

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Action Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING  
10-MER, MP 1056.3/1039.93  
RESOLUTION E-10-71**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-10-71.

## **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:

- San Joaquin Corridor in Merced County. Install a section of new track along existing track between the town of Le Grand and the city of Merced.

This project in Merced County will install a section of new track along existing track between the town of Le Grand and the city of Merced. The project will be constructed in three phases. Phase I will extend two main tracks from west Le Grand (MP 1041.9) to West Planada (MP 1050.3). Phase I is programmed in the Proposition 1A High Speed Passenger Train Bond Program. Total estimated project cost is \$40,866,000, capital and support. Construction of Phase I 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 streambeds and areas containing wetlands. These activities may result in impacts to water quality and biological resources. As a result, an MND was completed for this project.

Attachments

## **CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

### **Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding**

**10-Mer, MP 1056.3/1039.93**

**Resolution E-10-71**

- 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:

  - San Joaquin Corridor in Merced County. Install a section of new track along existing track between the town of Le Grand and the city of Merced
- 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.

# TRACK 1

## MERCED – LE GRAND DOUBLE TRACK PROJECT

