

Memorandum

To: Chair and Commissioners

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ACTION

Ref: Approval Of Project For Consideration Of Funding – State Route 5 In Los Angeles County – Reconstruct Carmenita Interchange In The Cities Of Norwalk And Santa Fe Springs (MND) Resolution E-07-22

Issue: Should the Commission approve the attached resolution regarding the Department of Transportation's Mitigated Negative Declaration for its proposed re-construction of the Route 5 interchange at Carmenita Road in the cities of Norwalk and Santa Fe Springs in Los Angeles County?

Recommendation: Commission staff recommends that the Commission, as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-07-20. As a responsible agency, the Commission must approve this Resolution prior to allocating funds for capital purposes on the proposed project.

The proposed project is the re-construction of an interchange at Route 5 and Carmenita Road. The project would provide added capacity for two HOV lanes and two mixed flow lanes, as well as provide for a grade separation for a railroad crossing south of the freeway. The proposed interchange would also eliminate safety hazards associated with the current ramps.

According to the Department, the proposed project is fully funded. Total estimated cost of the project is about \$ 251.5 million. Funding comes from the State Transportation Improvement Program (\$93 million), local measure and local funding (\$50.8 million), federal demonstration funding (\$15.1 million), RSTP and CMAQ funding (\$21.6 million) and TCRP funding (\$71 million).

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

- Reconstruct Route 5/Carmenita Road Interchange in the cities of Norwalk and Santa Fe Springs (TCRP #43) Resolution E-07-22.

The Mitigated 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 Funding
Of
Carmenita Interchange in Los Angeles County
State Route 5/Carmenita Interchange in the Cities of Norwalk and Santa Fe Springs
Resolution E-07-22**

- 1.1 WHEREAS**, the Department of Transportation has completed a Mitigated 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:
- Reconstruct Route 5/Carmenita Road Interchange in the cities of Norwalk and Santa Fe Springs (TCRP #43) Resolution E-07-22.
- 1.2 WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a responsible agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated 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:
- Reconstruction of Route 5/Carmenita Road Interchange in the cities of Norwalk and Santa Fe Springs (TCRP #43) is approved for consideration of funding.