

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Executive Director

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Action

Ref: Negative Declaration for the 12th Avenue Widening/Reconstruction Project (Resolution E-09-63)

ISSUE: Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Negative Declaration (ND) for the 12th Avenue Widening/Reconstruction Project (project) and approve the project for future consideration of funding?

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

BACKGROUND: The City of Hanford (City) was the CEQA lead agency for the project. On June 16, 2009, the Hanford City Council approved the ND. The ND found that all environmental impacts created with the future widening of 12th Avenue are considered to be less than significant.

The project will widen an existing two lane county road to a four lane arterial street along 12th Avenue, from Grangeville Blvd to a point approximately 800 feet south of Liberty Street, in the City of Hanford to facilitate two travel lanes in each direction including turn lanes. The project will also include the installation of a traffic signal and the acquisition of portions of 8 parcels totaling .11 acres required for a sidewalk. The project will reduce travel delays and allow pedestrians and bicyclists to utilize the roadway safely.

This project is programmed in the Proposition 1B State and Local Partnership Program (SLPP). The City has provided written confirmation that the environmental document pertains to the SLPP project scope programmed and that the project scope and cost programmed in the SLPP remains unchanged.

The project is estimated to cost \$2,720,000. The project is anticipated to be funded with SLPP (\$600,000), Proposition 1B Local Streets and Roads (\$812,000), Federal (\$350,000), and Local (\$958,000) funds. Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2009/10.

Attachments

- Resolution E-09-63
- Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 06-Kings Resolution E-09-63

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Hanford (City) has completed a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - 12th Avenue Widening/Reconstruction Project
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the City 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 widen an existing two lane county road to a four lane arterial street along 12th Avenue, from Grangeville Blvd to a point approximately 800 feet south of Liberty Street in the City of Hanford to facilitate two travel lanes in each direction and provide other safety improvements; 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 City found that the proposed project could not have a significant effect on the environment; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, the Hanford City Council approved the Negative Declaration.
- 2.1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby accept the Negative Declaration and approve the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.

PROJECT LOCATION MAP

