

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: February 19, 2009

Reference No.: 2.2c.(3)
Action Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
04-SON-101, PM 4.05/5.2
RESOLUTION E-09-07**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-09-07.

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 101 in Sonoma County – Reconstruct and widen East Washington Street Interchange in Petaluma (PPNO T0181).

This project in Sonoma County will reconstruct the existing East Washington Street Interchange, realign southbound on-ramp, and add a new northbound on-ramp. The project is programmed in the Traffic Congestion Relief Program, and includes local funds and federal demonstration funds. The total estimated project cost is \$23,000,000. It is estimated to begin construction in Fiscal Year 2008-09.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will involve construction activities resulting in visual impacts that will be mitigated to less than significant levels through preserving existing trees where feasible, landscape replacement, and vegetation enhancement to the surrounding areas. 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

04-SON-101, PM 4.05/5.2

Resolution E-09-07

- 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 101 in Sonoma County – Construct roadway improvements including reconstructing and widening East Washington Street/U.S. 101 Interchange in Petaluma (PPNO T0181).
- 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.

