

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
07-Ven/SB-101, PM 39.8/43.6; PM 0.0/2.2
RESOLUTION E-09-16**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-09-16.

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 Ventura/Santa Barbara Counties – Construct High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes in each direction and roadway improvements. (PPNO 3918)

This project spanning Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties is to construct HOV lanes in each direction and roadway improvements near the community of Mussel Shoals in Ventura County to Casitas Pass Road in Santa Barbara County. The project is programmed in the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) and the 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Total estimated cost is \$151,470,000. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2010-11.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will involve construction activities resulting in scenic resource impacts that will be mitigated to less than significant levels through landscape and aesthetic treatments. 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

07-Ven/SB-101, PM 39.8/43.6; PM 0.0/2.2

Resolution E-09-16

- 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/Santa Barbara Counties – Construct High Occupancy Vehicle lanes in each direction and roadway improvements. (PPNO 3918)
- 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.

VEN/SB 101 HOV Project

Project Vicinity Map

U.S. 101 located between Mobil Pier Undercrossing (PM 39.8/43.6) in Ventura County and Casitas Pass Road (PM 0.0/2.2) in Santa Barbara County.

