

# Memorandum

To: Chair and Commissioners

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Action

Ref: **Future Consideration of Funding for Acquisition of Property (Santa Cruz County) (Notice of Determination) (TCRP #150) Resolution E-02-55**

## **Issue:**

Should the Commission adopt the attached resolution to approve future consideration of funding for the acquisition of property to expand a transit center in Santa Cruz County?

## **Recommendation:**

Commission staff recommends that the Commission, as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-02-55. As a responsible agency, the Commission must approve this Resolution prior to allocating funds for capital purposes on the proposed project.

## **Background:**

This resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding the following project for which a Negative Declaration under the California Environmental Quality Act has been completed:

- Acquisition of property located at 425 Front Street, between Pacific Avenue and Front Street, South of Cathcart Street in Downtown Santa Cruz in Santa Cruz County.

The property to be acquired is part of an overall project to expand and eventually renovate the central Santa Cruz Transit Center. The property is currently owned and used by Greyhound Bus Lines as a bus station, providing daily service to several destinations. In the short-term, this use will be continued. In the event that Greyhound operations are moved to other parts of the Transit Center, the project site would continue to be used for bus storage in the parking area and for storage and/or office space in the existing 3,124 square foot building. For the purpose of the Initial Study, the project consists of property acquisition and use for transit-related storage and office uses. In the long-term, the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District intends to prepare an alternatives analysis to review the feasibility of possible future development and redevelopment options (including renovation) for the site. Any future development would be subject to approval of use permits from the City during which time project-specific environmental review would be conducted.

The Commission, at its August 22, 2001 meeting, approved the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District's original Traffic Congestion Relief (TCR) Program project application for \$200,000 to conduct feasibility studies, alternative analysis and preliminary engineering through environmental certification.

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The Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District has approved a Negative Declaration and has filed a Notice of Determination for this project. The Negative Declaration has been transmitted to Commission staff. The Commission's approval and the resulting filing of the attached Notice of Determination with the Office of Planning and Research will satisfy the environmental requirements for this stage of the project planning process.

Attachment

## **CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

### **Resolution for Approval of Project for Consideration of Funding Acquisition of Property Located at 425 Front Street, Santa Cruz, California (Santa Cruz County)**

Resolution E-02-55

- 1.1** **WHEREAS**, the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District has completed a Negative Declaration in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the CEQA Guidelines, and the California Transportation Commission Environmental Regulations for the following project
- Acquisition of property located at 425 Front Street, between Pacific Avenue and Front Street, South of Cathcart Street in Downtown Santa Cruz in Santa Cruz County
- 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.