

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: January 9-10, 2008

Reference No.: 2.2c.
Action Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING,
03-Nev-49, PM 9.7/11.2
RESOLUTION E-08-01**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-08-01.

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:

- State Route 49 in Nevada County – Roadway improvements near Grass Valley.

This project in Nevada County will make roadway improvements that include widening from two lanes to four lanes and construction of a new interchange along a portion of State Route 49 near Grass Valley. The project is fully funded in the 2006 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The total estimated project cost, capital and support, is \$40,500,000. The project is funded from \$10,966,000 Regional Improvement Program, \$10,966,000 Interregional Improvement Program, and \$18,568,000 Corridor Mobility Improvement Account. It is estimated that construction will begin in Fiscal Year 2008-09.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will involve construction activities in an area that is habitat to federally protected migratory birds. The project will also involve acquisition of new right-of-way and residential relocations. 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

03-Nev-49, PM 9.7/11.2

Resolution E-08-01

- 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:

 - State Route 49 in Nevada County – Roadway improvements near Grass Valley.
- 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.

