

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: November 8-9, 2006

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Action Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING FOR A NEW PUBLIC ROAD CONNECTION, 08-RIV-10, PM 42.4/43.9 RESOLUTION E-06-31**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-06-31.

## **ISSUE:**

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

- Interstate 10 in the county of Riverside – Roadway improvements near Thousand Palms.

This project in Riverside County is to construct a roadway extension and a new eight lane overcrossing over Interstate 10. This project is fully funded in the 2006 State Transportation Improvement Program. The total estimated project cost is \$53,700,000. It is estimated to begin construction in Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

A copy of the ND has been provided to Commission staff. The project involves the acquisition of new right of way, and community concerns were expressed about the projects impacts to existing businesses. The Department has approved this project for construction. This approval and the 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.

Attachments

## **CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

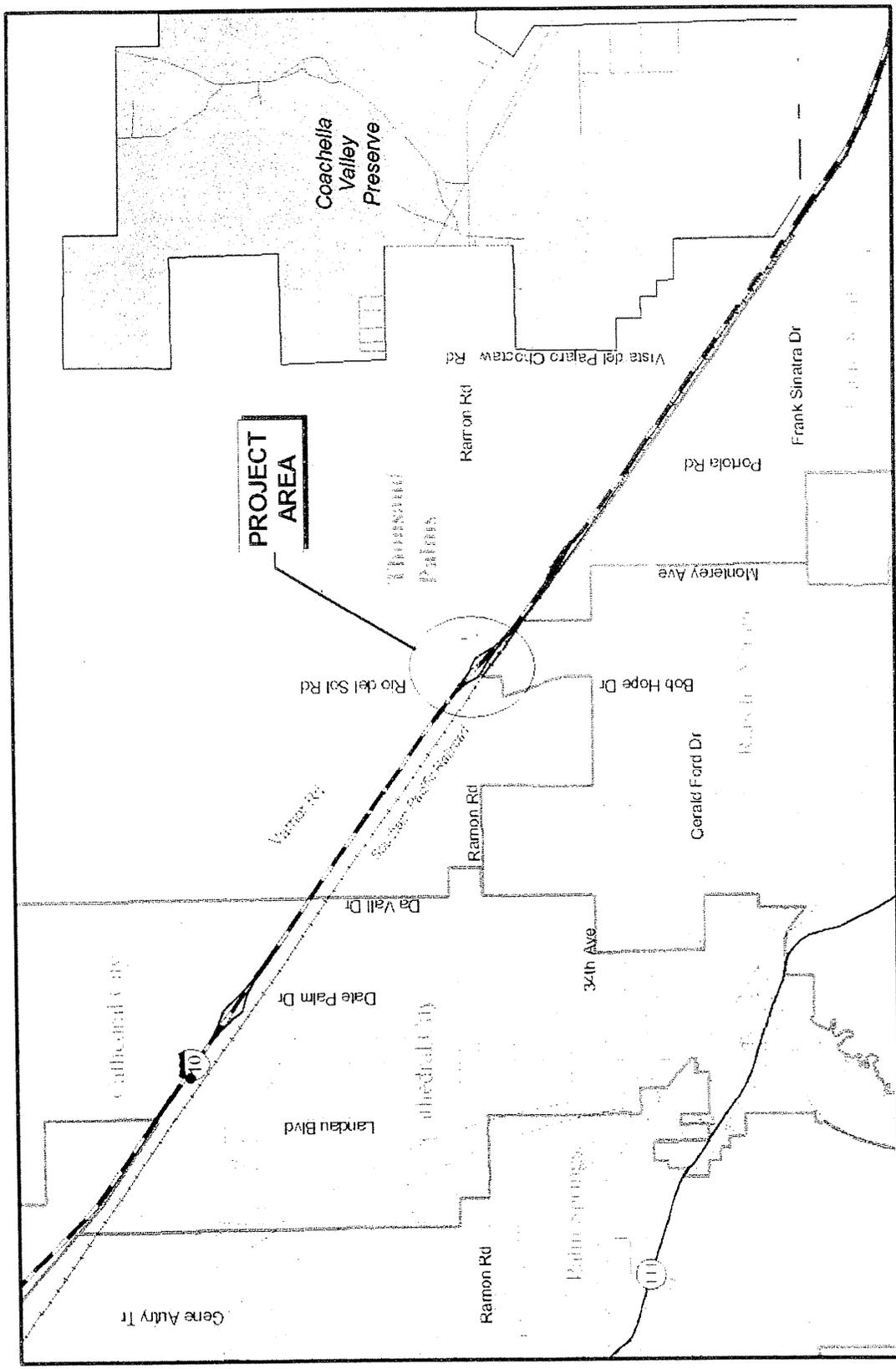
### **Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding**

**08-RIV-10, PM 42.4/43.9**

**Resolution E-06-31**

- 1.1** **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- Interstate 10 in the county of Riverside – Roadway improvements near Thousand Palms
- 1.2** **WHEREAS**, the Department has certified that the Negative Declaration has been completed pursuant to 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 future consideration of funding.

Interstate 10 and Ramon Road/Bob Hope Drive Interchange  
 Environmental Assessment / Initial Study



Project Area  
 Exhibit 2