

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: December 11-12, 2013

Reference No.: 2.2c.(2)
Action Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING**
06-Ker-Rail
RESOLUTION E-13-86

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolutions E-13-86.

ISSUE:

The attached resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding the following project for which a Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) has been completed:

- Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF)/Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks in Kern County. Add second tracks along two segments of existing tracks near the city of Tehachapi. (PPNO TC06)

This project in Kern County will add a second track along two segments of the existing BNSF and UPRR tracks. The project is programmed in the Trade Corridor Improvement Fund. The total estimated cost is \$26,270,000 for capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2013-14. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope programmed in the Trade Corridor Improvement Fund.

A copy of the FEIR has been provided to Commission staff. Resources that may be impacted by the project include: visual, land use, farmlands, noise, water quality and stormwater runoff, hazardous waste, geology and soils, and biological resources. Potential impacts associated with the project can all be mitigated to below significance through proposed mitigation measures. As a result, an FEIR was prepared for the project.

Attachments

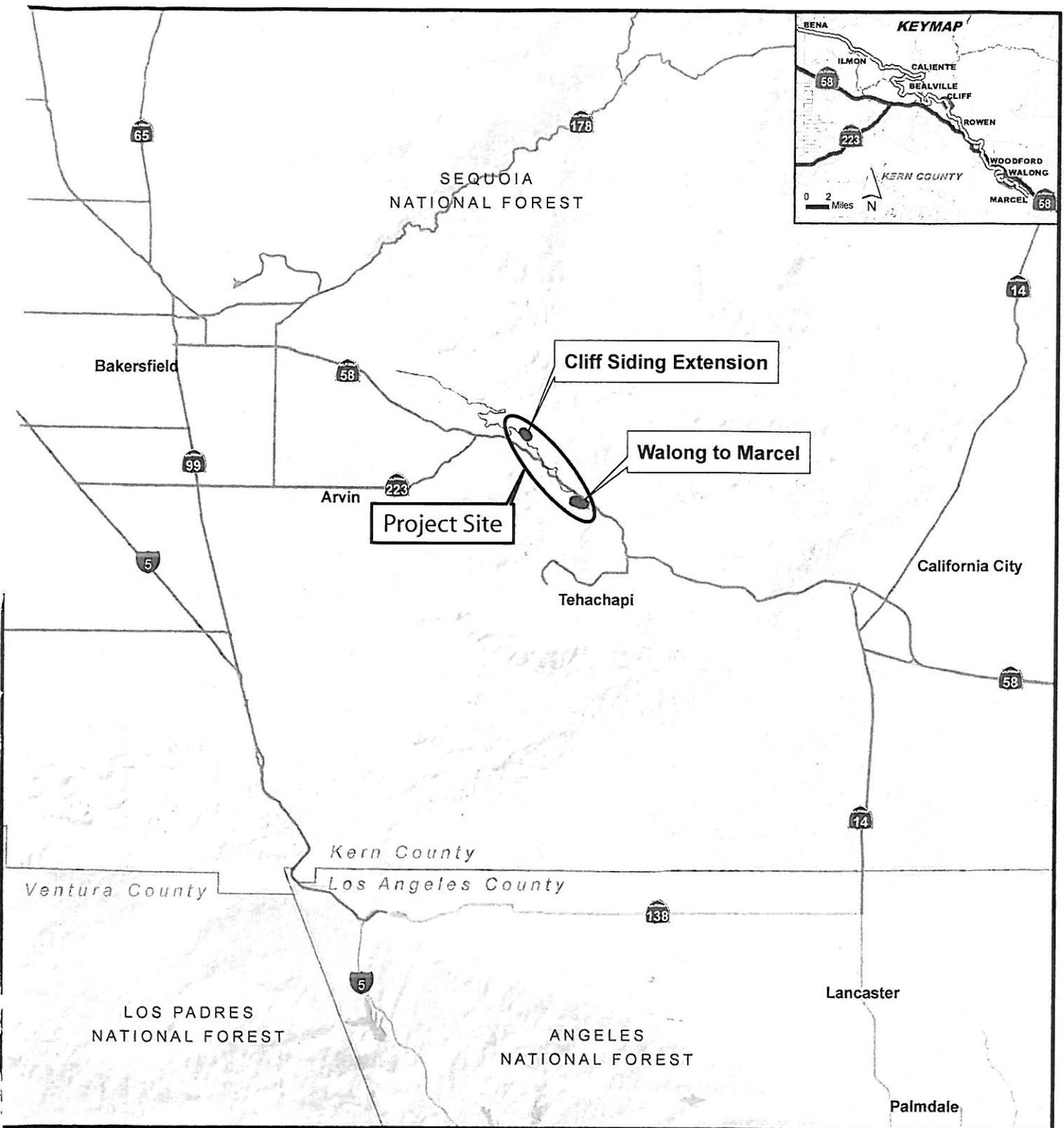
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Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding

06-Ker-Rail

Resolution E-13-86

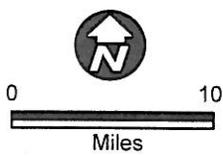
- 1.1** **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed an Environmental Impact Report pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF)/Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks in Kern County. Add second tracks along two segments of existing tracks near the city of Tehachapi. (PPNO TC06)
- 1.2** **WHEREAS**, the Department has certified that an Environmental Impact Report has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines for its implementation; and
- 1.3** **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a responsible agency, has considered the information contained in the Final Environmental Impact Report.
- 1.4** **WHEREAS**, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- 1.5** **WHEREAS**, Findings were made pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines; and
- 2.1** **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby support approval of the above referenced project to allow for consideration of funding.



Sources: JL Patterson & Associates; Esri Maps and Data, 2013

Legend

-  Proposed Double Track Extension
-  Tehachapi Corridor



**BNSF/UPRR Mojave Subdivision
Tehachapi Rail Improvement Project**

Regional Project Vicinity Map

March 2013

Figure 1.1-1

