

M e m o r a n d u m

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: October 21-22, 2015

Reference No.: 2.2c (5)
Action

From: WILL KEMPTON
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PRICE CANYON ROAD
WIDENING PHASE II PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-15-60)**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Price Canyon Road Widening Phase II Project (project) in San Luis Obispo County and approve the project for future consideration of funding?

RECOMMENDATION:

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

BACKGROUND:

The County of San Luis Obispo (County) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. The project will widen shoulders and construct Class II bikelanes on Price Canyon Road from Ormonde Road to Highway 227. The project is located in an unincorporated area of San Luis Obispo County, approximately 8 miles southeast of the City of San Luis Obispo.

On March 15, 2005, the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors approved the final MND for the project and found that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation.

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, and noise. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to: incorporate design elements to minimize visual impacts; coordinate construction schedules with landowners of affected farmland; incorporate dust abatement measures; have a biological monitor on site; install protective fencing; consult with qualified specialists in the event cultural and paleontological resources are encountered; implement a sediment and erosion control plan; and provide temporary local relocation assistance to residents demonstrating hardship when pile driving is being conducted during nighttime hours.

On September 15, 2015 the County confirmed that the 2005 MND remains valid and there are no new identified impacts requiring mitigation since adoption of the MND in 2005. The County also confirmed that the preferred alternative set forth in the final environmental document is consistent with the project scope of work programmed by the Commission.

The project is estimated to cost \$5,914,000 and is fully funded through construction with Local Apportionment Funds (\$450,000), State Transportation Improvement Program (\$3,364,000) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (\$2,100,000). Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2015/16.

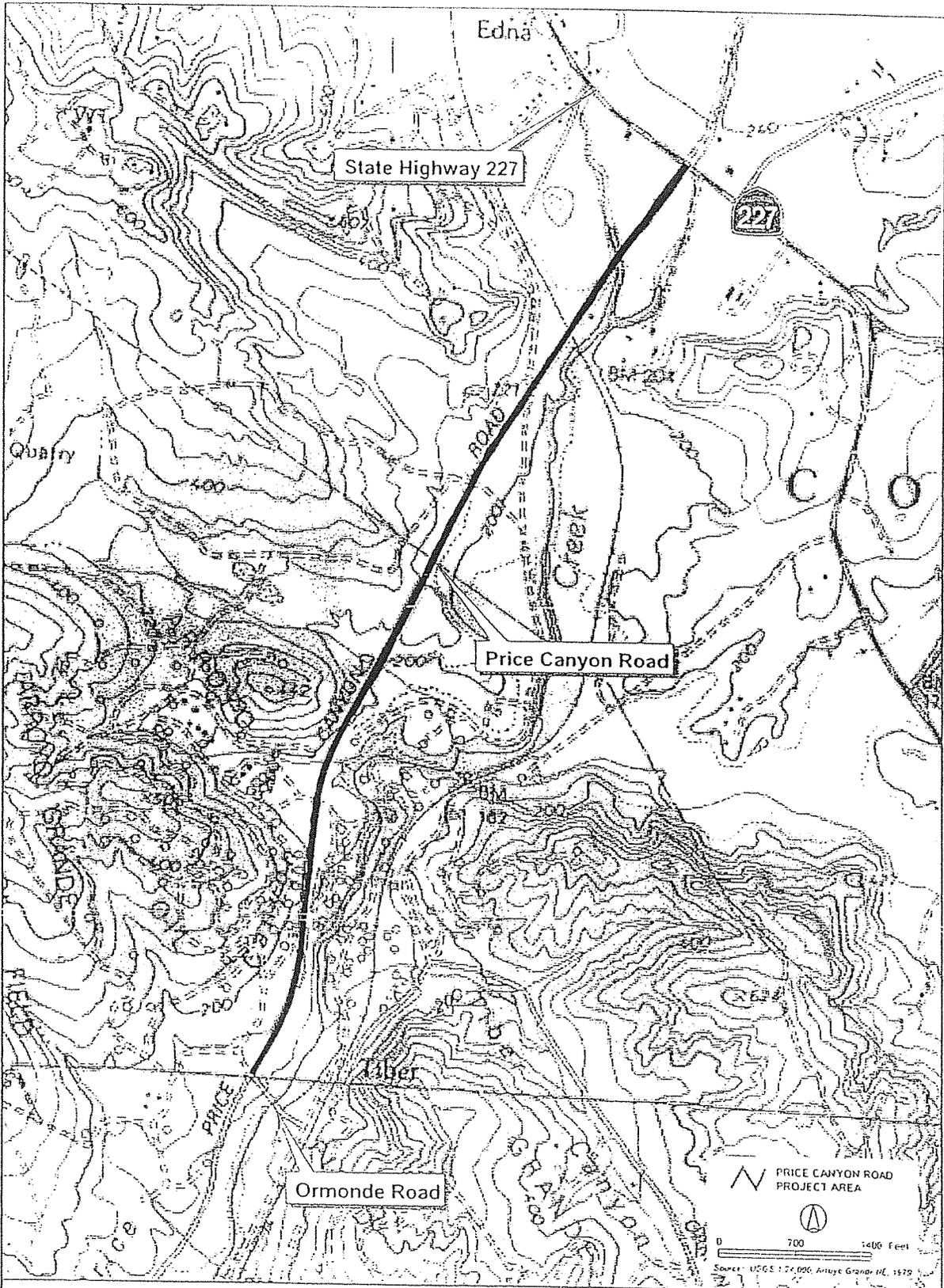
Attachments

- Resolution E-15-60
- Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 05 – San Luis Obispo Resolution E-15-60

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the County of San Luis Obispo has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - Price Canyon Road Widening Phase II
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the County of San Luis Obispo has certified that the Mitigated Negative Declaration has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines; and
- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, the project will widen shoulders and construct Class II bikelanes on Price Canyon Road from Ormonde Road to Highway 227; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the project is located 4 miles south of San Luis Obispo between State Route 227 and US 101 at Pismo Beach; and
- 1.5 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors found that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment; and
- 1.7 **WHEREAS**, the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors approved the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration.
- 2.1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby accept the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration and approves the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.



PROJECT AREA

Project: PRICE CANYON ROAD WIDENING PROJECT - SAN LUIS OBISBO COUNTY, CA

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