

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: June 22-23, 2011

Reference No.: 2.2c.(17)
Action Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING**
08-SBD
RESOLUTION E-11-51

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-11-51.

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:

- UPRR Track in San Bernardino County. Construct grade separation of two existing parallel railroad tracks near the city of Colton. (PPNO 0150D)

The project will construct a grade separation, elevating the Union Pacific Railroad Alhambra/Yuma Subdivision mainline tracks, eliminating delay at Colton Crossing. The project is programmed in the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund and includes Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery Discretionary Grant Program funding and private railroad funding. The total estimated project cost is \$202,000,000 for capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2011-12. 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 mitigate potential impacts to aesthetics and archaeological resources to a less than significant level. Potential impacts to aesthetics will be mitigated with architectural treatments to sound and retaining walls. Potential impacts to archaeological resources will be mitigated by establishing ESAs and site monitoring by qualified personnel. As a result, an MND was completed for this project.

Attachments

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Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding

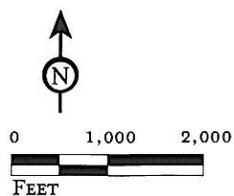
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Resolution E-11-51

- 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:
- UPPR Track in San Bernardino County. Construct grade separation of two existing parallel railroad tracks near the city of Colton. (PPNO 0150D)
- 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 I.1



SOURCE: USGS 7.5' Quad: San Bernardino South, 1980, CA; Thomas Bros., 2009.

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Colton Crossing Rail-to-Rail
Grade Separation Project
Initial Study

Regional and Project Location