

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Action Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING**  
**10-MER, MP 1056.3/1039.93**  
**RESOLUTION E-10-71**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-10-71.

## **ISSUE:**

The attached resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding the following project for which a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been completed:

- San Joaquin Corridor in Merced County. Install a section of new track along existing track between the town of Le Grand and the city of Merced.

This project in Merced County will install a section of new track along existing track between the town of Le Grand and the city of Merced. The project will be constructed in three phases. Phase I will extend two main tracks from west Le Grand (MP 1041.9) to West Planada (MP 1050.3). Phase I is programmed in the Proposition 1A High Speed Passenger Train Bond Program. Total estimated project cost is **\$41,700,000**, capital and support. Construction of Phase I is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2010-11. **The scope as described for the preferred alternative is consistent with the project scope programmed by the Commission in the Proposition 1A High Speed Passenger Train Program.**

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will involve construction activities in streambeds and areas containing wetlands. These activities may result in impacts to water quality and biological resources. As a result, an MND was completed for this project.

Attachments