

Memorandum

To: Chair and Commissioners

Date: May 15, 2006

From: John Barna
Executive Director

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ACTION

Ref: APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING – STATE ROUTE 4 (EAST) IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY WIDEN TO EIGHT LANES FROM LOVERIDGE ROAD TO STATE ROUTE 160 (TCRP #16.2) (FINAL ND) RESOLUTION E-06-14

Issue: Should the Commission approve the Department of Transportation Final Negative Declaration for its Route 4 (east) widening from Loveridge Road to State Route 160 in Contra Costa County?

Recommendation: Commission staff recommends that the Commission, as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-06-14. As a responsible agency, the Commission must approve this Resolution prior to allocating funds for capital purposes on the proposed project.

This project would widen Route 4 from about 1 mile west of Loveridge Road to about 1 mile east of Hillcrest Avenue interchange near Route 160. The proposed project would widen Route 4 from 4-lanes to 8-lanes, with two of the lanes being used for high occupancy vehicle lanes. The improvements would conform with the improvements being made on Route 4 to the west of Loveridge Road, as well as planned improvements to the east of Hillcrest Avenue interchange.

The proposed project is fully funded with a combination of state and local funds totaling \$77.435 million with \$32.4 million from local sales tax revenues, \$14 million from TCRP funds and \$31.035 million from the State Transportation Improvement Program.

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

- State Route 4 (east) widening project from Loveridge Road to State Route 160 in Contra Costa County (TCRP #16.2) Resolution E-06-14

The Final Negative Declaration has been transmitted to Commission staff. The Commission's 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.

Attachment

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CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**Resolution For Approval Of Project For Consideration Of Future Funding
Of**

**State Route 4 (east) widening project
from Loveridge Road to State Route 160
in Contra Costa County (TCRP #16.2)**

Resolution E-06-14

- 1.1** **WHEREAS**, the Department of Transportation has completed a Final 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:
- State Route 4 (east) widening project from Loveridge Road to State Route 160 in Contra Costa County (TCRP #16.2)
- 1.2** **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a responsible agency, has considered the information contained in the Final Negative Declaration; and
- 1.3** **WHEREAS**, the Department of Transportation has considered the record taken as a whole and found that the project will not individually or cumulatively have an adverse impact on wildlife resources or habitat.
- 2.1** **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Commission, as a responsible agency, finds that the:
- State Route 4 (east) widening project from Loveridge Road to State Route 160 in Contra Costa County (TCRP #16.2) is approved for future consideration of funding.