

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: September 9-10, 2009

Reference No.: 2.2c.(4)
Action Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
06-TUL-99, PM 30.6/41.3
RESOLUTION E-09-67**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-09-67.

ISSUE:

The attached resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding the following project for which a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been completed:

- Route 99 in Tulare County. Widen from four to six lanes between Prosperity Avenue and north of the North Goshen Overhead, and construct roadway improvements on Route 99 in the city of Tulare. (PPNO 6400)

This project will widen Route 99 from four to six lanes between Prosperity Avenue and north of the North Goshen Overhead, and construct roadway improvements on Route 99 in the city of Tulare. The project is not fully funded. The project is programmed in the 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program for Plans, Specifications and Estimate, and Right of way. The total estimated project cost is \$114,800,000, capital and support. The begin construction date is unknown, pending funding availability.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will involve construction activities resulting in visual, biological, hydrologic, and community effects that will be addressed by aesthetic treatments, soundwalls, bridges, habitat replacement for San Joaquin Kit Fox, a federally endangered species, waters compensation, and relocation assistance for one business displacement. As a result, an MND was completed for this project.

The Department has approved this project for construction. This approval and the filing of the Notice of Determination with the Office of Planning and Research will satisfy the environmental requirements for this stage of the project planning process.

Attachments

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding

06-Tul-99, PM 30.6/41.3

Resolution E-09-67

- 1.1** **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:

 - Route 99 in Tulare County. Widen Route 99 from four to six lanes and construct roadway improvements between Prosperity Avenue and north of the North Goshen Overhead. (PPNO 6400)
- 1.2** **WHEREAS**, the Department 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 California Transportation Commission, as a responsible agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.4** **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.

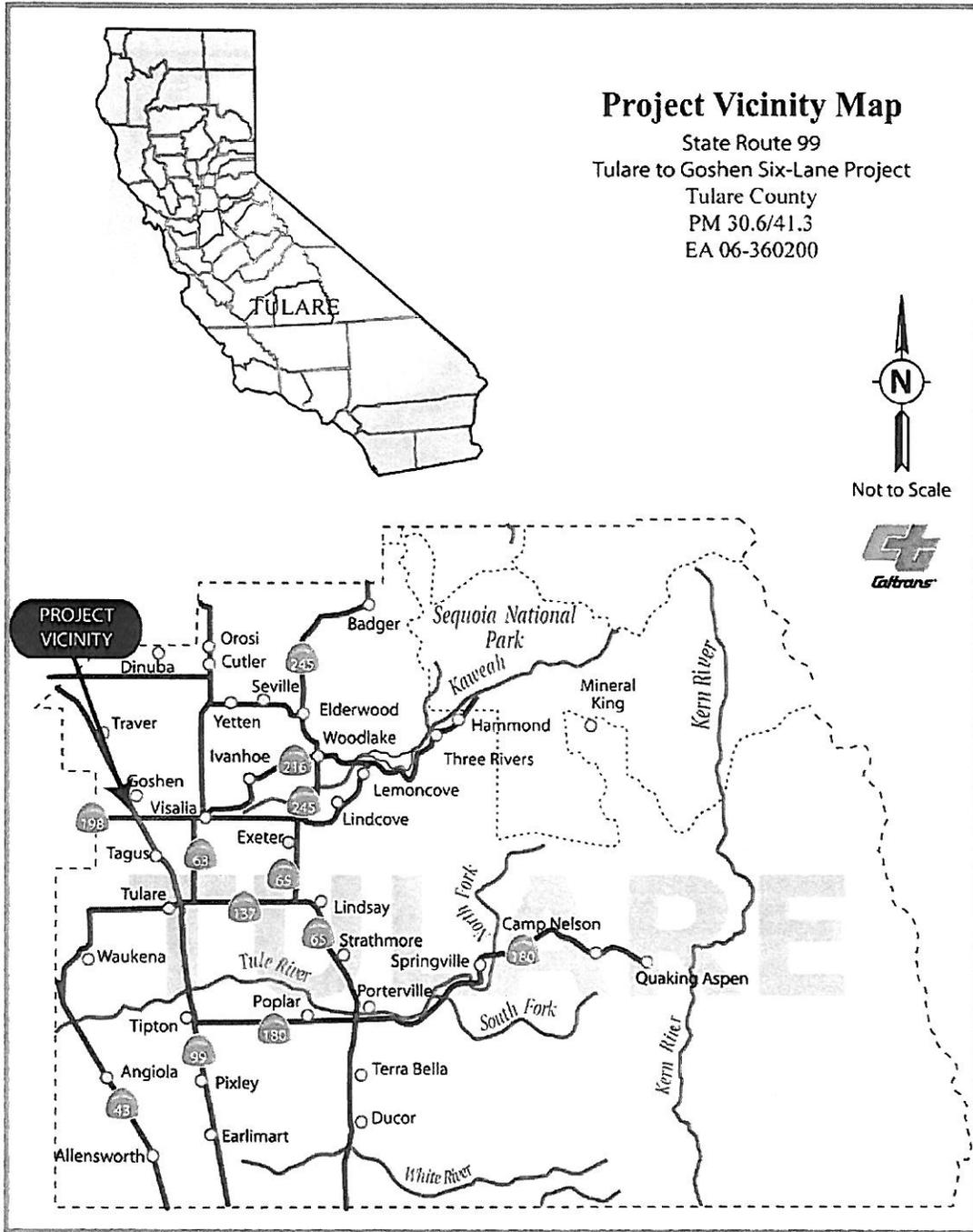


Figure 1-1 Project Vicinity Map