

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: May 21-22, 2003

Reference No.: 2.2c.(2)
Action Item

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Ref: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING, 05-SLO-1, KP 29.1/36.8 (PM 18.1/22.9), RESOLUTION NUMBER E-03-12**

ISSUE:

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

- Install a concrete median barrier near the City of San Luis Obispo.

This project is fully programmed in the 2002 SHOPP for construction in FY 2003/04. Total estimated project cost is \$9,933,000.

The Negative Declaration and supporting Initial Study have been transmitted to California Transportation Commission staff.

The Department of Transportation 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-03-12.

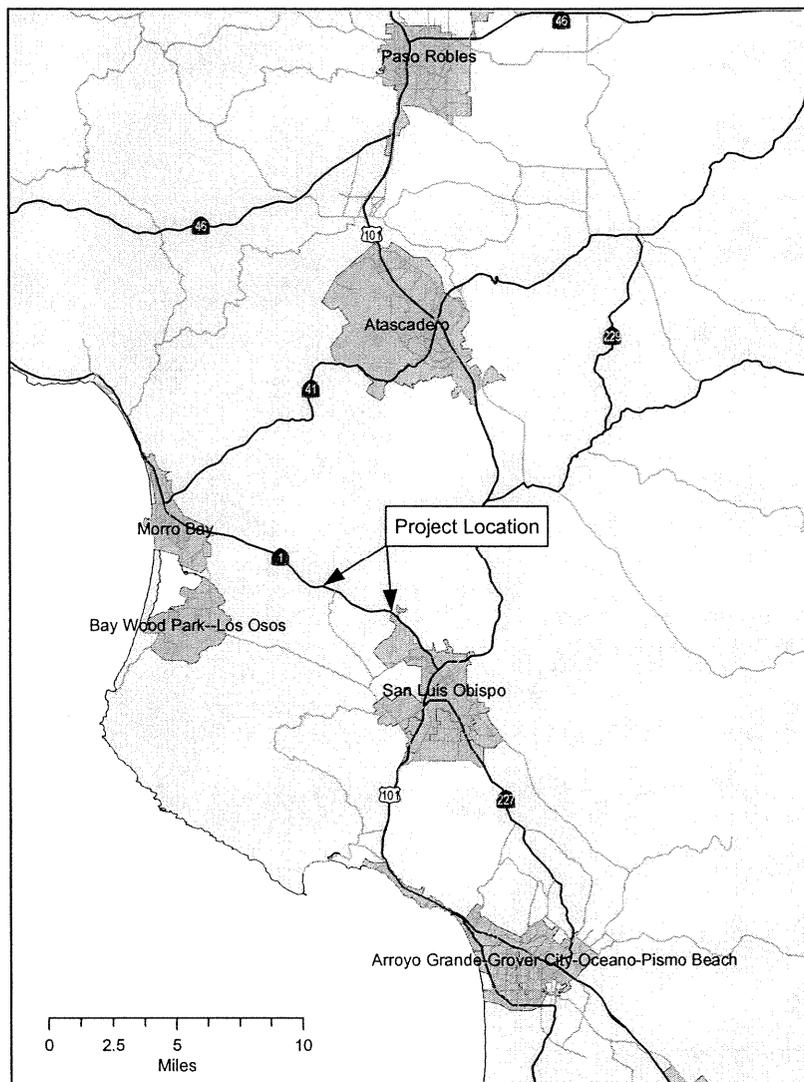
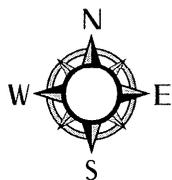
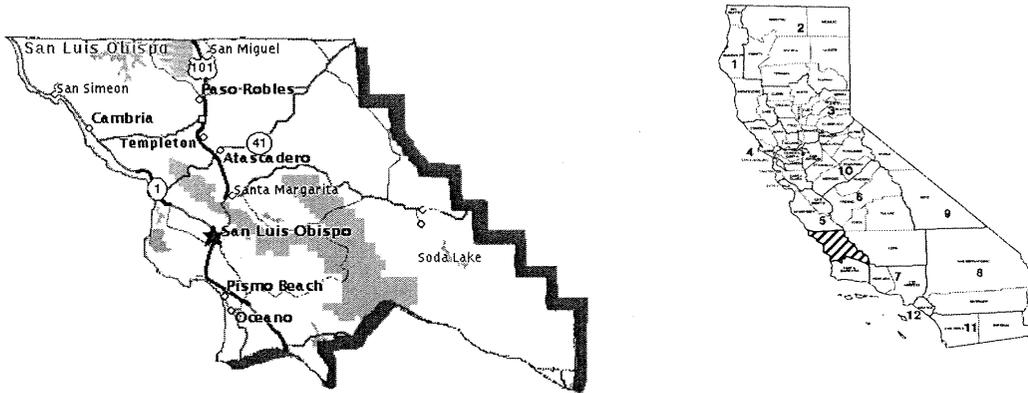
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CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**Resolution for Consideration of Funding
05-SLO-1, KP 29.1/36.8 (PM 18.1/22.9)**

Resolution E-03-12

- 1.1 WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Negative Declaration in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- Route 1 in San Luis Obispo County – Install a concrete median barrier near the City of San Luis Obispo.
- 1.2 WHEREAS**, the Department has certified that the Negative Declaration has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines for its implementation; and
- 1.3 WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a responsible agency, has considered the information contained in the Negative Declaration; and
- 1.4 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 to allow for consideration of funding.



Route 1 Concrete Median Barrier Project

LOCATION MAP

Environmental Checklist Form

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED

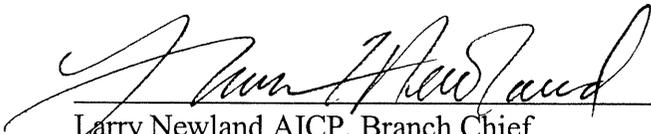
The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, and are discussed in the checklist on the following pages.

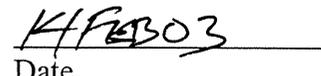
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DETERMINATION

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.


Larry Newland AICP, Branch Chief
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Date


Steve DiGrazia
Project Manager


Date

MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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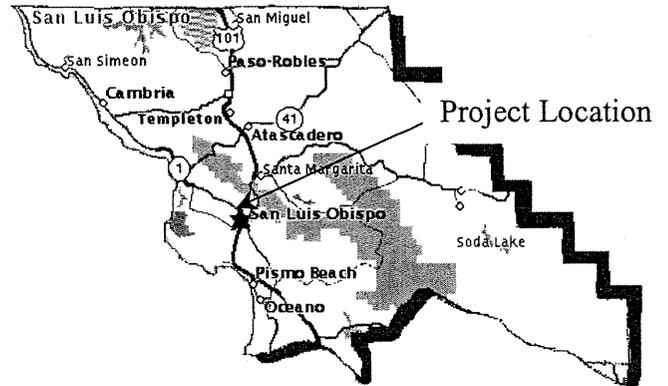
HIGHWAY 1 CONCRETE MEDIAN BARRIER

Prepared pursuant to

California Environmental Quality Act (Division 13 of the Public Resources Code)

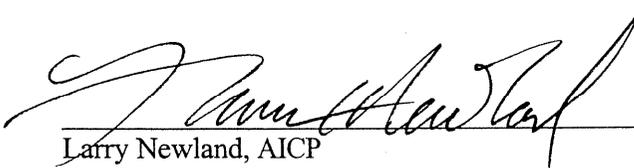
Project Location On Route 1, from approximately 115 m (380') north of Westmont Avenue (at the city limits) to 350 m (1150') north of Education Drive (at Cuesta College), San Luis Obispo County.

Project Description The project proposes to construct concrete median barrier on Route 1. Placement of the median barrier would require some other modifications to the highway. At Stenner Creek Road, a left-turn lane would be constructed to allow for southbound left-turn movements and southbound-to-northbound U-turns. Other improvements at this intersection would include a northbound right-turn lane, a northbound acceleration taper, and a southbound acceleration lane at the median. A signal would be placed at Kansas Avenue, a southbound right-turn lane constructed, and the intersection would receive widening at the southbound shoulder to accommodate U-turns. At Colony Drive, the entrance to the California Men's Colony, the northbound shoulder would be widened to accommodate southbound-to-northbound U-turns.



Determination An Initial Study was prepared and evaluated, and it has been determined that the proposed project COULD have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, the following measures have been incorporated into the project to mitigate impacts to below the level of significance:

- ◆ The barrier shall be colored a neutral hue drawn from the Morro outcroppings and shall be treated top and sides with a rock texture, as agreed upon by the Median Barrier Design Committee.
- ◆ Metal components of the barrier shall be acid-etched to reduce shine. The concrete pad for the end-treatments shall be colored to match the adjacent surface material.
- ◆ Several large "monument" trees and native shrubs shall be planted along the roadside at the southern end of the project to support a gateway experience. A minimum of 50 15-gallon trees shall be planted.
- ◆ Opportunities for enhanced gateway features, such as additional planting and other amenities, shall be explored.
- ◆ A Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan shall be prepared by the contractor to address water pollution during construction.
- ◆ Notice of the construction schedule shall be posted in local news media (radio, newspapers) prior to construction, and noisier operations shall be conducted as early in the evening as possible. If complaints are received, temporary noise barriers of plywood panels placed upon safety shape barrier can be constructed.


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Date

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