

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: January 14, 2009

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Action Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
08-RIV-91, PM 0.0/2.9; 12-ORA-91, PM 15.9/19.9
RESOLUTION E-09-04**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-09-04.

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 91 in Riverside and Orange Counties – Construct roadway improvements including widening of existing lanes and constructing an additional lane on Route 91 between Route 241 near Yorba Linda and Route 71 near Corona. (PPNO 4678)

This project will construct roadway improvements to a 6.9 mile long section of Route 91 in Riverside and Orange Counties. The improvements will include widening of existing lanes and shoulders and the construction of an additional lane in both directions between Route 241 and Route 71. The project is programmed with corridor mobility improvement account funds, traffic congestion relief funds, local funds, federal demonstration funds, and Regional Measure 2 funds. The total estimated project cost is \$81,400,000. The construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2009-10. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope set forth in the approved project baseline agreement.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will involve construction activities along an existing facility resulting in potential impacts to water quality and visual resources. Construction activities will also occur in areas that are considered suitable habitat for several listed threatened and endangered plant and animal species. 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 08-Riv-91, PM 0.0/2.9, 12-Ora-91, PM 15.9/19.9 Resolution E-09-04

- 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 91 in Riverside and Orange Counties – Construct roadway improvements including widening of existing lanes and constructing an additional lane on Route 91 between Route 241 near Yorba Linda and Route 71 near Corona. (PPNO 4678)
- 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.

