

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

Date: May 22, 2009

From: BIMLA G. RHINEHART
Executive Director

File: Book Item 2.2c (11)
Action

Ref: Negative Declaration – Union Street to Sea Avenue Road and Pedestrian Route Improvements Project (Resolution E-09-50)

ISSUE: Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Negative Declaration (ND) for the Union Street to Sea Avenue Road and Pedestrian Route Improvements Project (project) and approve the project to be considered for funding?

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Commission accept the ND and approve the project to allow for consideration of funding.

BACKGROUND: The proposed project consists of the reconstruction and widening of Union Street and Sea Avenue in the community of Pine Hill located on the southern side of Eureka. The project will reconstruct portions of the roadway, provide widening and new structural sections where required, and overlay/rehabilitate the existing pavement in areas where feasible to utilize the existing roadway. The project is designed to improve transportation facilities and provide a safe route for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists as well as to improve drainage and control storm water runoff.

Humboldt County (County) was the CEQA lead for the project. On December 11, 2007, the County adopted the ND for the project. The County determined that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment. On March 23, 2009 the County prepared an addendum to the ND for the project since minor changes or additions were necessary to make the prior ND adequate for the current project. Based on the review of the project, in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines, the County determined that no Subsequent Negative Declaration or Environmental Impact Report was required for the current project, because the new information and changes in circumstances, project description, and impacts were not substantial and did not involve new significant impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified impacts.

The project cost is estimated to total \$2,640,000 and is fully programmed in the 2008 STIP. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2008/09.

Attachments

- Resolution No. 09-50
- Project Location

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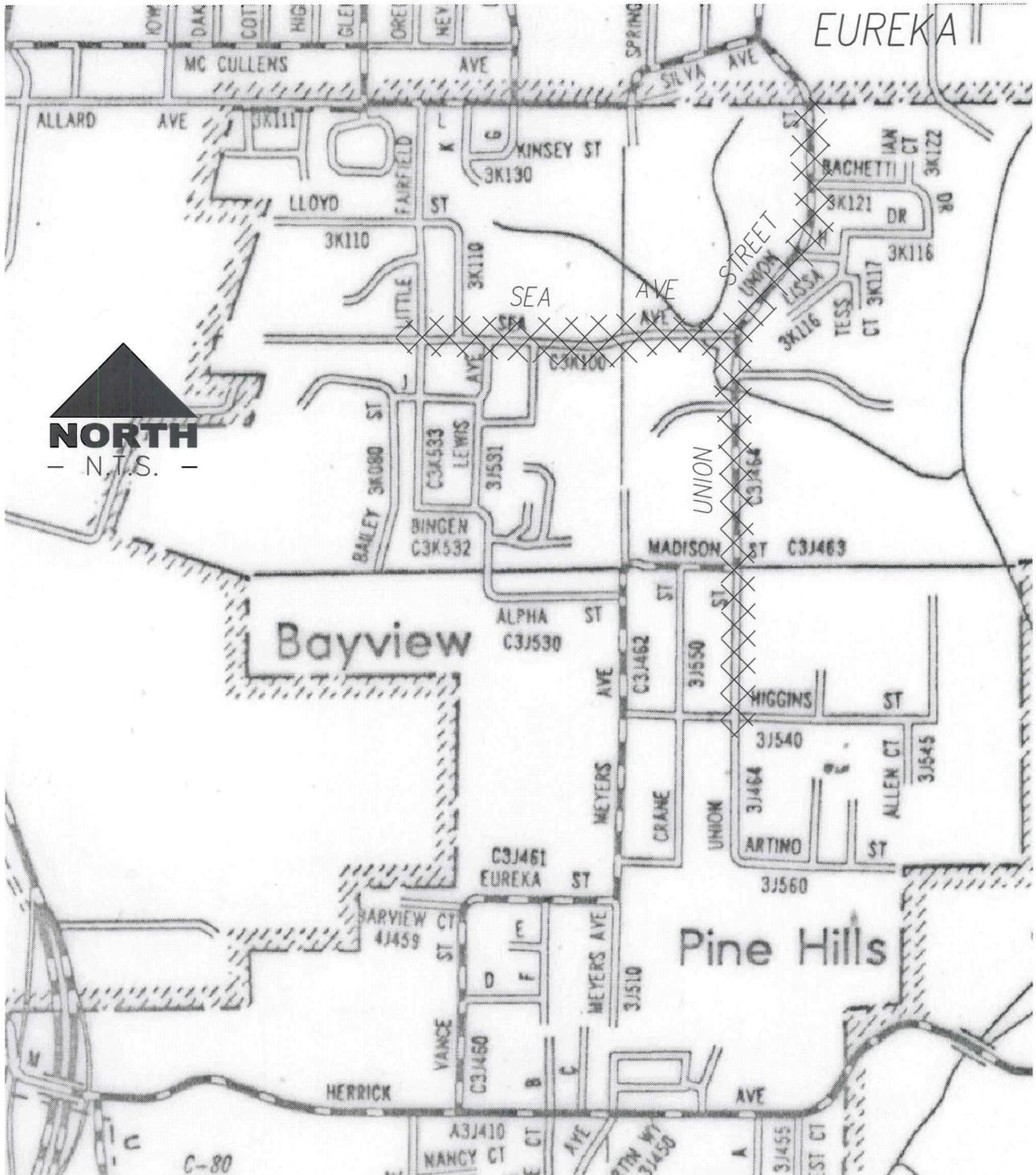
Resolution for Consideration of Funding 01-Humboldt Resolution E-09-50

- 1.1** **WHEREAS**, the County of Humboldt has completed a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- Union Street – Sea Avenue Road and Pedestrian Route Improvements
- 1.2** **WHEREAS**, the County of Humboldt 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 project would reconstruct and widen Union Street and Sea Avenue to improve transportation facilities and provide a safe route for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists as well as to improve drainage and control storm water runoff; and
- 1.4** **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Negative Declaration; and
- 1.5** **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.

PROJECT No.: 202701

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PLOT DATE: 05/07/09



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VICINITY MAP
 UNION ST.- SEA AVE. ROAD AND
 PEDESTRIAN ROUTE IMPROVEMENTS

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