State of California
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Business, Transportation and Housing Agency

M e m o r a n d u m

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Reference No.: 2.2c.(7)
Action Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING**
10-TUO-108, PM 1.8/R6.9
RESOLUTION E-09-80

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-09-80.

ISSUE:

The attached resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding the following project for which a Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) has been completed:

- Route 108 in Tuolumne County. Construct a 4-lane freeway, interchanges, bridge replacement, and roadway improvements in Sonora. (PPNOs 0021A, 0021B, 0021C)

This project in Tuolumne County will construct a 4-lane freeway replacing the existing 2-lane conventional highway currently known as Mono Way; construct interchanges near Fir Drive, Hess Avenue, and Standard Road; construct a new bridge over Sullivan Creek; and construct roadway improvements in the city of Sonora. This project is programmed in the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account and the 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program. Total estimated project cost is $65,920,000, capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2009-10. The scope as described for the preferred alternative is consistent with the project scope set forth in the approved project baseline agreement.

A copy of the FEIR has been provided to Commission staff. Construction activities will occur in habitat areas of several endangered or threatened plant and animal species. The project will also cause impacts to visual, cultural, and riparian resources that will be mitigated by aesthetic treatments, establishing environmentally sensitive areas, and riparian restoration. As a result, a Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted.

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
10-TUO-108, PM 1.8/R6.9
Resolution E-09-80

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

- Route 108 in Tuolumne County. Construct a 4-lane freeway, interchanges, bridge replacement, and roadway improvements in Sonora. (PPNOs 0021A, 0021B, 0021C)

1.2 **WHEREAS**, the Department has certified that the Environmental Impact Report 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 Environmental Impact Report; and

1.4 **WHEREAS**, the Environmental Impact Report did not identify significant effects after mitigation; and

2.1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby support approval of the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.

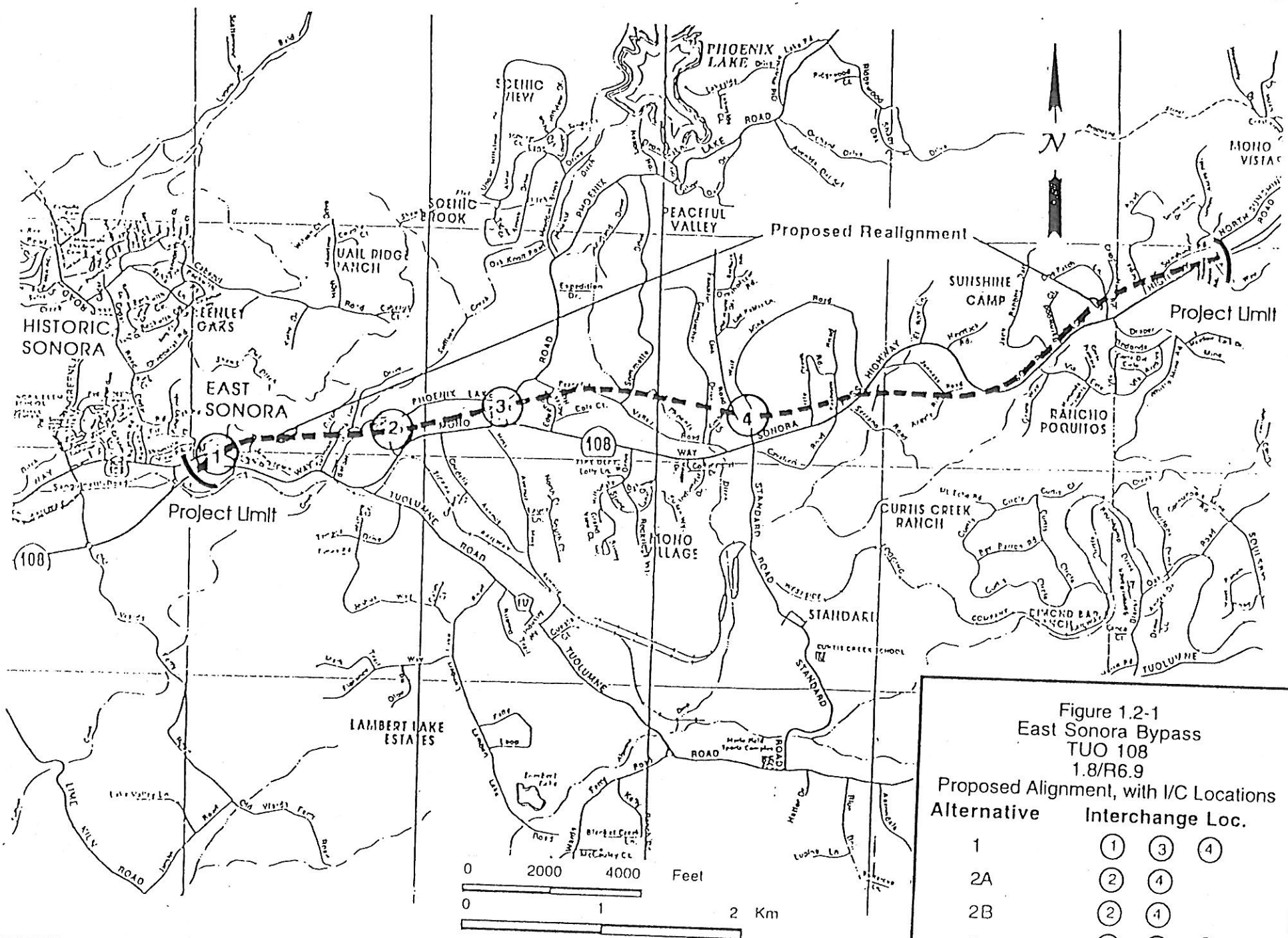

Figure 1.2-1
East Sonora Bypass
TUO 108
1.8/R6.9
Proposed Alignment, with I/C Locations

Alternative	Interchange Loc.
1	1 3 4
2A	2 4
2B	2 4
3	1 2 4