

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: June 25-26, 2003

Reference No.: 2.3a.
Action Item

From: ROBERT L. GARCIA
Chief Financial Officer

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Chief
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Subject: **ROUTE ADOPTION, 3-BUT-70 KP 31.0/35.6 (PM 19.3/22.1) Resolution HRA 03-03**

RECOMMENDATION

Submitted for transmittal to the Commission are Highway Route Adoption Resolution HRA 03-03 and the map of a location for the State Route (SR) 70. The Department recommends that the Commission approve the resolution and the route location map in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Engineer. This resolution adopts a 4.6-kilometer (2.8 mile) location of State Route 70 in the County of Butte as a Controlled Access Highway.

The Project Report was approved April 7, 2003. An Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/ Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been approved for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) in February 2003.

Recommended by: 
BRENT FELKER
Chief Engineer

Background

In 1998 the California Transportation Commission (Commission) requested a corridor study from Sacramento to Chico. The study was sponsored by the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) and the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG). The proposed route adoption for SR 70 is part of the overall plan on State Routes 70, 99, 149 and 191 to improve safety and congestion. The corridor study identified improvements on SR 70 & 99 to complete the freeway/expressway system from Sacramento to Chico and also recommends a freeway gap closure project along SR 149 between SR 70 & 99. The original scope is discussed in the Project Study Report dated June 28, 1991. The project was mentioned as part of the 1992 District System Management Plan and a "Gap Closure" candidate. It was also included in the 1992 Butte County RTP. The north-south corridor represented by State Route 70 & 99 within District 3 connects the urbanized areas of Sacramento, Marysville/Yuba City and Oroville/Chico. This corridor is a lifeline link for agriculture and commerce through the northern portion of the Sacramento Valley. It also receives heavy commuter and recreational traffic.

Proposal

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve safety, provide for Level of Service C by the year 2020 and provide an interregional transportation facility between Oroville and Chico. The project would adopt a new location for this portion of State Route 70 and construct a four-lane freeway from 2.0 kilometers (1.25 miles) south of State Route 149 to 0.4 kilometers (0.25 miles) north of State Route 191 in the County of Butte. A new freeway-to-freeway connector will be built at the 70/149 interchange. The new freeway adoption for SR 70 is required to mitigate impacts to the Berkeley Olive Association Historic District and to accommodate the transition of the four-lane to two-lane facility at SR 191. The Project Report was approved April 7, 2003 and EIS/EIR was approved in February 2003.

The total estimated cost for the preferred alternative is \$82,229,000. This grandfathered project is funded in the 1996 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and will be funded jointly by the Regional and Interregional Transportation Programs. This project is currently scheduled for construction in May of 2004.

Coordination

Department of Transportation (Department) held public workshops on May 30, 2001 and July 10, 2002. The Department responded to comments from the public and has coordinated with Local Agencies and Resource Agencies. Exceptions for Advisory Design Standards were approved in January of 2000. An Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/ Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been approved for CEQA and NEPA approval.

Conclusion

The proposed adoption of the new freeway location for this portion State Route 70 is considered to be in the best interest of the public.

Attachments

Resolution HRA 03-03
Route Adoption Map

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Resolution Adopting A Controlled Access Highway Location
3-BUT-70 KP 31.0/35.6 (PM 19.3/22.1)

Resolution HRA 03-03

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has completed studies and approved of the public hearing process relative to the adopted location along State Route 70, in the County of Butte; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has approved the Environmental Impact Statement/Report; and,

WHEREAS, the project will have impacts on the environment that will be mitigated; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the California Transportation Commission that pursuant to the authority vested in it by law, this Commission does hereby select, adopt and determine the location of that segment of State Route 70, from 2.0 kilometers south of State Route 149 to 0.4 kilometers north of State Route 191 in the County of Butte and officially designated as 03-Butte-70, as said location is shown on the map submitted on June 1, 2003 by Karla Sutliff, Chief, Division of Design; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Commission has found and determined and hereby declares that such the location of said State highway is for the best interest of the State.

I hereby certify that this map was prepared in accordance with the provisions of the State Highway Route To, and correct map of a section of proposed State Highway Route To, and declared a Controlled Access Highway.

Chief Design Engineer
CIVIL Engineer License No. _____

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
**MAP SHOWING
LOCATION OF STATE HIGHWAY
IN BUTTE COUNTY**
On Route 70 From 2.0 Kilometer
To 0.4 Kilometer North Of Route 181
**3-BUT-70
A CONTROLLED
ACCESS HIGHWAY**

BEGINNING OF ADOPTION

Route Adopted
July 15th, 1957

I hereby certify that by resolution of the California State Highway Commission, the alignment indicated on this map was accepted, approved and determined as the location for a section of State Highway Route To, and declared a Controlled Access Highway.

Attest: _____
Executive Director
California Transportation Commission

END OF ADOPTION

