

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

Date: November 23, 2009

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Executive Director

File: Book Item 2.2c (15)
Action

Ref: Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Latrobe Road Realignment, Widening and Bridge Replacement Project (Resolution E-09-104)

ISSUE: Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Latrobe Road Realignment, Widening and Bridge Replacement project (project) in El Dorado County and approve the project for consideration of funding?

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Commission accept the MND and approve the project for consideration of funding.

BACKGROUND: The County of El Dorado (County) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. The County is implementing the project in several phases, much of which is already constructed through the use of local funds. Improvements already constructed include Latrobe Road widening up to 4 lanes, class II bike lanes, median, drainage improvements and new bridge structure and realignments on the south approach to Carson Creek and the south approach to its intersection with White Rock Road. One of the final phases of the project covered under the MND for the Latrobe Road Realignment, Widening and Bridge Project is the White Rock Road Widening and Signalization Project.

The County determined that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation. Mitigating measures were made as a condition of the approval of the project. All significant environmental impacts related to the project can be either avoided or reduced through implementation of mitigation measures. Impacts that require mitigation to be reduced to a less than significant level include: cumulative water quality impacts associated with soil erosion; increase storm drainage flows in the project as well as surface water quality impacts; cumulative air quality impacts associated with increased emissions; cumulative impacts to raptors, migratory birds, Western burrowing owl, special-status bat species and wetland areas; and cumulative potential impacts associated with the destruction of undiscovered cultural resources.

On November 19, 2009, the County provided written confirmation that even though the environmental document of the Latrobe Road Widening and Bridge Project was completed in 2001, no additional impacts, and no changes in the project scope have occurred. The 2001 document is still accurate.

The White Rock Road Widening and Signalization Project, which is part of the MND – Latrobe Road Realignment, Widening and Bridge Project, is estimated to cost \$1,232,300. The phase is

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programmed for funding with Local Developer Fees (\$732,300) and State Local Partnership Program (\$500,000) funds. Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2010/11.

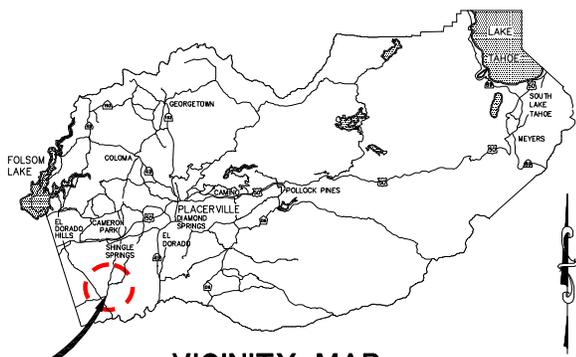
Attachments

- Resolution E-09-104
- Project Location

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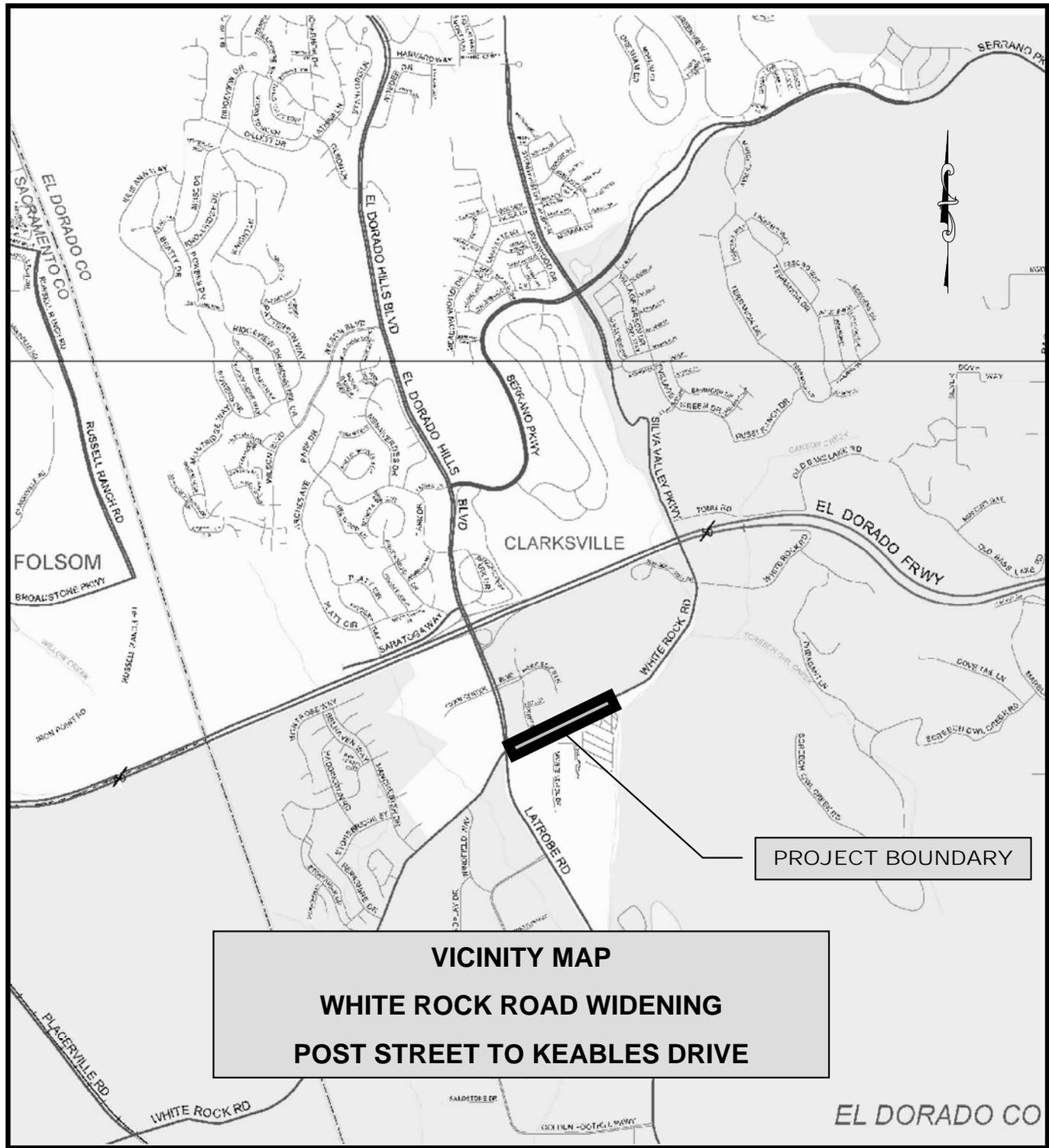
Resolution for Consideration of Future Funding 03-El Dorado Resolution E-09-104

- 1.1** **WHEREAS**, the County of El Dorado (County) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- Latrobe Road Realignment, Widening and Bridge Replacement 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 will widen Latrobe Road from a two-lane roadway to a four-lane divided roadway including realignment, widening and bridge replacement; and
- 1.4** **WHEREAS**, the Latrobe Road improvements would include widening up to 4 lanes, class II bike lanes, median, drainage improvements and new bridge structure and realignments on the south approach to Carson Creek and the south approach to its intersection with White Rock Road; and
- 1.5** **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.6** **WHEREAS**, the County found that all significant or potentially significant impacts can be reduced by mitigation measures to a less than significant level; and
- 1.7** **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 consideration of future funding.



**SITE
LOCATION**

VICINITY MAP
COUNTY OF EL DORADO



PROJECT BOUNDARY

VICINITY MAP
WHITE ROCK ROAD WIDENING
POST STREET TO KEABLES DRIVE

EL DORADO CO