

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: April 7-8, 2010

Reference No.: 2.2c.(6)
Action Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
08-RIV-215, PM 38.3/R38.9; 08-RIV-60, PM 12.2/13.3
RESOLUTION E-10-23**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-10-23.

ISSUE:

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

- Route 215 in Riverside County. Construct two HOV lanes and roadway improvements to connect the existing HOV lanes on Route 60 and Route 215 near the city of Moreno Valley. (PPNO 0116F)

This project in Riverside County would construct two HOV lanes and roadway improvements to connect the existing HOV lanes on Route 60 and Route 215 near the city of Moreno Valley. The project is fully funded in the 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program and includes federal and local funds. Total estimated project cost is \$55,742,000 for capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2009-10.

A copy of the FEIR has been provided to Commission staff. Construction activities will remove approximately two acres of willow riparian woodland. In addition, the project will require the acquisition of new right-of-way and result in several commercial displacements. As a result, a Final Environmental Impact Report was prepared for the project.

Attachments

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 08-Riv-215, PM 38.3/R38.9; 08-Riv-60, PM 12.2/13.3 Resolution E-10-23

- 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 215 in Riverside County. Construct two HOV lanes and roadway improvements to connect the existing HOV lanes on Route 60 and HOV lanes on Route 215. (PPNO 0116F)
- 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 consideration of funding.

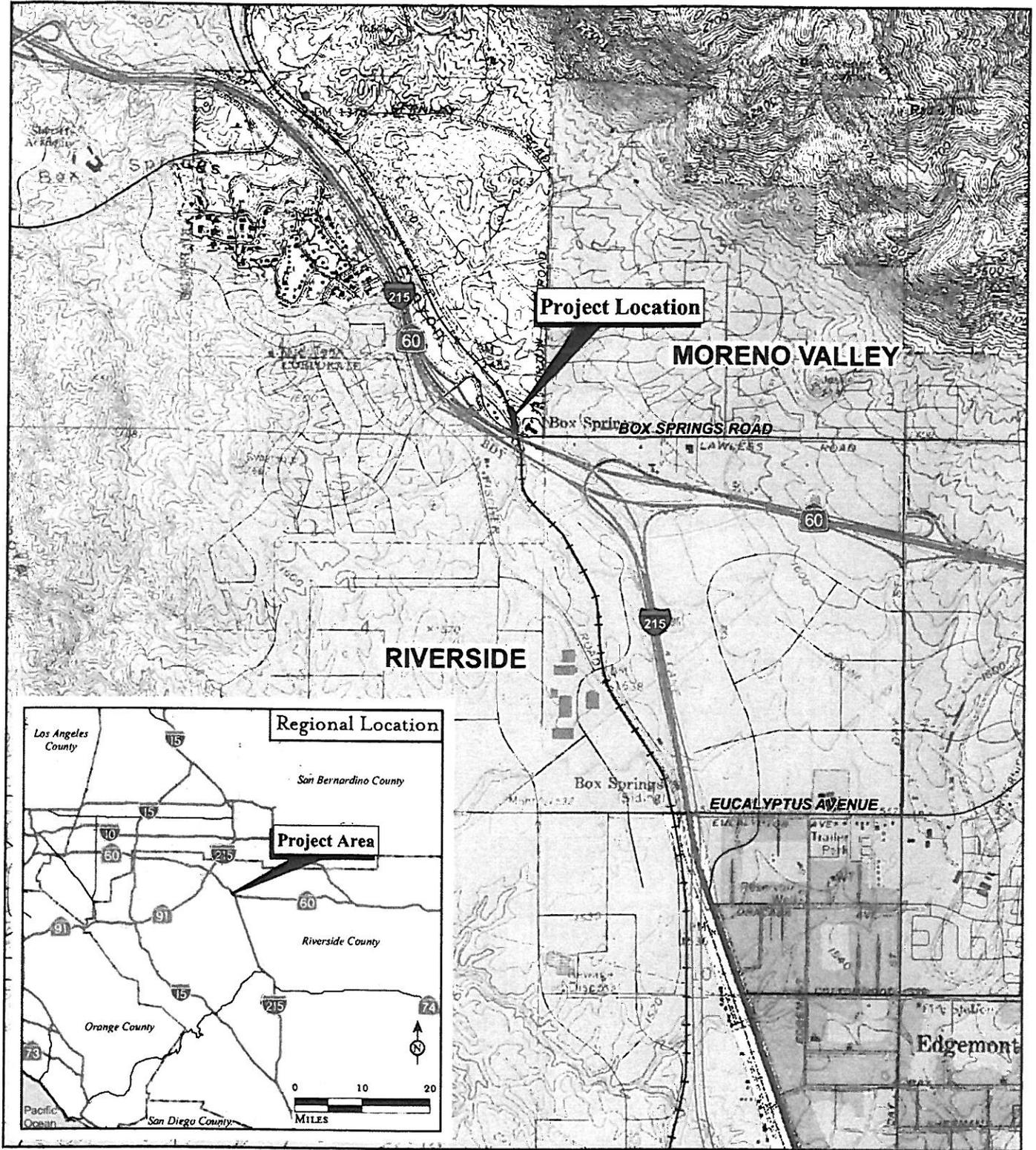
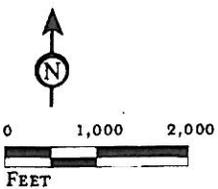


FIGURE 1



SOURCE: USGS 7.5' Quad: Riverside East (80), CA; Thomas Bros., 2007

Regional and Project Location

CEQA Addendum/Interstate 215 (I-215) Improvement Project/Segment 7-I-215/State Route 60 East Junction High Occupancy Vehicle Connector Project
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