

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

Date: June 19, 2009

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Executive Director

File: Book Item 2.2c (7)
Action

Ref: Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Grant Line Road Widening Project (Resolution E-09-58)

ISSUE: Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Grant Line Road Widening Project (project) and approve the project for future consideration of funding?

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Commission accept the MND and approve the project for future consideration of funding.

BACKGROUND: The City of Elk Grove (City) adopted the MND for the project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) on December 14, 2005. The City has confirmed that a revalidation of the environmental impacts for the project is not required. The project proposes to widen Grant Line Road from two to six lanes between Survey Road and Waterman Road; widen Grant Line Road from two to four lanes between Waterman Road and just northeast of Bradshaw Road; realign the Grant Line Road/Waterman Road and Grant Line Road/Bradshaw Road intersections and replace the existing at grade Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) grade crossing with a grade separated overhead structure. The project will provide more efficient access to and from the State Route 99/Grant Line Road Interchange; alleviate existing and anticipated future traffic operational deficiencies along Grant Line Road, and increase safety at the intersections of Grant Line Road with Waterman and Bradshaw Roads as well as at the UPRR crossing.

The City of Elk Grove found that there is not substantial evidence that the project will have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Mitigation measures were made a condition of approval of the project relative to aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, hazardous materials, and noise. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to, retaining and protecting, where feasible, oak trees and other large trees; incorporation of air pollution control measures in project specifications and construction activities; development and implementation of a mitigation plan approved by the California Department of Fish and Game; conducting a hazardous waste investigation if potentially contaminated soil and/or groundwater is encountered during excavation or construction; and installation of new windows and doors to minimize noise at the affected residence. The City adopted a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program designed to ensure compliance with the required mitigation measures during project implementation.

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The Waterman/Grant Line Road Intersection phase of the project is programmed in the Proposition 1B State – Local Partnership Program (SLPP). On June 15, 2009, the City provided written confirmation that the preferred alternative set forth in the final environmental document is consistent with the scope of work programmed by the Commission in the SLPP.

The Waterman/Grant Line Road Intersection project phase is estimated to cost \$7,635,000. The project is funded with SLPP (\$1,000,000), and Local (\$6,635,000) funds. Construction is anticipated to begin in Fiscal Year 2009/10.

Attachments

1. Resolution E-09-58
2. Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding

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Resolution E-09-58

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Elk Grove has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- Grant Line Road Widening
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the City of Elk Grove 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 project would provide more efficient access to and from the State Route 99/Grant Line Road Interchange; alleviate existing and anticipated future traffic operational deficiencies along Grant Line Road between Survey Road and Bradshaw Road; and increase safety at the intersections of Grant Line Road with Waterman and Bradshaw Roads, as well as at the Union Pacific Railroad grade crossing; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated 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 future consideration of funding.

Waterman/Grant Line Road Intersection Project Location

