

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action

Ref: Mitigated Negative Declaration – Black Butte Drive and Vista Drive Rehabilitation Project (Resolution E-09-82)

ISSUE: Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Black Butte Drive and Vista Drive Rehabilitation Project (project) in the City of Weed 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 Weed (City) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. The project will realign portions of Black Butte Drive and Shastina Drive to improve circulation in the South Weed area.

On August 14, 2008 the City adopted a MND and mitigation monitoring program for the project. The City determined that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation. Impacts identified as potentially significant related to temporary impacts to air quality due to dust producing activities; potential impacts to previously unknown subsurface cultural resources; potential erosion; a temporary reduction in street capacity and interference with emergency vehicle movement; and a temporary increase in noise levels and ground vibrations during construction activities. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to, implementation of dust control measures during construction; consultation with a qualified archaeologist if cultural resources are discovered; incorporation of best management practices in grading or other earthmoving work; implementation of temporary traffic controls during construction and timing construction activities to minimize noise.

The project is estimated to cost \$1,500,000 and is fully programmed in the STIP. Construction was estimated to begin in fiscal year 2008/09. The City has provided confirmation that the scope of work addressed in the MND is consistent with the scope of work programmed in the STIP.

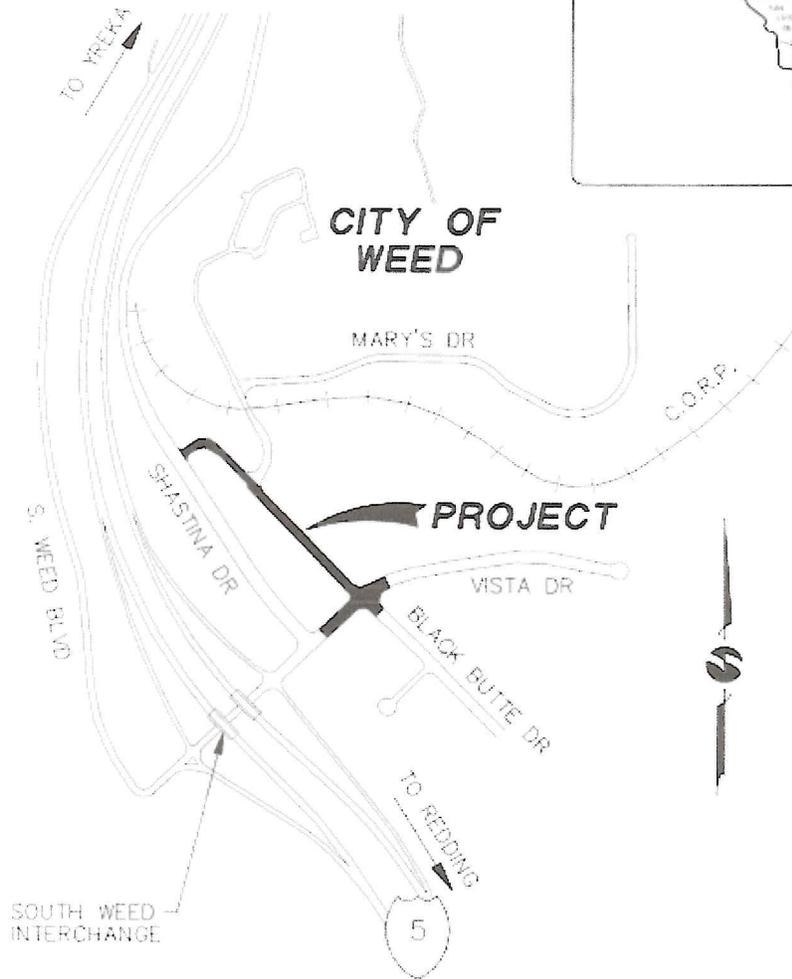
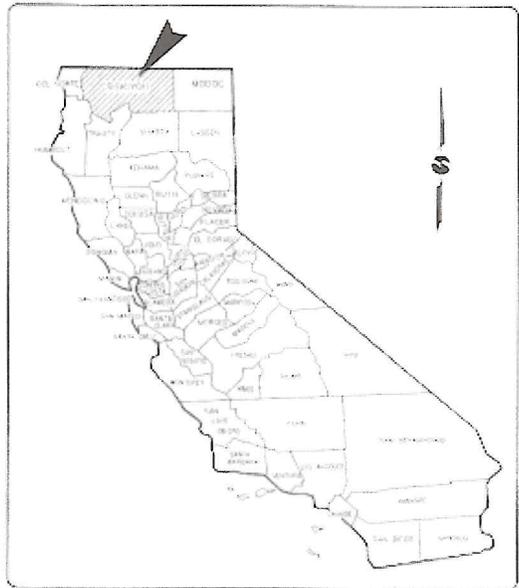
Attachments

- Resolution E-09-82
- Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 01-Siskiyou Resolution E-09-82

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Weed (City) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - Black Butte Drive/Shastina Drive Realignment
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the City Council 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 realign portions of Black Butte Drive and Shastina Drive to improve circulation in the South Weed area and provide other roadway improvements; 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 City found that all significant or potentially significant impacts can be reduced by mitigation measures to a less than significant level; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, the City Council adopted a Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program for the project; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, the City Council approved the Mitigated Negative Declaration.
- 2.1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration and approve the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.



BLACK BUTTE DRIVE AND VISTA DRIVE REHAB.

SCALE: 1"=1000'

VICINITY MAP

