

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: June 22-23, 2011

Reference No.: 2.2c (2)
Action

From: BIMLA G. RHINEHART
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE FRESNO RIVER TRAIL SYSTEM
UNDERCROSSING AT SCHNOOR AVENUE BRIDGE PROJECT
(RESOLUTION E-11-36)**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Negative Declaration (ND) for the Fresno River Trail System Undercrossing at Schnoor Avenue Bridge Project (project) in the City of Madera 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 Madera (City) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. The project will construct trail undercrossings on the south and north banks of the Fresno River at the Schnoor Avenue Bridge. The ten foot wide concrete pedestrian and bike path will connect the existing segments of the Vern McCullough Fresno River Trail. The project will be constructed in two phases. Phase one will construct the southerly crossing and phase two will construct the northerly crossing.

On March 1, 2011, the City found that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and mitigation measures are not required. On April 6, 2011, the City approved the ND.

The project is estimated to cost \$388,000 and is programmed with STIP-TE (\$139,000) funds, Federal (\$220,000) funds, and Local (\$29,000) funds. Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2010/11.

Attachment

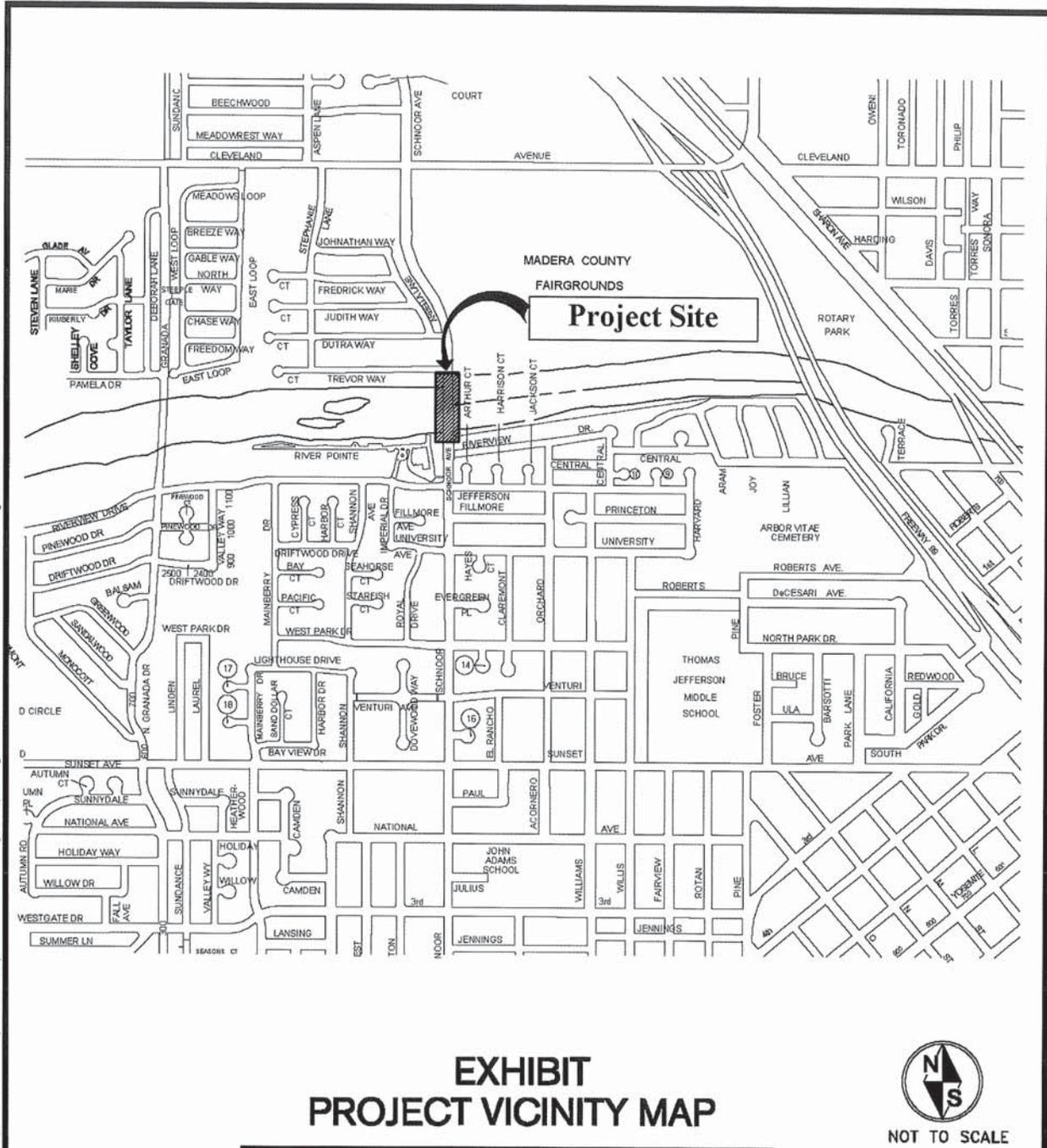
- Resolution E-11-36
- Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 06 – Madera County Resolution E-11-36

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Madera (City) has completed a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - Fresno River Trail System Undercrossing at Schnoor Avenue Bridge 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 construct trail crossing on the south and north banks of the Fresno River at the Schnoor Avenue Bridge in the City of Madera, Madera 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.

Figure 1: Site Location

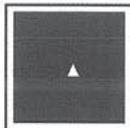


**EXHIBIT
PROJECT VICINITY MAP**



NOT TO SCALE

**FRESNO RIVER TRAIL UNDERCROSSINGS AT SCHNOOR AVENUE
CITY OF MADERA, CA**



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