

# Memorandum

**To:** CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Executive Director

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Action

**Ref:** Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Franklin Boulevard/Elk Grove Boulevard Intersection Widening and Bus Turnouts Project (Resolution E-09-59)

**ISSUE:** Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Franklin Boulevard/Elk Grove Boulevard Intersection Widening and Bus Turnouts 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 February 13, 2008. The project proposes to widen a portion of Elk Grove Boulevard from five lanes to six and widen a portion of Franklin Boulevard from four lanes to six. This widening would allow for two new free right turn lanes on eastbound to southbound Elk Grove Boulevard and two bus turnouts on southbound Franklin Boulevard. The project is intended to provide adequate roadway and intersection level of service to accommodate future traffic anticipated in the area from planned and approved development under the City's General Plan; provide more efficient access to residential and commercial developments and schools within the East Franklin Specific Plan and surrounding areas of Elk Grove; provide for improved safety at Franklin Boulevard/Elk Grove Boulevard intersection; and accommodate the needs of bicyclists, pedestrians and bus transit service.

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 air quality, biological resources, hazardous materials, and land use and planning. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to, adherence to Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District CEQA Guidelines during construction; inspecting equipment for oil and fuel discharges; implementation of erosion control and water pollution control measures; preconstruction surveys prior to construction; consultation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service; conformance with applicable regulatory agency guidelines (EPA, et al.) with respect to hazardous materials; and negotiation with the Laguna Stone Lake LLC regarding a land transfer that incorporates mitigation and compensation equal to the biological value of the Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge land acquired for the project to ensure no net loss of wetlands and other sensitive habitat. The City adopted a Mitigation

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Monitoring and Reporting Program designed to ensure compliance with the required mitigation measures during project implementation.

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 project is estimated to cost \$4,015,000. The project is funded with SLPP (\$988,000), and Local (\$3,027,000) funds. Construction is anticipated to begin in Fiscal Year 2009/10.

#### Attachments

1. Resolution E-09-59
2. Project Location

**CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding**

**03-SAC**

**Resolution E-09-59**

- 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:
- Franklin Boulevard/Elk Grove Boulevard Intersection Widening and Bus Turnouts
- 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 adequate roadway and intersection level of service to accommodate future traffic anticipated in the area; more efficient access to residential and commercial developments and schools within the East Franklin Specific Plan area and surrounding areas of Elk Grove; improve safety at the Franklin Boulevard/Elk Grove Boulevard Intersection; and accommodate the needs of bicyclists, pedestrians, and bus transit service; 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.

# Franklin Boulevard/Elk Grove Blvd Intersection

## Project Location

