

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: October 29-30, 2008

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

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING**
05-MON-1, PM 99.9/101.5
RESOLUTION E-08-14

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-08-14.

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 1 in Monterey County – Construct an interchange from Jensen Road to Trafton Road near the city of Watsonville (PPNO 0032G).

This project will construct a new interchange on Route 1 between Jensen Road to Trafton Road and convert a two-lane highway to a two-lane expressway. The project is programmed through construction with \$9.945 million in Regional Improvement Program, \$1.510 million in Interregional Improvement Program, and \$37.061 million in Corridor Mobility Improvement Account funds. The total estimated project cost is \$48.5 million. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2008-09.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will involve construction activities resulting in permanent wetlands loss and visual impacts that will be mitigated to less than significant levels. As a result, an 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

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Resolution E-08-14

- 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 1 in Monterey County – Construct an interchange from Jensen Road to Trafton Road near the city of Watsonville.
- 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.

Project Location Map

Salinas Road Interchange

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KP 160.7-163.3

PM 99.9-PM101.5

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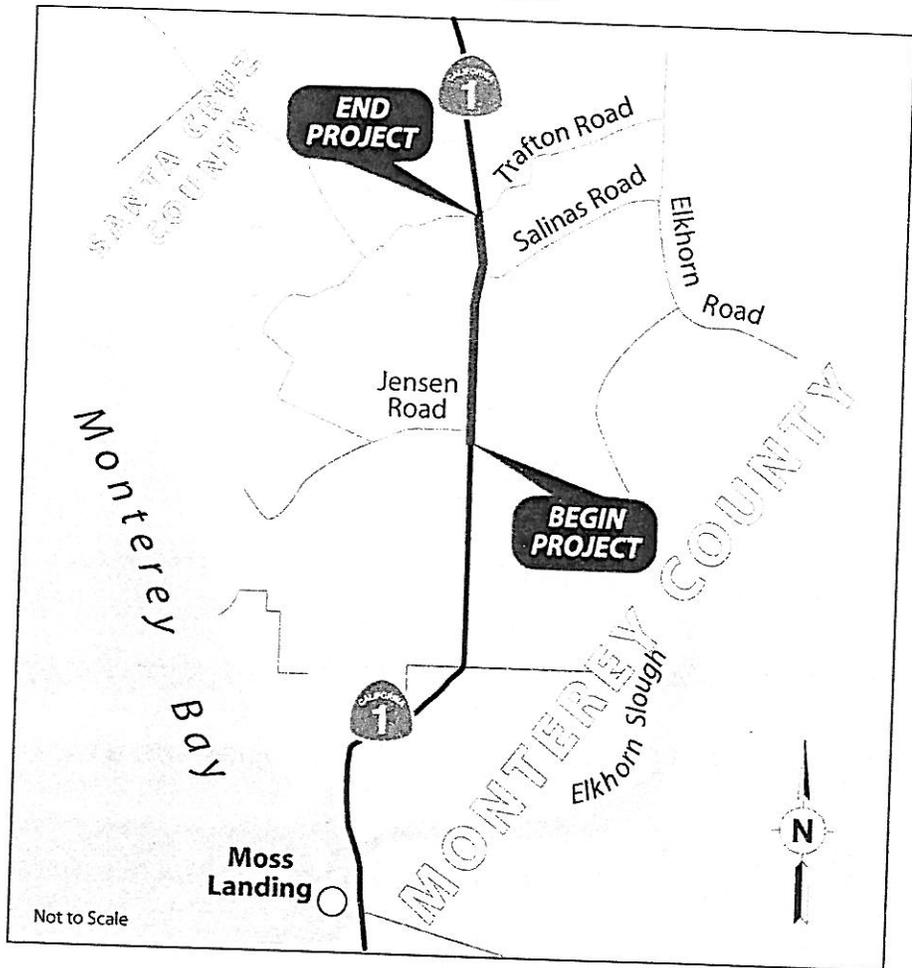


Figure 2 Project Location Map