

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: October 29-30, 2008

Reference No.: 2.2c.(4)
Action Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING**
06-KIN/TUL-198, PM 21.5/28.3, PM 0.0/3.4
RESOLUTION E-08-17

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-08-17.

ISSUE:

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

- Route 198 in Kings and Tulare County – Widen the existing Route 198 from 0.5 miles east of Route 43 near Hanford to 0.4 miles west of Route 99 near Visalia (PPNO A4306B).

This project will widen Route 198 in Kings and Tulare Counties from 0.5 miles east of Route 43 near Hanford to 0.4 miles west of Route 99 near Visalia. The project is programmed with Corridor Mobility Improvement Account, Regional Improvement Program, Interregional Improvement Program, Traffic Congestion Relief Program, and federal demonstration funds. The total estimated project cost, capital and support, is \$124.5 million. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2009-10.

A copy of the ND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will involve construction activities resulting in a reduction in prime farmland and visual impacts that will be mitigated to less than significant levels. As a result, an 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 06-Kin-198, 06-Tul-198, PM 21.5/28.3, PM 0.0/3.4 Resolution E-08-17

- 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:
- Route 198 in Kings and Tulare County – Widen the existing Route 198 near the city of Visalia.
- 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.

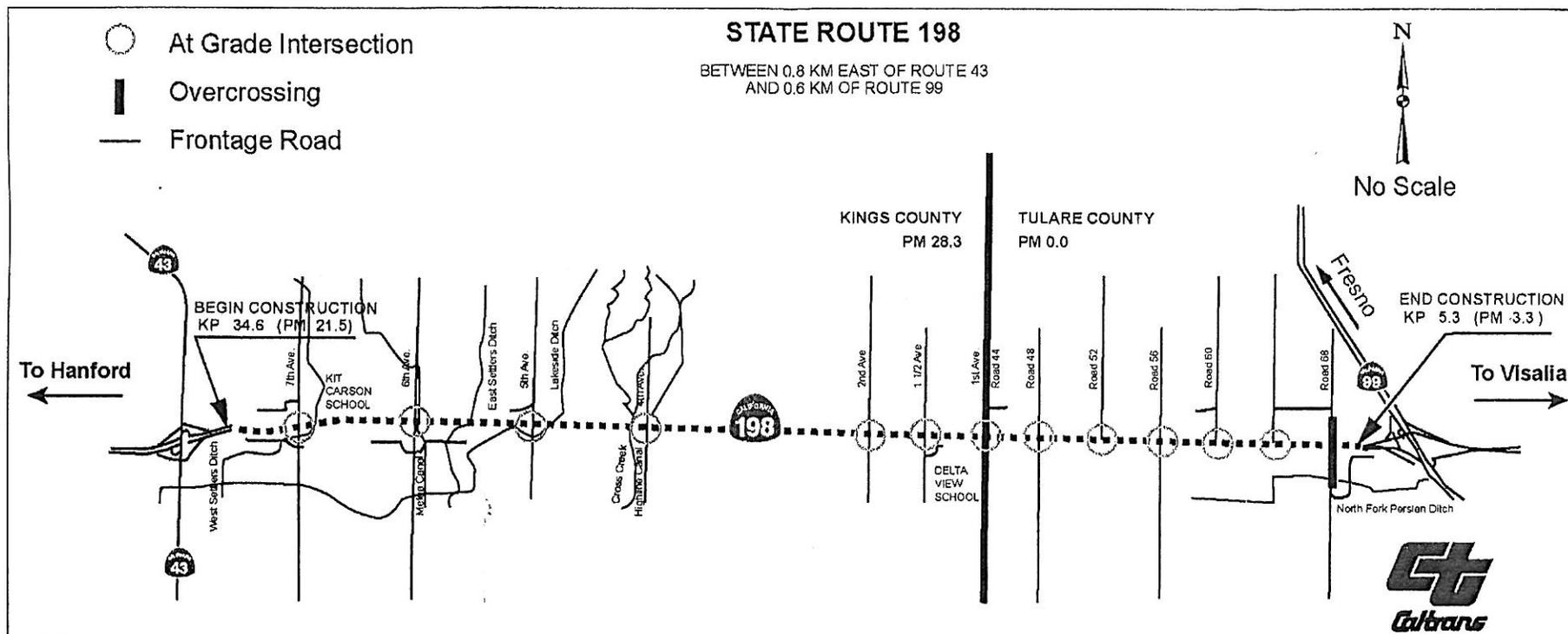


Figure 1-2 Project Location KP Map