

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: October 8, 2013

Reference No.: 2.2c. (3)
Action

From: ANDRE BOUTROS
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE FAIRFIELD/VACAVILLE TRAIN
STATION PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-13-69)**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Fairfield/Vacaville Train Station 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 Fairfield (City) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. On June 1, 2010 the City adopted the final MND and found that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation.

The project is located in Solano County in eastern Fairfield on the Union Pacific Railroad Martinez subdivision at the junction of Peabody Road, Cement Hill Road, and Vanden Road. The proposed project will construct a new intermodal Capitol Corridor train station consisting of a rail passenger platform, a new 6 lane roadway overpass for Peabody Road to replace the existing 2 lane at grade crossing, ADA compliant pedestrian/bicycle underpass, bus passenger platform, parking spaces, bike lockers, security cameras, solar panels, other passenger amenities as well as main-line, siding and spur track improvements.

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, and Hazardous Waste/Materials. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to: measures to address dust control and erosion during construction; measures to avoid or minimize impacts to vernal pools, nesting birds, and wetlands; measures to address discovery or recognition of archaeological or human remains during

construction; and measures to test for and remediate soil and groundwater contamination if discovered prior to or during project construction.

On August 21, 2013 the City provided written confirmation that the preferred alternative set forth in the final environmental document is consistent with the project programmed by the Commission. The City also confirmed that the 2010 MND remains valid and that there are no new impacts requiring mitigation which have been identified since adoption of the MND in 2010.

The project is fully funded through construction and is estimated to cost \$59,246,000. The project is funded with STIP (\$4,400,000) and Local funds (\$54,846,000). Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2013/14.

Attachment

- Resolution E-13-69
- Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 04 – Solano County Resolution E-13-69

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Fairfield (City) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - Fairfield/Vacaville Train Station 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 proposed project will construct a new intermodal Capitol Corridor train station consisting of a rail passenger platform, a new 6 lane roadway overpass for Peabody Road to replace the existing 2 lane at grade crossing, ADA compliant pedestrian/bicycle underpass, bus passenger platform, parking spaces, bike lockers, security cameras, solar panels, other passenger amenities and main-line, siding and spur track improvements; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.5 **WHEREAS**, the City found that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, the City 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 approve the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.

Exhibit A – Project Location

