

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Subject: **DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, STATE ROUTE 76 IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY – ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS NEAR BONSALL**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department of Transportation recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) review and comment its January 2008 meeting on the following Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR):

- 11-SD-76, PM 7.3/13.1, Roadway improvements near Bonsall in San Diego County.

## **PROGRAMMING:**

This San Diego Association of Governments' Early Action Project in San Diego County would construct roadway improvements near Bonsall. The project is not fully funded. The total project cost is \$250 million. Current programming from federal and local fund sources totaling \$29 million will be used to complete the Environmental and Design phases and initiate the Right of Way phase. The project currently has a \$221 million unfunded need for the Right of Way and Construction phases, which is anticipated to be filled by future local TRANSNET-2 Funds and State Transportation Improvement Program funds. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2010-11.

## **ALTERNATIVES BEING CONSIDERED:**

Alternatives considered for the proposed project include:

- Alternative 1: No Build
- Alternative 2: Existing Alignment Alternative - This alternative would expand the existing two-lane conventional highway to four lanes with right of way and grading to accommodate an ultimate six-lane facility.
- Alternative 3: Southern Alignment Alternative – This alternative would widen and realign SR-76 from Melrose Drive to South Mission Road. This alternative, as with the Existing Alignment Alternative, would have four lanes with right of way and grading to accommodate an ultimate six-lane facility.

**POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:**

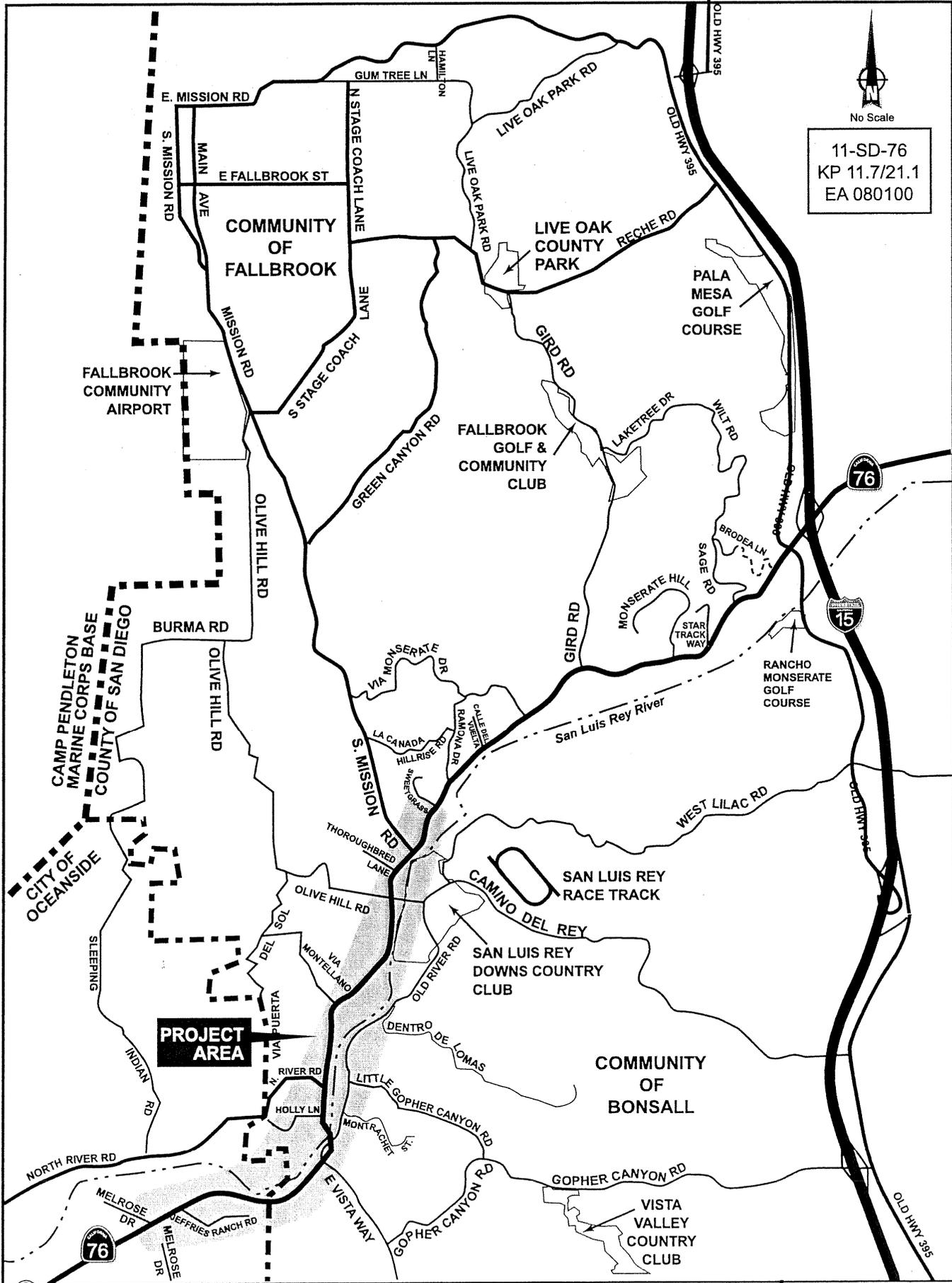
- Land use.
- Impacts to the San Luis Rey River floodplain.
- Hydrology.
- Community cohesion.

Because of the potentially significant environmental impacts listed above, public controversy, and the large scope of the project, an Environmental Impact Report is being prepared.

**PROPOSED MEASURES TO MINIMIZE HARM:**

- Avoidance of cultural resources.
- Restoration, creation or re-vegetation of habitat types that were temporarily disturbed.
- Environmental Sensitive Area fencing.
- Biological and archaeological monitors.
- Incorporate Best Management Practices.
- Provide relocation payments and assistance in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Properties Acquisition Policies Act.

Attachment



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Project Vicinity Map