

# Memorandum

**To:** CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

**Date:** September 24, 2009

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**File:** Book Item 2.2c (11)  
Action

**Ref:** Mitigated Negative Declaration for the SR 99/Elverta Road Interchange Project (Resolution E-09-84)

**ISSUE:** Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the State Route (SR) 99/Elverta Road Interchange Project (project) in Sacramento County 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 County of Sacramento (County) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. The project will construct an interchange at SR 99/Elverta Road to replace the existing signalized “at grade” intersection. On July 14, 2009, the County Board of Supervisors certified the MND finding that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

The County adopted a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for this project as mitigation measures were made a condition of approval of the project. These mitigation measures were necessary to address impacts related to the loss of prime farmland; construction related air quality; loss of floodplains; biological resources; waters of the US; cultural resources; and hazardous materials.

Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to, compensation if more than 50 acres of farmland are lost; adherence to a work plan during construction in consultation with the Sacramento Air Quality Management District; provision for in-kind compensatory water storage for the volume of the floodplain displaced; implementation of standard avoidance and minimization measures for construction activities in the Giant Garter Snake Habitat; consultation with the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Game; mitigation for permanent loss of habitat at a ratio of 3:1; consultation with the US Army Corps of Engineers regarding the irrigation canals in the project area prior to initiation of project construction; notification to the County’s Department of Environmental Review and Assessment if cultural resources are discovered; and obtaining required permits for destruction of an existing illegally abandoned water supply well.

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On August 24, 2009 the County provided confirmation that the scope of the project, as approved by the County Board of Supervisors, is consistent with the project programmed in the Proposition 1B State Route 99 Program.

The project is estimated to cost \$30,200,000. The project is programmed for funding with SR 99 Bond (\$19,110,000) and Local (\$ 11,090,000) funds. Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2010/11.

Attachments

- Resolution E-09-84
- Project Location

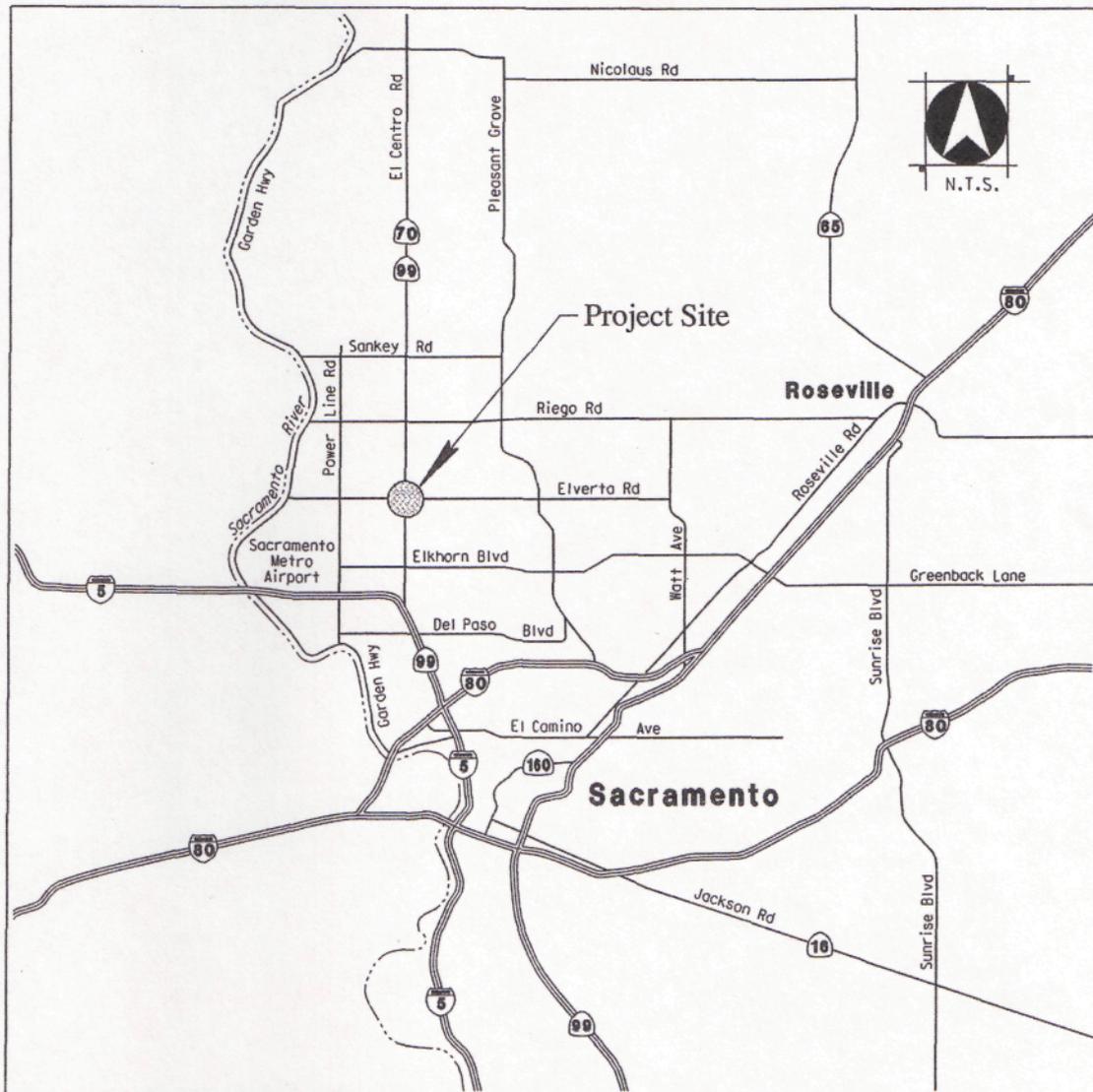
# CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding

03-SAC-99, PM 35/36

Resolution E-09-84

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the County of Sacramento (County) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
  - State Route 99/Elverta Road Interchange Project
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the County Board of Supervisors 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 construct an interchange at State Route 99 and Elverta Road in the North Natomas Community; 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 County 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 County Board of Supervisors adopted a Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program for the project; and
- 1.7 **WHEREAS**, the County Board of Supervisors 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.



Vicinity Map – Elverta Road Interchange