

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: October 24, 2012

Reference No.: 2.2c.(1)
Action

From: BIMLA G. RHINEHART
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE PERRIS VALLEY LINE
COMMUTER RAIL EXTENSION – RIVERSIDE TO PERRIS PROJECT
(RESOLUTION E-12-62)**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the Perris Valley Line Commuter Rail Extension – Riverside to Perris Project (project) in Riverside County and approve the project for future consideration of funding?

RECOMMENDATION:

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

BACKGROUND:

The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. The project will construct a 24-mile extension of the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRAA) Metrolink commuter rail system. The project will extend the Metrolink 91 Line, currently providing service from Riverside to downtown Los Angeles via Fullerton.

On July 25, 2012, the RCTC found that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and mitigation measures are not required, and approved the FEIR.

The project is estimated to cost \$247,634,152 and is programmed with STIP (\$52,978,000) funds, Federal (\$137,765,671) and Local (\$56,890,481) funds. Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2012/13.

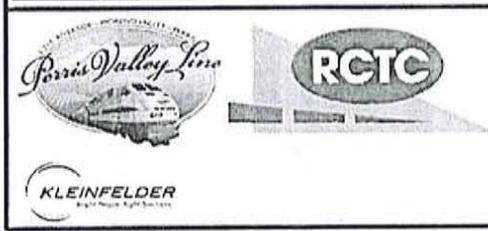
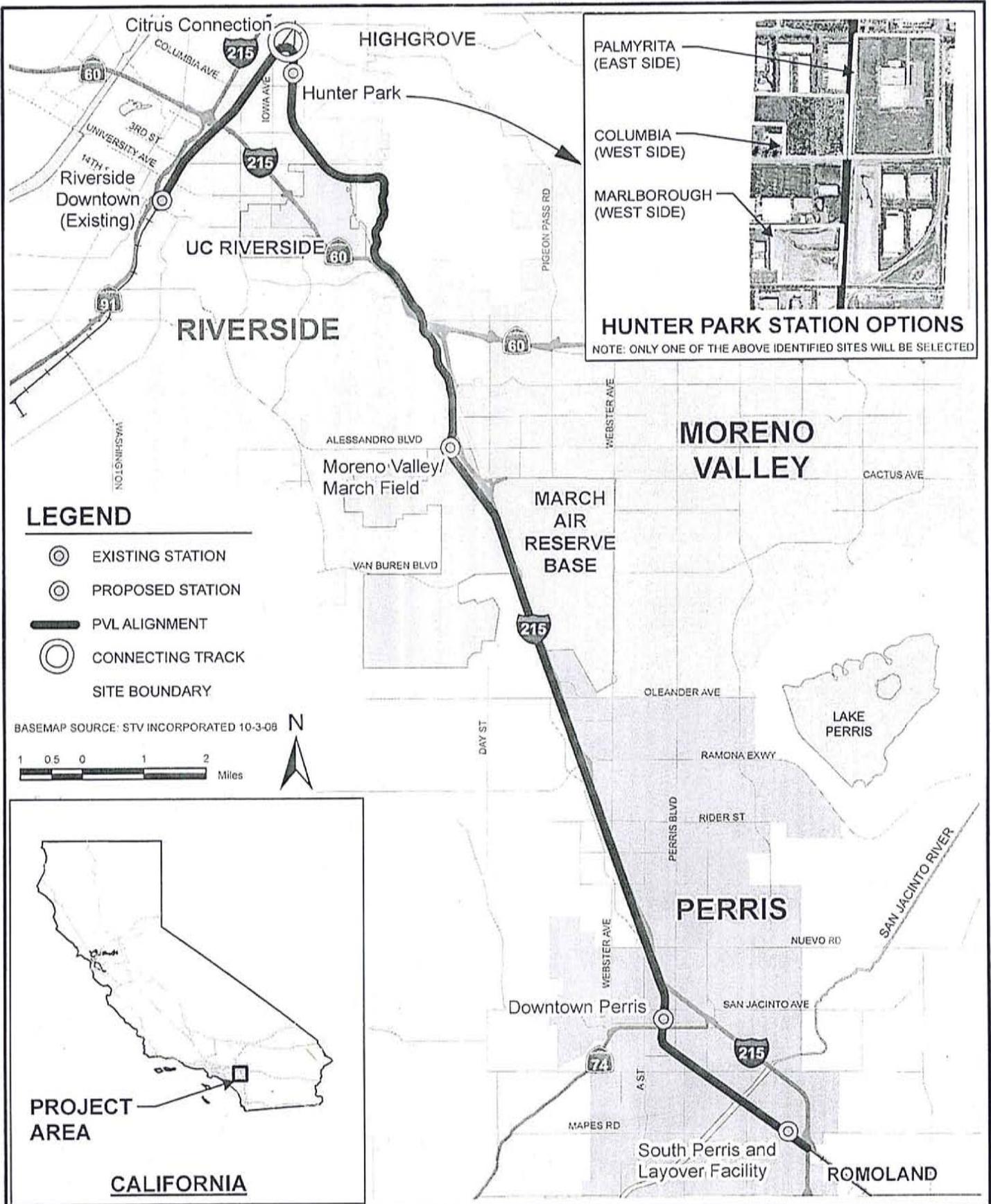
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- Resolution E-12-62
- Project Location

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Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 08 – Riverside County Resolution E-12-62

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) has completed a Final Environmental Impact Report pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - The Perris Valley Line (PVL) Commuter Rail Extension – Riverside to Perris Project
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the RCTC has certified that the Final Environmental Impact Report has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines for its implementation; and
- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, the project will construct a 24-mile extension of the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRAA) Metrolink commuter rail system from the downtown Riverside Metrolink station in the City of Riverside, terminating in the city of Perris; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Final Environmental Impact Report; and
- 1.5 **WHEREAS**, the RCTC found that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, the RCTC approved the Final Environmental Impact Report.
- 2.1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby accept the Final Environmental Impact Report and approve the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.



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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
 RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
 PERRIS VALLEY LINE
 RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA

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