

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: June 6-7, 2007

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Action Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING,
10-Mer-59, PM 22.6/23.3
RESOLUTION E-07-11**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-07-11.

ISSUE:

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

- Route 59 in Merced County – Roadway improvements near Snelling.

This project in Merced County will make roadway improvements near Snelling. This project is fully funded in the 2006 State Highway Operation and Protection Program. The total estimated project cost is \$5,352,000. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2008-09.

A copy of the Mitigated Negative Declaration has been provided to Commission staff. The project will involve construction activities in the environmentally sensitive habitat of the California tiger salamander and vernal pool fairy shrimp, both federally listed threatened species. Due to these factors, a Mitigated Negative Declaration is being completed for this project.

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 10-Mer-59, PM 22.6/23.3 Resolution E-07-11

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - Route 59 in Merced County – Roadway improvements near Snelling.
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the Department has certified that the Mitigated 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 Mitigated 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.

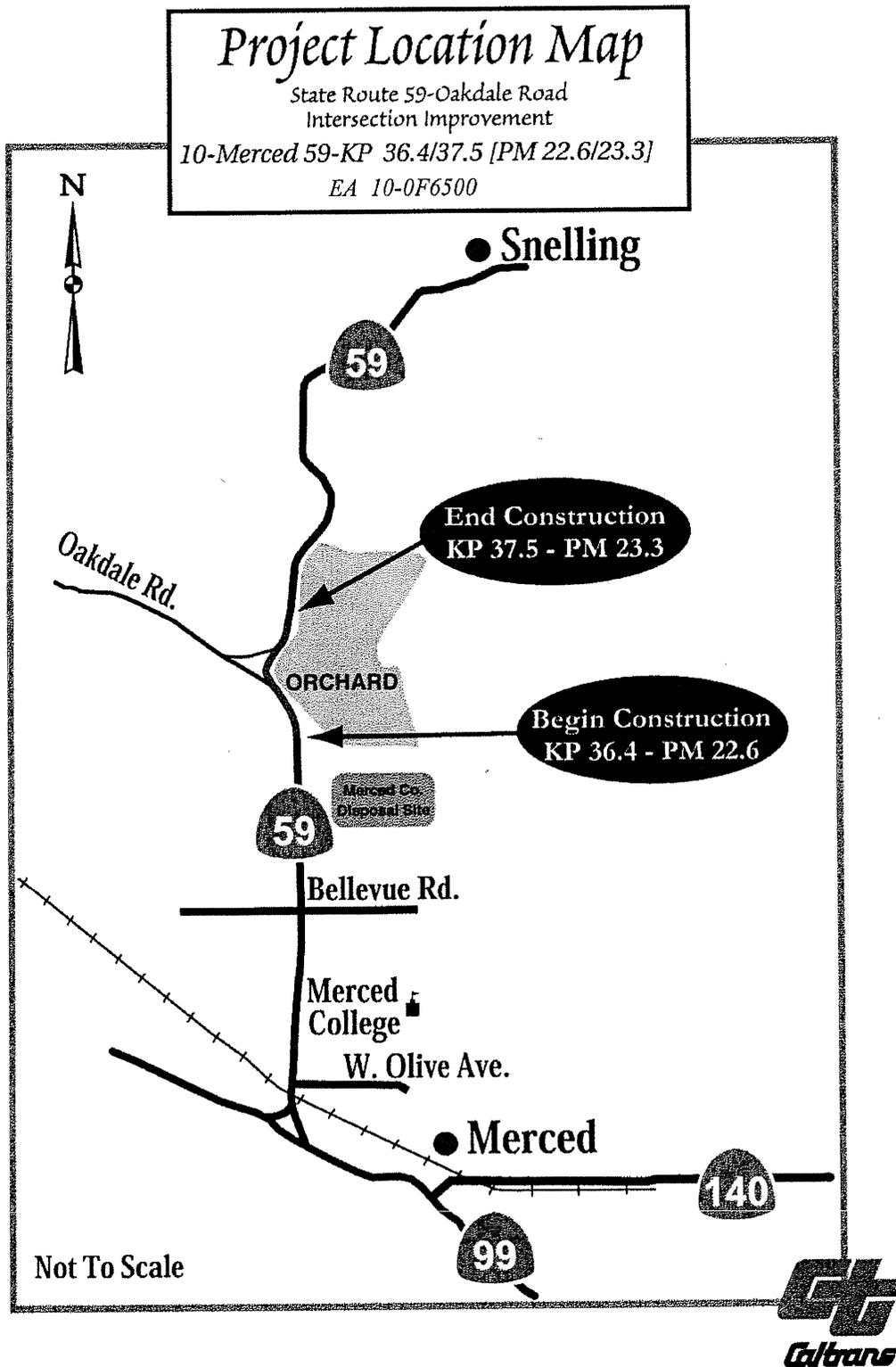


Figure 2 Project Location Map