

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: June 22-23, 2011

Reference No.: 2.2c. (5)
Action

From: BIMLA G. RHINEHART
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE VALLEJO BAYLINK FERRY
MAINTENANCE FACILITY PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-11-39)**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Vallejo Baylink Ferry Maintenance Project (project) in Solano 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 Vallejo (City) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. On May 24, 2011 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 Vallejo in Solano County. The project will relocate the Ferry Maintenance Facility to Building 165 and adjacent waterfront area on Mare Island. The project includes an administration office, ferry maintenance station, fueling facilities, and berthing. The project will be constructed in three phases. Phase one and two will result in a fully operational maintenance facility and phase three will include enhancements

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to biological resources; cultural resources; hazards and hazardous materials; geology and soils; and hydrology and water quality. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to, having a qualified biologist survey, prior to demolition of Building 855, to determine whether or not it is occupied by roosting bats or native birds; preserve all distinctive historical features; limit construction activities

within Mare Island Strait from July 15 to November 30; and require the contractor to submit a site-specific work plan detailing how soil and groundwater will be managed.

On May 16, 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.

The project is estimated to cost \$16,573,029. Phase one and two are fully funded while phase three will be the responsibility of the Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA.) The project is funded with State (\$10,405,331) funds, Local (\$708,254) funds, and Federal (\$5,459,444) funds. Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2011-12.

Attachment

- Resolution E-11-39
- Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 04 – Solano County Resolution E-11-39

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Vallejo (City) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - Vallejo Baylink Ferry Maintenance Facility 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 relocate the Ferry Maintenance Facility, construct an administration office, ferry maintenance station, fueling facilities and berthing in the City of Vallejo, Solano 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.

Vallejo Baylink Ferry Maintenance Facility Project

VICINITY MAP

