

State of California
Business, Transportation & Housing Agency
Department of Transportation

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS
Approval of Project for Future
Consideration of Funding
10-Mer-99 10.6/12.8
Action Item

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APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
ROUTE 99 IN MERCED COUNTY

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

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

- Route 99 in Merced County- Convert the 4-lane highway to a 6-lane freeway and construct an interchange at Mission Avenue in Merced.

The project is currently programmed in the 2000 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for \$66.6 million (\$45.6 million for Construction, \$13.3 million for Right of Way, and \$7.7 million for Support). The project is jointly programmed with \$42.0 million from the Interregional Improvement Program and \$24.6 million from the Merced County Regional Improvement Program. The current cost estimate for the project is \$61.3 million (Capital and Support).

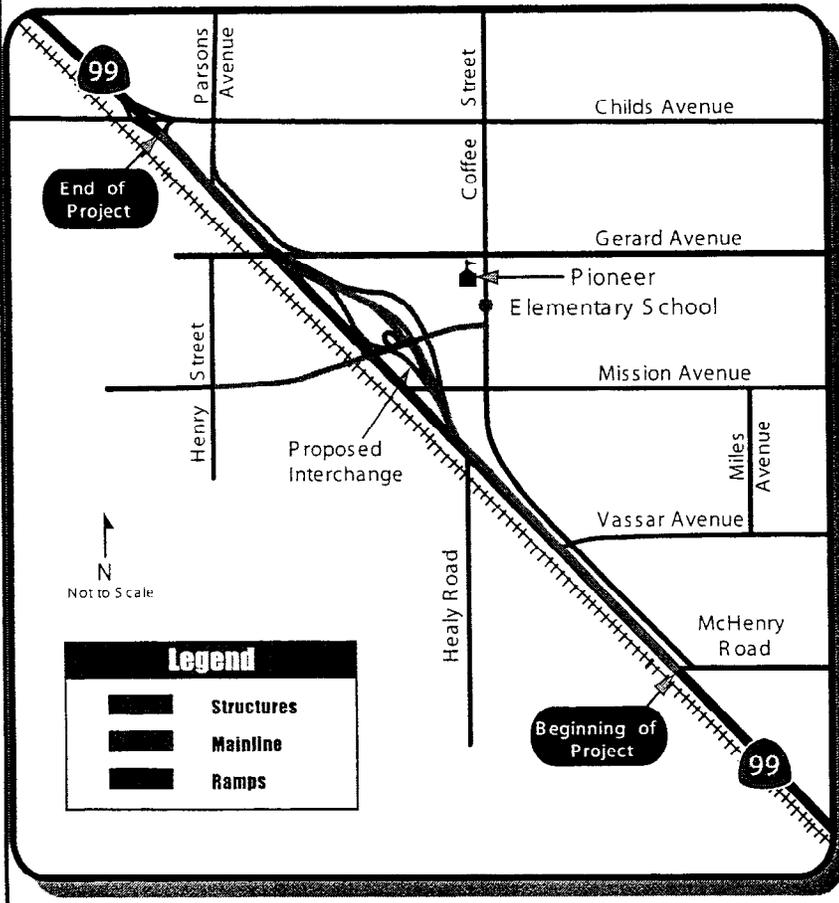
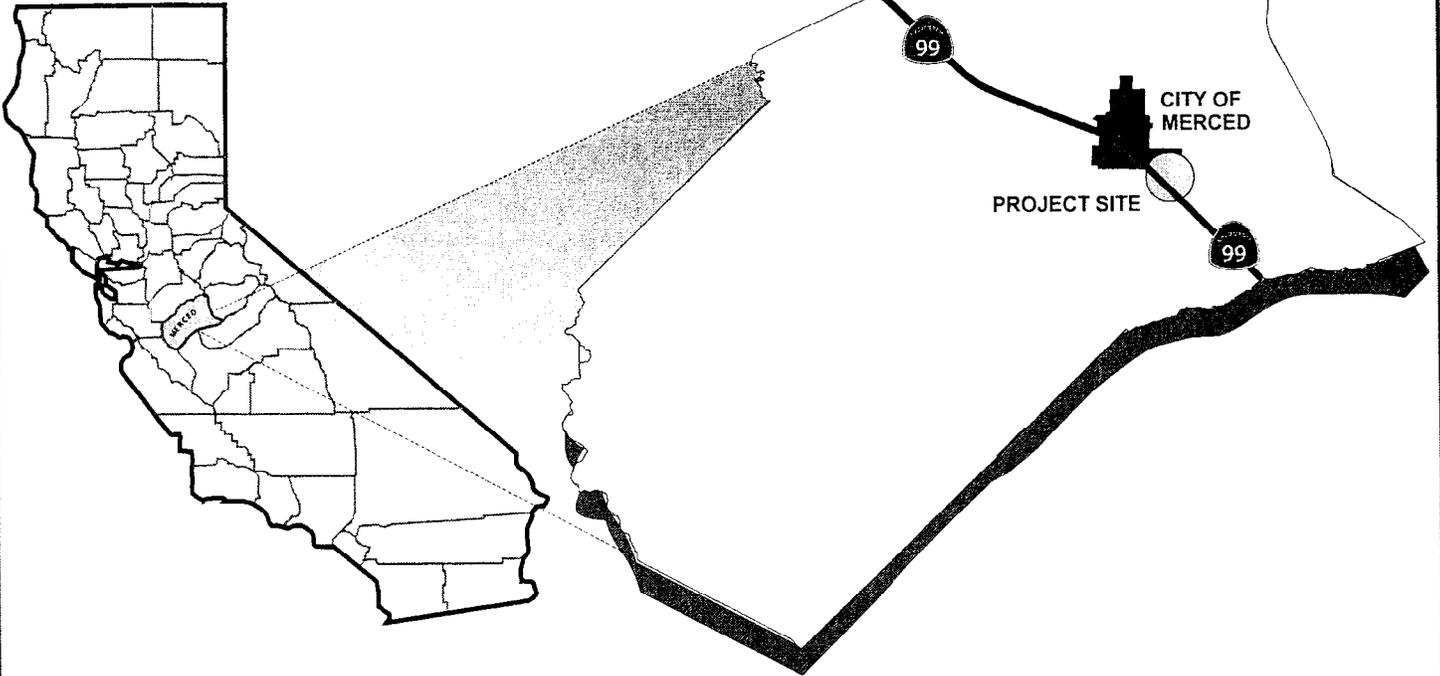
The Negative Declaration and supporting Initial Study has been transmitted to Commission staff.

The Department has approved the project for construction. This approval and the resulting filing of the Notice of Determination with the Office of Planning and Research will satisfy the environmental requirements for this stage of the project planning process.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends that the California Transportation Commission, as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-02-13.

Attachment



Project Location Map
10-MER-99 KP 17.1/20.6(PM 10.6/12.8)
EA 363100
Mission Interchange

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**Resolution For Approval of Project For Future Consideration of Funding
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Resolution E-02-13

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Negative Declaration in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, the CEQA Guidelines, and the California Transportation Commission Environmental Regulations for the following project:
 - Route 99 in Merced County- Convert the 4-lane highway to a 6-lane freeway and construct an interchange at Mission Avenue in Merced.
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a responsible agency, has considered the information contained in the Negative Declaration; and
- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2.1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby approve the above referenced project for future consideration of funding.