

# Memorandum

**To:** CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action

**Ref:** **Final Environmental Impact Report for the White Rock Road General Plan Amendment and Widening, Improvement and Safety Project (Phases A, B & C) (Resolution E-09-54)**

**ISSUE:** Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) and Findings of Fact for the White Rock Road General Plan Amendment and Widening, Improvement and Safety Project (project) and approve the project for future consideration of funding?

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that the Commission accept the FEIR and Findings of Fact and approve the project for future consideration of funding.

**BACKGROUND:** The General Plan Amendment project is generally located along the existing alignment of White Rock Road from Sunrise Boulevard to the Sacramento-El Dorado County Line. The widening, improvement and safety project is located between the Rancho Cordova east city limits and the Sacramento/El Dorado County Line. The project objectives are to improve safety on White Rock Road, reduce existing congestion and create a parallel roadway capacity to US 50 between Sacramento and El Dorado Counties, that can accommodate the planned growth in both of these counties, and to enhance the mobility and safety for several modes of travel (e.g., pedestrian, bicycle, transit and automobile).

The County of Sacramento, as the CEQA lead agency for the project, completed the FEIR on March 20, 2009. On April 22, 2009, the County Board of Supervisors (Supervisors) found that the project is consistent with the goals and policies of the County General Plan and various community plans; the project will not impact land use, public services, drainage, and climate change; and that significant adverse impacts upon traffic and circulation, air quality, biological resources, hazardous materials and cultural resources can be reduced to less than significant levels with implementation of mitigation measures. Therefore, a statement of overriding considerations was not required for this project. However, the Supervisors did adopt a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

As shown on the attached project description, Phase B of this project is programmed in the CMIA program of projects. The County provided written confirmation that the scope as identified in the FEIR is consistent with the project scope programmed in the CMIA program.

## Attachments

1. Resolution E-09-54
2. Project Description
3. Project Location

# CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding

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### Resolution E-09-54

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the County of Sacramento has completed a Final Environmental Impact Report pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
  - White Rock Road General Plan Amendment, and Widening, Improvement and Safety Project (Phases A, B & C)
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the County of Sacramento has certified that the Final Environmental Impact Report has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines for its implementation; and
- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, the project will improve safety on White Rock Road, reduce existing congestion and create a parallel roadway capacity to US 50 between Sacramento and El Dorado Counties; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Final Environmental Impact Report; and
- 1.5 **WHEREAS**, written Findings of Fact were made pursuant to CEQA guidelines to indicate that the significant adverse impacts upon traffic and circulation, air quality, biological resources, hazardous materials and cultural resources, can be reduced to less than significant levels with the implementation of mitigation measures; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, the County of Sacramento Board of Supervisors adopted a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program designed to ensure that, during project implementation, compliance with the required mitigation measures is achieved.
- 2.1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby accept the Final Environmental Impact Report and Findings of Fact, and approve the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.

**Project Description**  
White Rock Road General Plan Amendment and  
Widening, Improvement and Safety Project (Phases A, B & C)

On February 13, 2007, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors met in regular session relative to the White Rock Road preliminary project development and directed staff to initiate an amendment to the 1993 General Plan to designate the segment of White Rock Road from Sunrise Boulevard to Rancho Cordova city boundary as a pre-2010 thoroughfare (6-lane) roadway and designate the segment from the Rancho Cordova city boundary to the Sacramento-El Dorado County line as a pre-2010 arterial (4-lane) roadway. Therefore, the White Rock Road General Plan Amendment work includes specific amendments to various segments of White Rock Road on the County General Plan Transportation Diagram. Most of the General Plan Amendment project limits can be considered an upgrade to the existing County Transportation Plan designations. These upgrades either include changing the timing of the road development from post-2010 to pre-2010 or changing the road designation from Urban and Rural Collector to a pre-2010 arterial road width and timing.

The project also proposes to widen White Rock Road from two lanes to four lanes with paved shoulders between Sunrise Blvd and the El Dorado-Sacramento County line in three phases. The city of Rancho Cordova is responsible for the White Rock Road work between Sunrise and their City boundary to the east. The County project, Phase A, begins at the County/City boundary limit. The following provides a description of each phase:

- Phase A is the westerly most component of the roadway improvements on White Rock Road and is composed of a 4,600 foot roadway segment beginning at the Rancho Cordova City line and extending to the east along the existing White Rock Road alignment, ending approximately 3,100 feet west of the Grant Line Road intersection. In Phase A, White Rock Road will be widened to four lanes, two vehicle lanes in each direction separated by a raised center median. Class II bike lanes and roadside ditches will also be constructed. Although the County wishes to have an environmental document prepared for this segment of the project, design and construction funding has not yet been secured. Construction of this segment is contingent on securing the necessary funding.
- Phase B begins at the terminus of Phase A, approximately 3,100 feet west of the Grant Line Road intersection, extending to the east mostly along a new roadway alignment, ending approximately 1,000 feet east of the Prairie City Road intersection. The intersections of Grant Line Road and Prairie City Road with White Rock Road will be widened to accommodate turning lanes, and the resulting intersection controlled with a traffic signal. Ultimately, Phase B will be four lanes wide. Phase B is programmed in the CMIA program of projects. Per the baseline CMIA project agreement, the project, estimated to cost \$26.6 million is programmed with CMIA (\$22 million) and Local (\$4.6 million) funds. Construction of the project is anticipated to begin May 2011 and be completed November 2012.

- Phase C is the easterly most component of the project beginning at the terminus of Phase B extending to the east along the existing White Rock Road alignment and ending at the Sacramento/El Dorado County line. Phase C will continue the improvements installed in phases A & B, widening to four lanes, two vehicle lanes in each direction separated by a raised center median. Class II bike lanes and roadside ditches will also be constructed. The intersections of Scott Road south and Scott Road north will be widened to accommodate turning lanes. Phase C is currently not funded.

Plate PD -2, White Rock Road Location and Sacramento County Zoning

