

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: June 22-23, 2011

Reference No.: 2.2c.(16)  
Action Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING  
08-RIV-91, PM 21.5/21.7, 08-RIV-215, PM 43.2/45.3, 08-SBD-215, PM 0.0/5.1  
RESOLUTION E-11-50**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-11-50.

## **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:

- Routes 91 and 215 in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. Construct an HOV Lane in each direction on a portion of Route 215 in and near the city of San Bernardino. (PPNO 0041G)

The project will construct one high-occupancy vehicle lane in each direction from the 91/60/215 Interchange to south of the 215/Orange Show Road Interchange. The project is programmed in the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account and 2010 State Transportation Improvement Program and includes federal and local funds. Total estimated cost \$177,695,000 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 biological resources to a less than significant level. Potential impacts to special status species and their associated habitat in the project area will be mitigated by contributions to an in-lieu fee program and replacement of Southern California black walnut trees at 2:1 ratio. As a result, an MND was completed for this project.

Attachments

## **CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

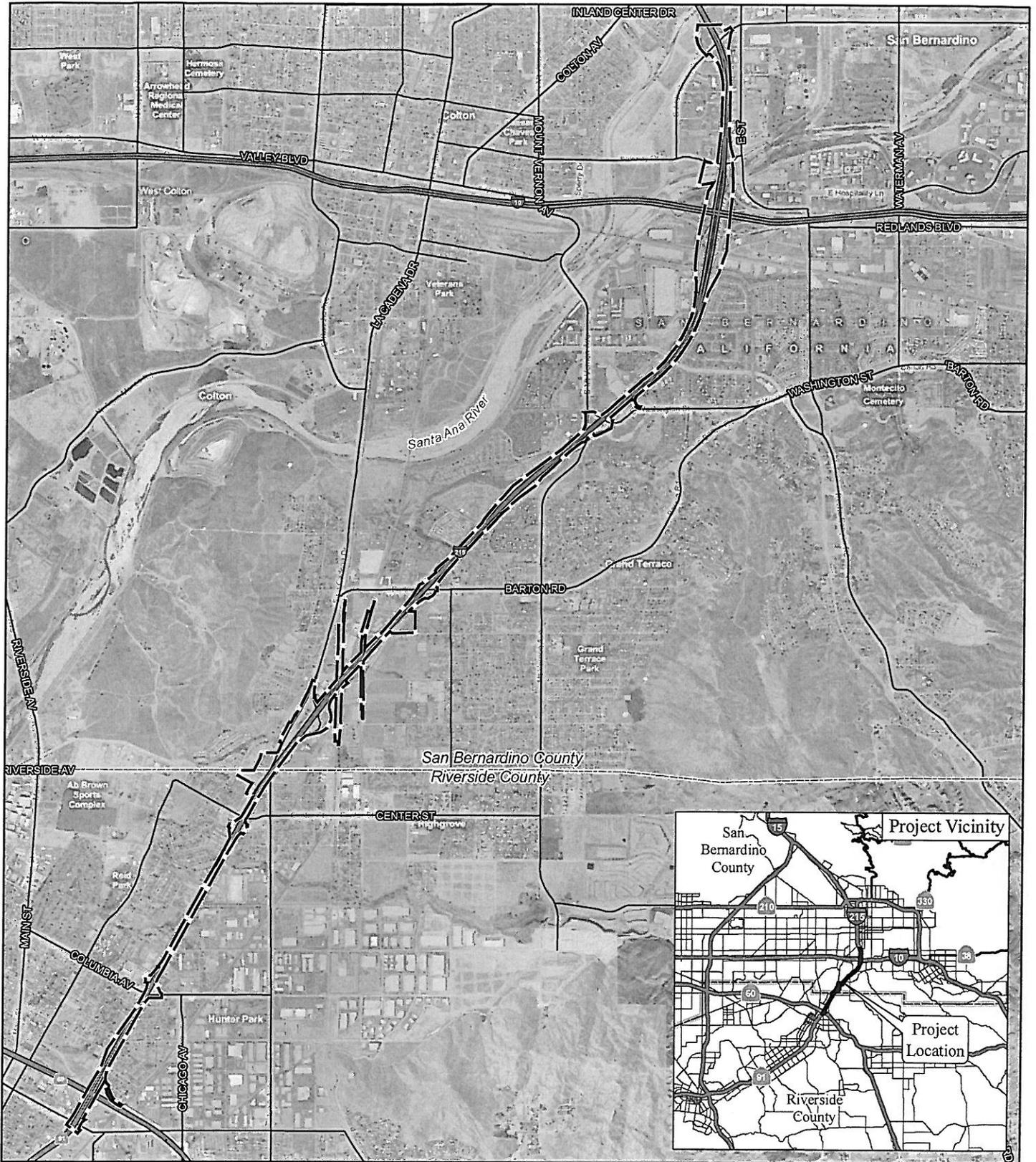
### **Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding**

**08-RIV-91, PM 21.5/21.7, 08-RIV-215, PM 43.2/45.3, 08-SBD-215, PM 0.0/5.1**

### **Resolution E-11-50**

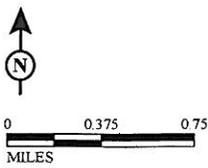
- 1.1** **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:

  - Routes 91 and 215 in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. Construct an HOV Lane in each direction on a portion of Route 215 in and near the city of San Bernardino. (PPNO 0041G)
- 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.



LEGEND  
 Project Area

FIGURE 1.1



*I-215 Bi-County HOV Lane Gap Closure Project*

Project Location

- 08-RIV91 21.5/21.7
- 08-RIV-215 43.2/45.3
- 08-SBd-215 0.0/5.1
- EA# 0M940