

# Memorandum

**To:** CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action

**Ref:** Negative Declaration for the Tustin Metrolink Station Parking Expansion Project (Resolution E-10-06)

**ISSUE:** Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Negative Declaration (ND) for the Tustin Metrolink Station Parking Expansion Project (project) in Orange County and approve the project for future consideration of funding?

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

**BACKGROUND:** The City of Tustin (City) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. On November 6, 2007 the City Council approved the project and found that the proposed project would not have any significant impacts on the environment.

The project is a cooperative effort between the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) and the City. The project will replace existing surface parking at the Tustin Commuter Rail Station by constructing a parking structure with up to 825 parking spaces on up to five levels. This project is needed to provide additional parking to serve the growing number of patrons of the Metrolink commuter rail service.

The project is estimated to cost \$17,600,000 and is funded with STIP-RIP (\$1,100,000), Proposition 116 (\$8,250,000), and Local (\$8,250,000) funds. Construction is estimated to begin in 2010.

On January 25, 2010, the OCTA provided confirmation that the project cleared through the ND is consistent with the project scope of work programmed by the Commission.

## Attachments

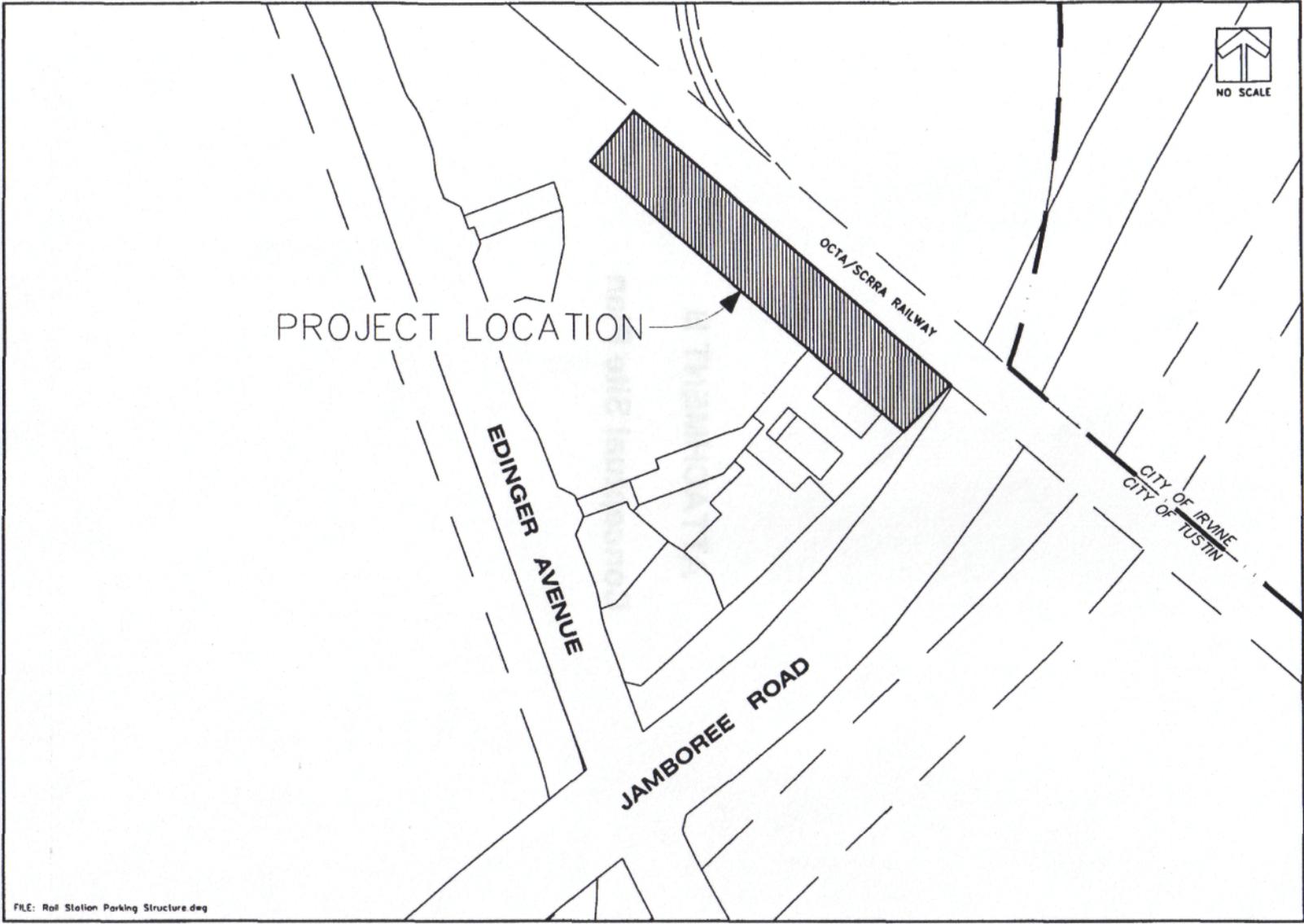
- Resolution E-10-06
- Project Location

# CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 12 – Orange County Resolution E-10-06

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Tustin (City) has completed a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
  - Tustin Commuter Rail Station Parking Structure
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the City has certified that the Negative Declaration has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines for its implementation; and
- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, the project will construct a parking structure to accommodate approximately 825 public parking spaces for the Tustin Metrolink Station; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Negative Declaration; and
- 1.5 **WHEREAS**, the City found that there is no substantial evidence to suggest that the project may have a significant impact on the environment; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, the City Council approved the Negative Declaration.
- 2.1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby accept the Negative Declaration and approve the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.

CITY OF TUSTIN



FILE: Rail Station Parking Structure.dwg

PROJECT NAME: TUSTIN METROLINK STATION PARKING STRUCTURE