

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: April 9-10, 2008

Reference No.: 2.2c.(1)
Action Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING,
01-Lak-53, PM 2.9/7.4
RESOLUTION E-08-02**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-08-02.

ISSUE:

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

- State Route 53 in Lake County – Construct roadway improvements near Clearlake.

This project in Lake County will make improvements, including extending existing turn pocket lanes and constructing new turn pocket lanes, along a 4.5 mile portion of State Route 53 near Clearlake. The project is fully funded in the 2008 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP). The total estimated project cost is \$21,758,000, capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10.

A copy of the ND has been provided to the Commission staff. The project will involve construction activities in an area that is habitat to the valley elderberry longhorn beetle, a federally-listed special-status species. As a result, a ND 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

01-Lak-53 PM 2.9/7.4

Resolution E-08-02

- 1.1** **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- State Route 53 in Lake County – Construct roadway improvements near Clearlake.
- 1.2** **WHEREAS**, the Department has certified that the 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 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.

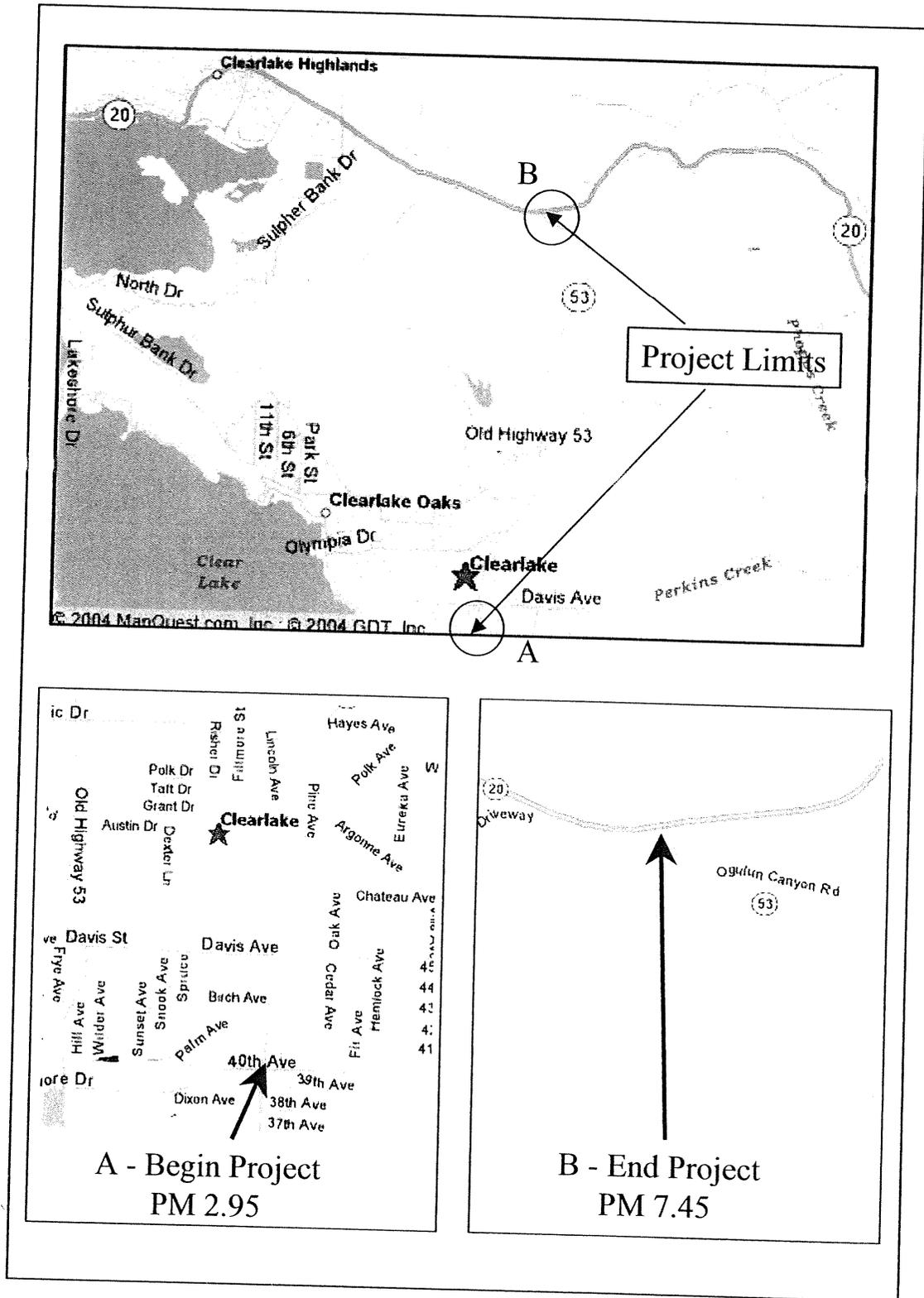


Figure 1-2 Project Location Map