

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING  
08-SBd-18, PM 66.5/67.1  
RESOLUTION E-09-31**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-09-31.

## **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 18 in San Bernardino County – Replace the Cushenberry Creek Bridge on a new alignment, remove the existing bridge, and construct roadway improvements near Lucerne Valley. (PPNO 0188E)

The project will replace the existing Cushenberry Creek Bridge on a new alignment, remove the existing bridge, improve drainage, and construct roadway improvements near Lucerne Valley. The project is fully funded and is programmed in the 2008 State Highway Operation and Protection Program. Total estimated project cost is \$11,639,000, capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2009-10.

The project will involve construction activities in desert tortoise and Cushenbury milkvetch critical habitat, both federally protected species, and visual impacts that will be addressed by incorporating tortoise exclusion and monitoring measures, habitat restoration, and revegetate the surrounding areas as feasible. As a result, an ND was completed for this project. A copy of the ND has been provided to Commission staff.

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-SBd-18, PM 66.5/67.1**

**Resolution E-09-31**

- 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 18 in San Bernardino County – Replace the Cushenberry Creek Bridge on a new alignment, remove the existing bridge, and construct roadway improvements near Lucerne Valley. (PPNO 0188E)
- 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.

