

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: February 19, 2009

Reference No.: 2.2c.(5)
Action Item

From: CINDY McKIM
Chief Financial Officer

Prepared by: Jay Norvell
Division Chief
Environmental Analysis

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING**
07-VEN-101, PM 31.2/33.2
RESOLUTION E-09-09

RECOMMENDATION:

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

ISSUE:

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

- Route 101 in Ventura County – Reconstruct Rice Avenue/U.S. 101 Interchange in the city of Oxnard.

This project in Ventura County will reconstruct the interchange at State Route 101 and Rice Avenue and improve traffic operations, enhance safety and increase capacity. The project is programmed in the Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF) and includes local funds and federal demonstration funds. The total estimated project cost is \$86,899,000. It is estimated to begin construction in Fiscal Year 2008-09. The scope as described for the preferred alternative is consistent with the project scope set forth in the approved project TCIF baseline agreement.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will involve construction activities resulting in visual impacts, potential seismic hazards, expose corrosive and/or hazardous soils, and biological impacts that will be mitigated to less than significant levels through preserving existing trees where feasible, landscape replacement, engineer facility to maximum credible earthquake design, removal of expansive/collapsible and corrosive soils, and incorporate a hazardous waste handling plan. 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 Consideration of Funding

07-Ven-101, PM 31.2/33.2

Resolution E-09-09

- 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 Ventura County – Reconstruct Rice Avenue/U.S. 101 Interchange and construct roadway improvements in Oxnard (PPNO 3430).
- 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 consideration of funding.

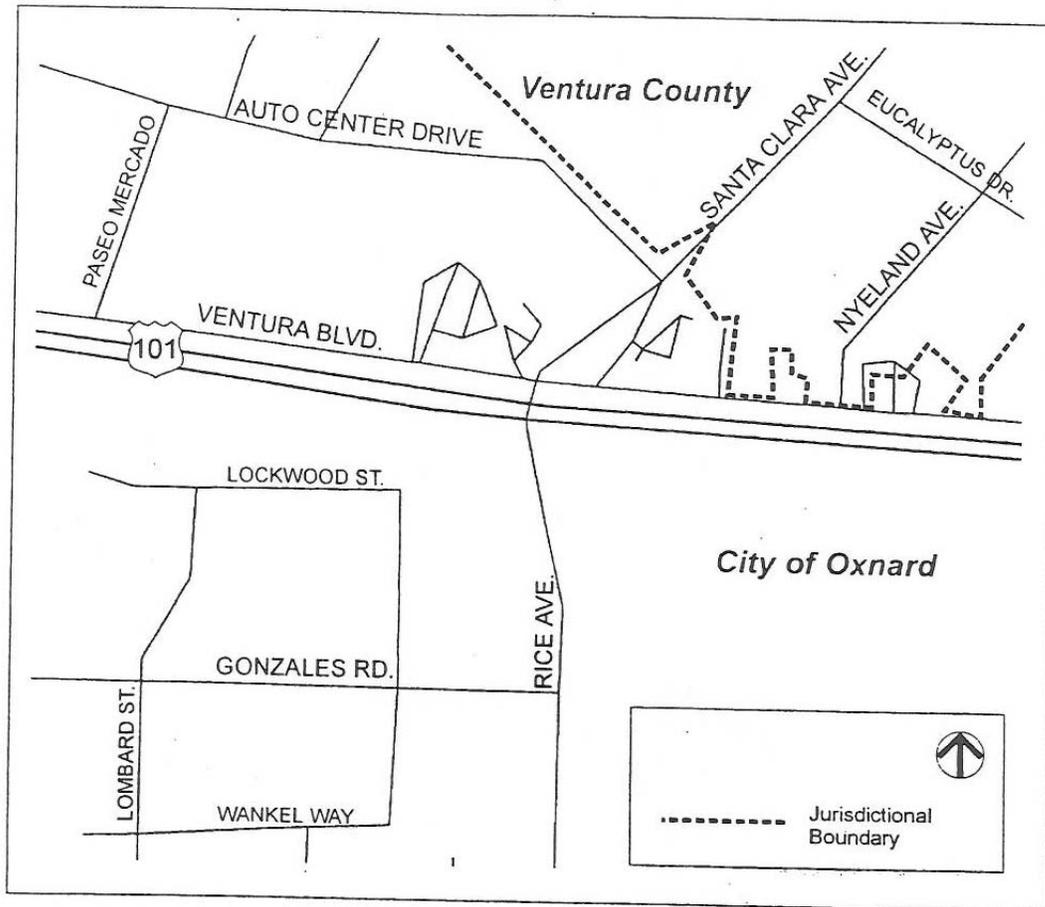


Figure 2: Project Location