will also improve drainage and grade issues with improved intersections.

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to aesthetics, biology, and cultural resources. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to, planting replacement trees; removing trees prior to March 15 or after August 30 to avoid potential nesting birds; have a qualified biologist conduct a pre-construction survey; and have a qualified archaeologist and Native American monitor evaluate material removed from construction site.

On April 25, 2011 the City confirmed that the preferred alternative set forth in the final environmental document is consistent with the project scope of work programmed by the Commission in the STIP.

All phases of the project are estimated to cost \$979,000. Future phases of the project are funded with STIP funds. Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2013/2014.

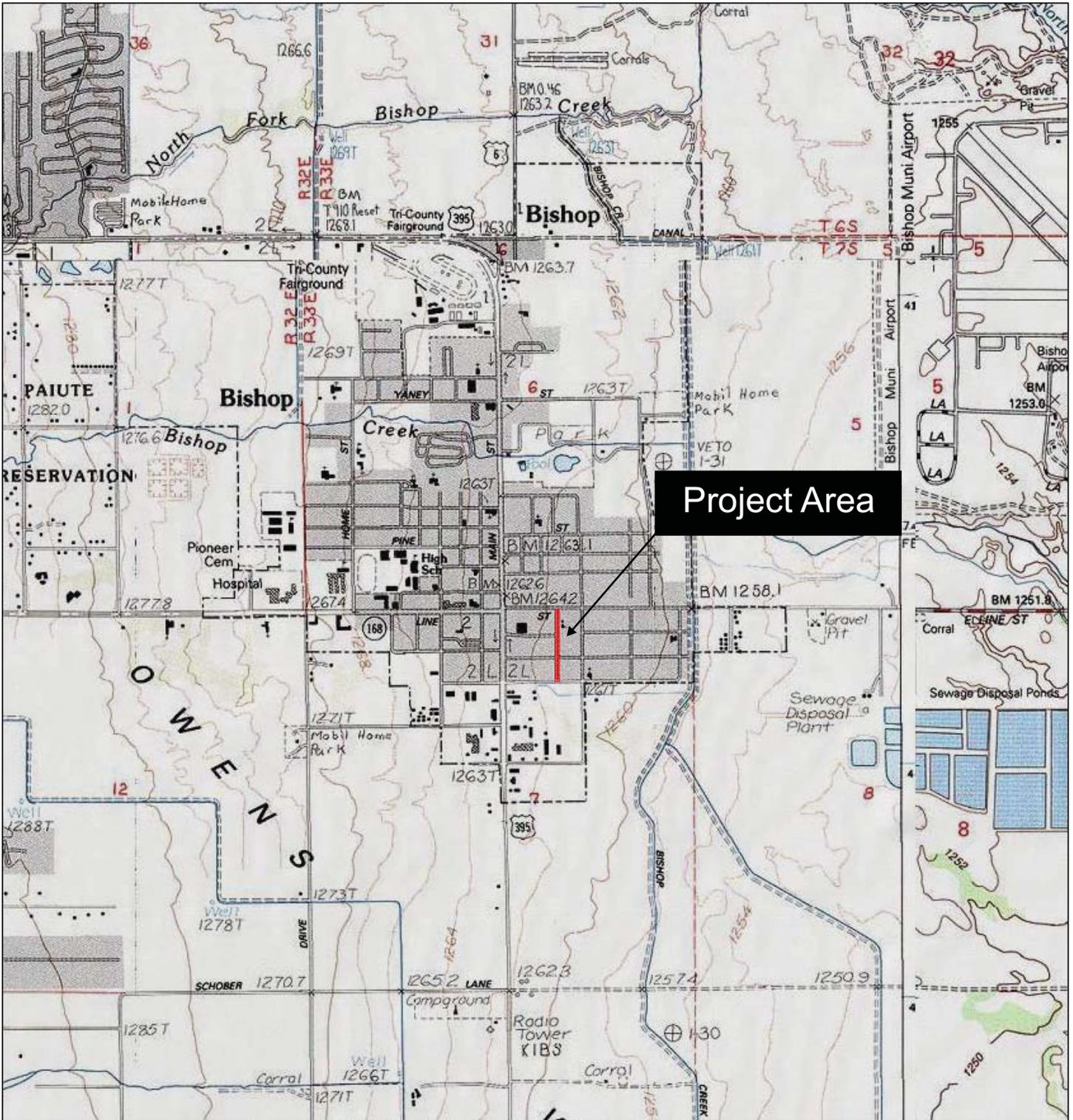
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- Resolution E-11-35
- Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 09 – Inyo County Resolution E-11-35

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Bishop (City) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - Sneden Street Improvements 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 rehabilitate Sneden Street by removing and replacing pavement, replacing deteriorated curb and gutter, and constructing continuous Americans with Disabilities (ADA) compliant sidewalks in the City of Bishop, Inyo 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 adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.7 **WHEREAS**, the City adopted a Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program for the project.
- 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.

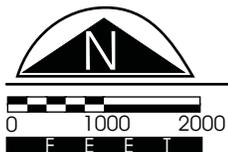


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USGS Bishop 7.5' Quadrangle

Elevations shown are in measurements of feet.

Figure 2
Project Location Map



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