

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: August 11-12, 2010

Reference No.: 2.2c.(3)
Action Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
06-FRE-99, PM 30.3/31.6, 06-MAD-99, PM 0.0/1.6
RESOLUTION E-10-69**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-10-69.

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 99 in Fresno and Madera Counties. Construct roadway improvements including additional lanes and bridge widening on Route 99 near the city of Herndon. (PPNO 6274)

This project in Fresno and Madera Counties will widen Route 99 from four lanes to six lanes from Grantland Avenue to Avenue 7 near the city of Herndon. The project is programmed in the State Route 99 Bond Program. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2011-12. Total estimated project cost is \$66,050,000 for capital and support. The scope as described for the preferred alternative is consistent with the project scope set forth in the proposed project baseline agreement.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will involve construction activities in an area with known hazardous waste deposits. The project is also in the habitat area of the Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle, a federally listed threatened species. As a result, an MND was completed for this project.

Attachments

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 06-Fre-99, 30.3/31.6, 06-Mad-99, 0.0/1.6 Resolution E-10-69

- 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 99 in Fresno and Madera Counties. Construct roadway improvements including additional lanes and bridge widening on Route 99 near the city of Herndon. (PPNO 6274)
- 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.

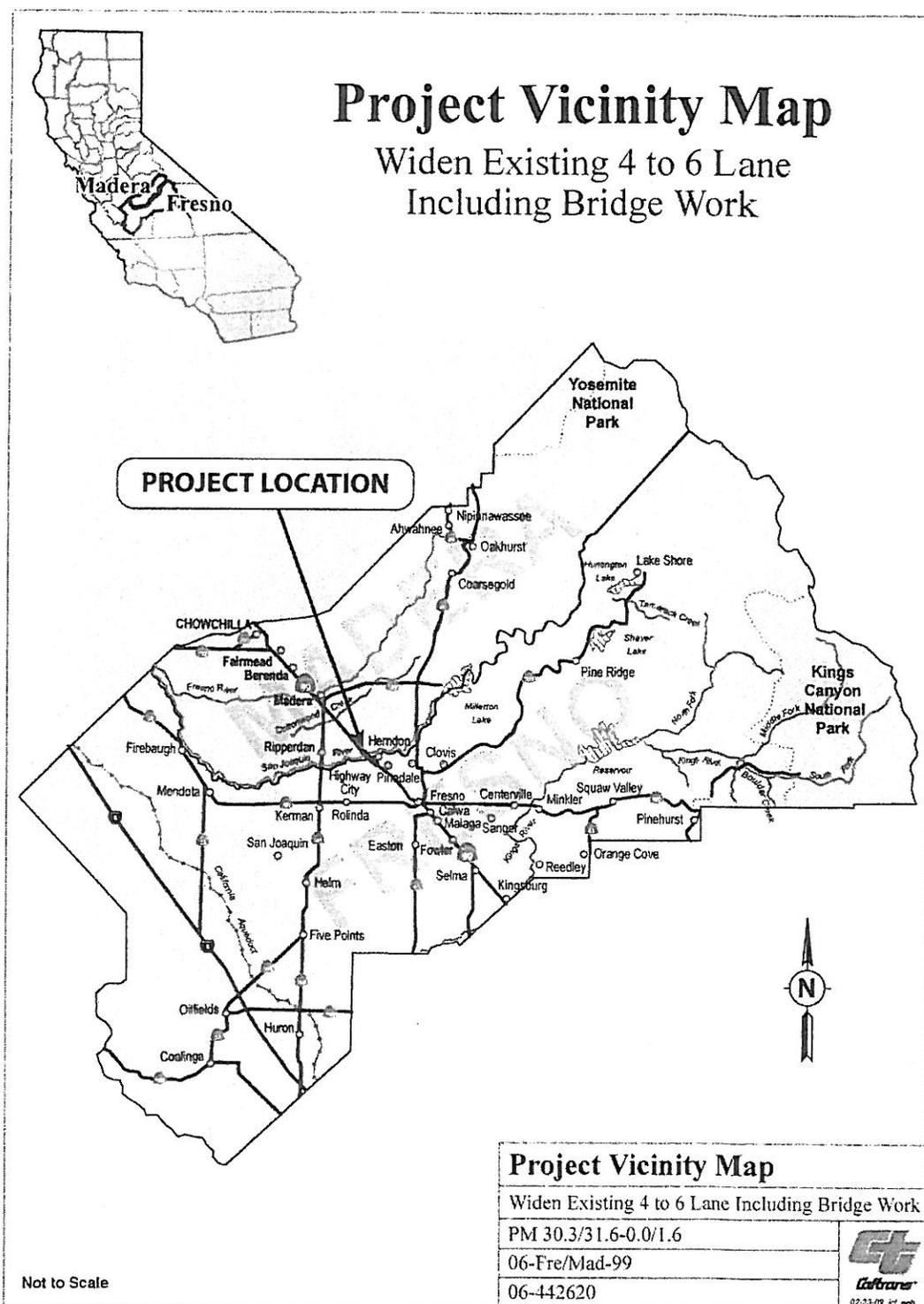


Figure 1-1 Project Vicinity Map