

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: December 12-13, 2007

Reference No.: 2.2c.(3)
Action Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING,
08-Riv-91, PM 15.6/21.6
RESOLUTION E-07-24**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-07-24.

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 91 in Riverside County – Roadway improvements in Riverside.

This project in Riverside County will construct High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes on a portion of Route 91 in Riverside. The project is fully funded in the 2006 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The total estimated project cost, support and capital, is \$232,777,000. The project is funded from \$24,263,000 Regional Improvement Program funds, \$3,700,000 Traffic Congestion Relief Program funds, \$47,616,000 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funds, and \$157,198,000 Corridor Mobility Improvement Account funds. It is estimated to begin construction in Fiscal Year 2010-11.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will involve construction activities in an area that is habitat to the Stephen's kangaroo rat, a federally listed threatened species. The project will also result in the disturbance of riparian habitat. As a result, a MND was 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

08-Riv-91, PM 15.6/21.6

Resolution E-07-24

- 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 91 in Riverside County – Roadway improvements in Riverside.
- 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.

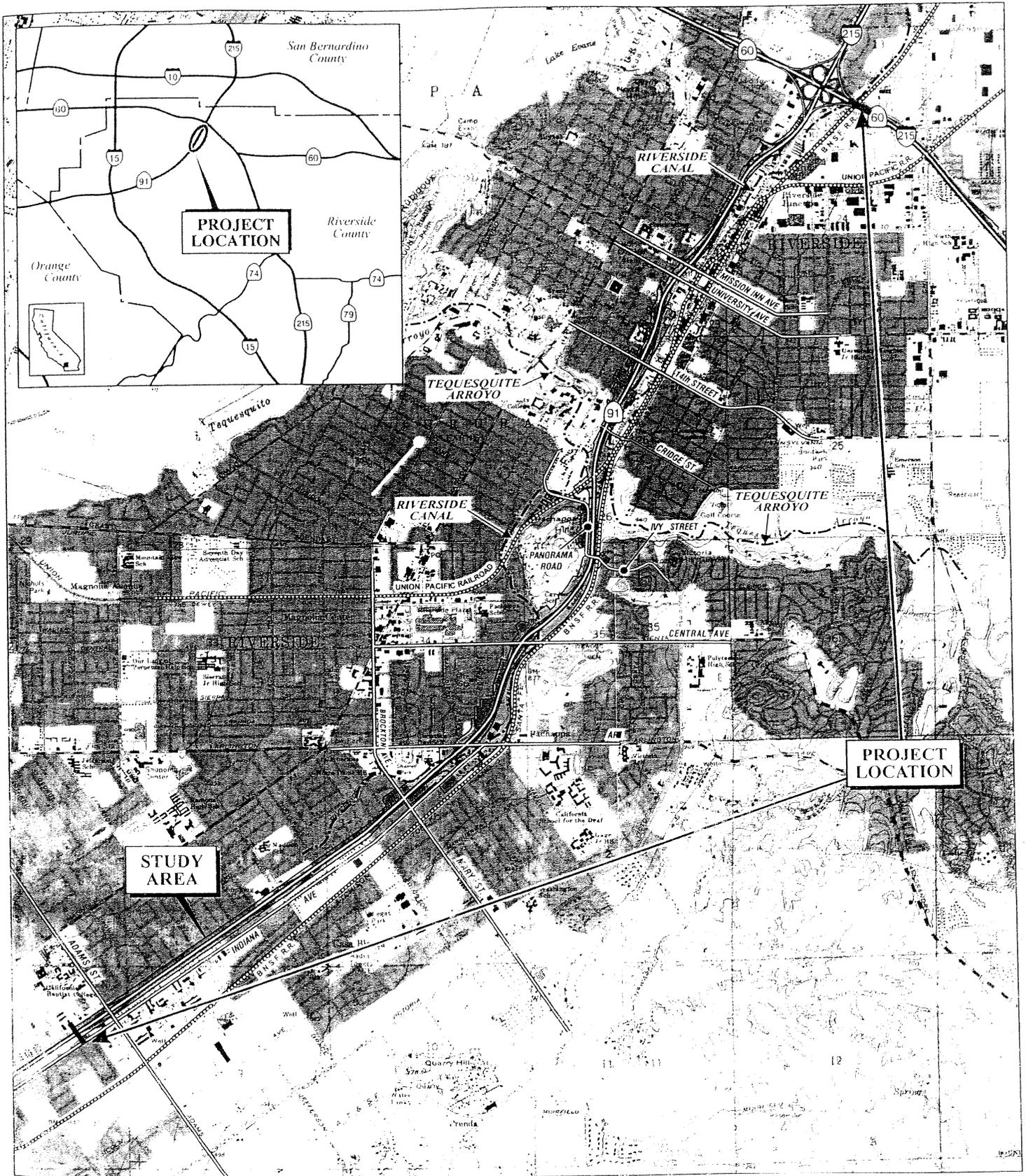


FIGURE I-1

State Route 91 - Add HOV Lanes Through Riverside -
Adams Street to Route 60/215 Junction

Project Location

08-RIV-91 KP25.11/34.76 (PM 15.6/21.6)

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SOURCE: USGS 7.5' QUADS - RIVERSIDE EAST & RIVERSIDE WEST, CALIF.

ESAE230-G ISIFA Location cdr (11-17-05)