

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: May 19-20, 2010

Reference No.: 2.2c.(4)
Action Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING**
08-SBD-15, PM R29.5/30.9
RESOLUTION E-10-34

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-10-34.

ISSUE:

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

- Route 15 in San Bernardino County. Construct a new interchange on Route 15 in the city of Hesperia. (PPNO 0172I)

This project in San Bernardino County will construct a new interchange at the intersection of Route 15 and Rancho Road in the city of Hesperia. The project is programmed in the 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program and includes local funds. Total estimated project cost is \$98,200,000 for capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2010-11.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will involve construction activities in the habitat of the Cooper's hawk, a State listed species of special concern. In addition, the project has the potential for growth inducement and impacts to visual resources. As a result, an MND was completed for this project.

Attachments

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding

08-SBd-15, R29.5/30.9

Resolution E-10-34

- 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 15 in San Bernardino County. Construct a new interchange on Route 15 in the city of Hesperia. (PPNO 0172I)
- 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.

