

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: June 22-23, 2011

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Action Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
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RESOLUTION E-11-53**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-11-53.

ISSUE:

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

- San Joaquin Rail Corridor in San Joaquin County. Construct a second track along existing tracks between the cities of Stockton and Escalon. (PPNO 2030)

The project will install a second track from south of Escalon to Stockton to enhance efficiency of rail traffic within the San Joaquin Rail Corridor. The project is programmed in the 2010 State Transportation Improvement Program. Total estimated cost is \$8,400,000 for construction capital. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2011-12. The scope as described for the preferred alternative is consistent with the project scope programmed by the Commission in the 2010 State Transportation Improvement Program

A copy of the ND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will mitigate potential impacts to biological resources, cultural resources, water quality, noise, and emergency services to a less than significant level. As a result, a ND was completed for this project.

Attachments

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Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding

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Resolution E-11-53

- 1.1** **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- San Joaquin Rail Corridor in San Joaquin County. Construct a second track along existing tracks between the cities of Stockton and Escalon. (PPNO 2030)
- 1.2** **WHEREAS**, the Department has certified that the 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 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.

