

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING  
08-RIV-215, PM R32.32/R35.93  
RESOLUTION E-09-94**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-09-94.

## **ISSUE:**

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

- Route 215 in Riverside County. Reconstruct Route 215 from Cactus Avenue to Oleander Avenue and construct roadway improvements west of the city of Moreno Valley. (EA 0E5200)

This project will reconstruct improvements at the Interstate 215/Van Buren Boulevard Interchange. The proposed improvements include widening of the Van Buren Boulevard Bridge, addition of an eastbound to northbound entrance ramp, reconfiguration and widening of the existing entrance and exit ramps, and construction of auxiliary lanes from Van Buren Boulevard to Cactus Avenue. The project is programmed in the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) and includes local funds. Total estimated cost is \$97,550,000, capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2011-12. 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 MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will involve construction activities resulting in socioeconomic, visual, hazardous waste, air quality, and biological impacts that will be mitigated to less than significant levels. As a result, an MND was completed for this project.

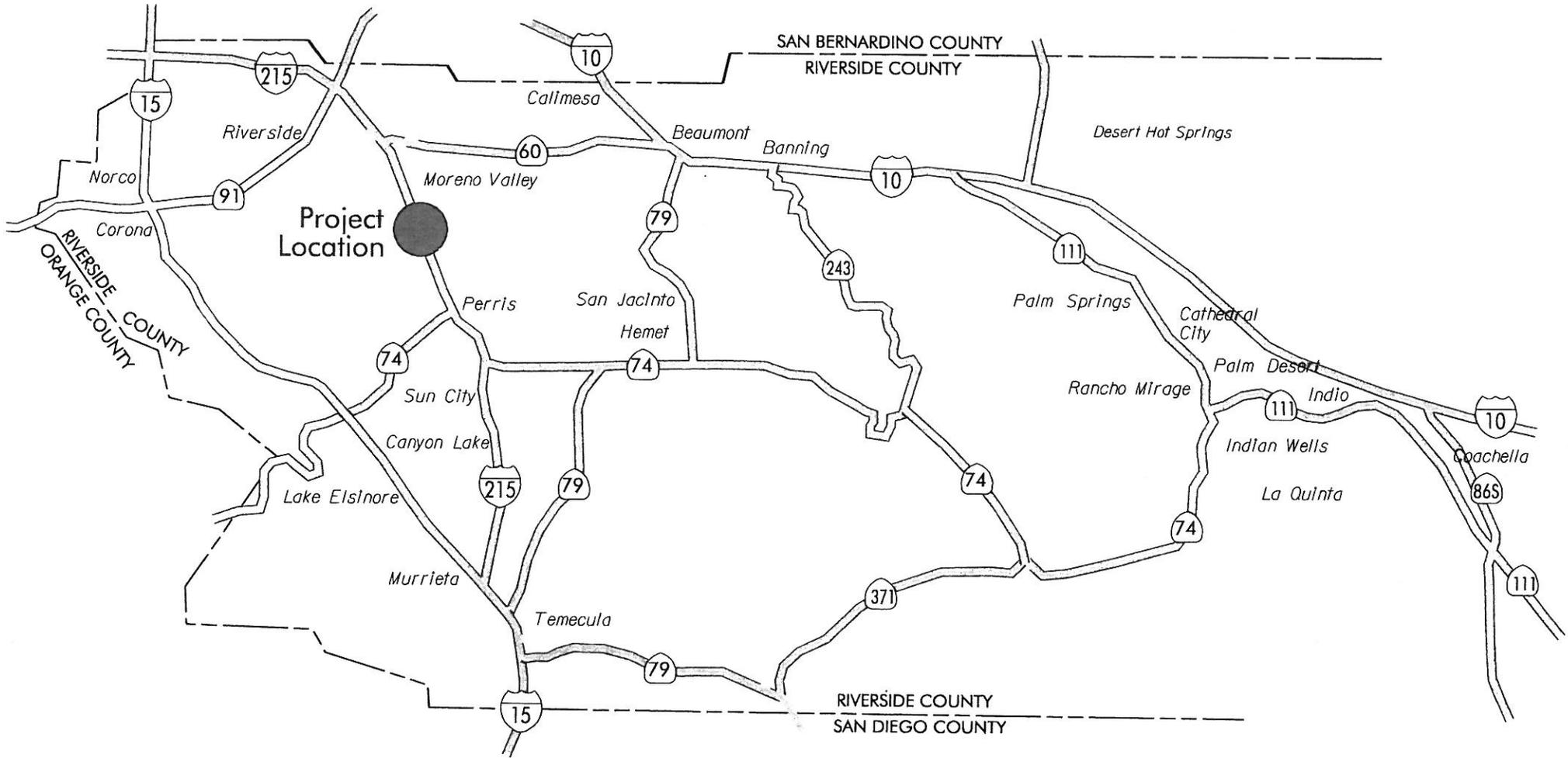
The Department has approved this project for construction. This approval and the filing of the Notice of Determination with the Office of Planning and Research will satisfy the environmental requirements for this stage of the project planning process.

Attachments

## **CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

### **Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 08-Riv-215, PM R32.32/R35.93 Resolution E-09-94**

- 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 215 in Riverside County. Reconstruct Route 215 from Cactus Avenue to Oleander Avenue and construct roadway improvements west of the city of Moreno Valley. (EA 0E5200)
- 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.



On I-215 from 1.85 mi south  
to 1.56 mi north of  
Van Buren Boulevard overcrossing

Figure 1-1

**Project Location**