

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: December 14-15, 2011

Reference No.: 2.2c. (3)
Action



From: BIMLA G. RHINEHART
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE CENTRAL AVENUE SHOULDER
WIDENING PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-11-90)**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Central Avenue Shoulder Widening Project (project) in Humboldt County and approve the project for future consideration of funding?

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission accept the MND and approve the project for future consideration of funding.

BACKGROUND:

The Humboldt County Department of Public Works (County) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. On September 13, 2011 the County adopted the MND and found that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation.

The project is located in the unincorporated community of Mckinleyville in Humboldt County. The project will widen the shoulders of Central Avenue to provide four to six feet of paved shoulder adjacent to each travel lane. The project will also construct new traffic islands, sidewalk, curb ramps, and crosswalk striping.

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to aesthetics and biological resources. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to, planting disturbed areas with native plants and trees where applicable and having a qualified biologist conduct pre-construction nesting bird survey if vegetation removal or ground-disturbing activities occur during nesting season.

On October 6, 2011 the City confirmed that the preferred alternative set forth in the final environmental document is consistent with the project scope of work programmed by the Commission.

The project is estimated to cost \$290,000 and is programmed with State funds. Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2011/12.

Attachment

- Resolution E-11-90
- Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 01 – Humboldt County Resolution E-11-90

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, Humboldt County Department of Public Works (County) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - Central Avenue Shoulder Widening Project
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the County 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 project will widen the shoulders of Central Avenue, construct new traffic islands, sidewalks, curb ramps, and crosswalk striping in the unincorporated community of Mckinleyville, Humboldt County; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.5 **WHEREAS**, the County found that all significant or potentially significant impacts can be reduced by mitigation measures to a less than significant level; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, the County adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.7 **WHEREAS**, the County adopted a Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program for the project.
- 2.1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration and approve the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.

Humboldt County

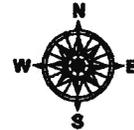
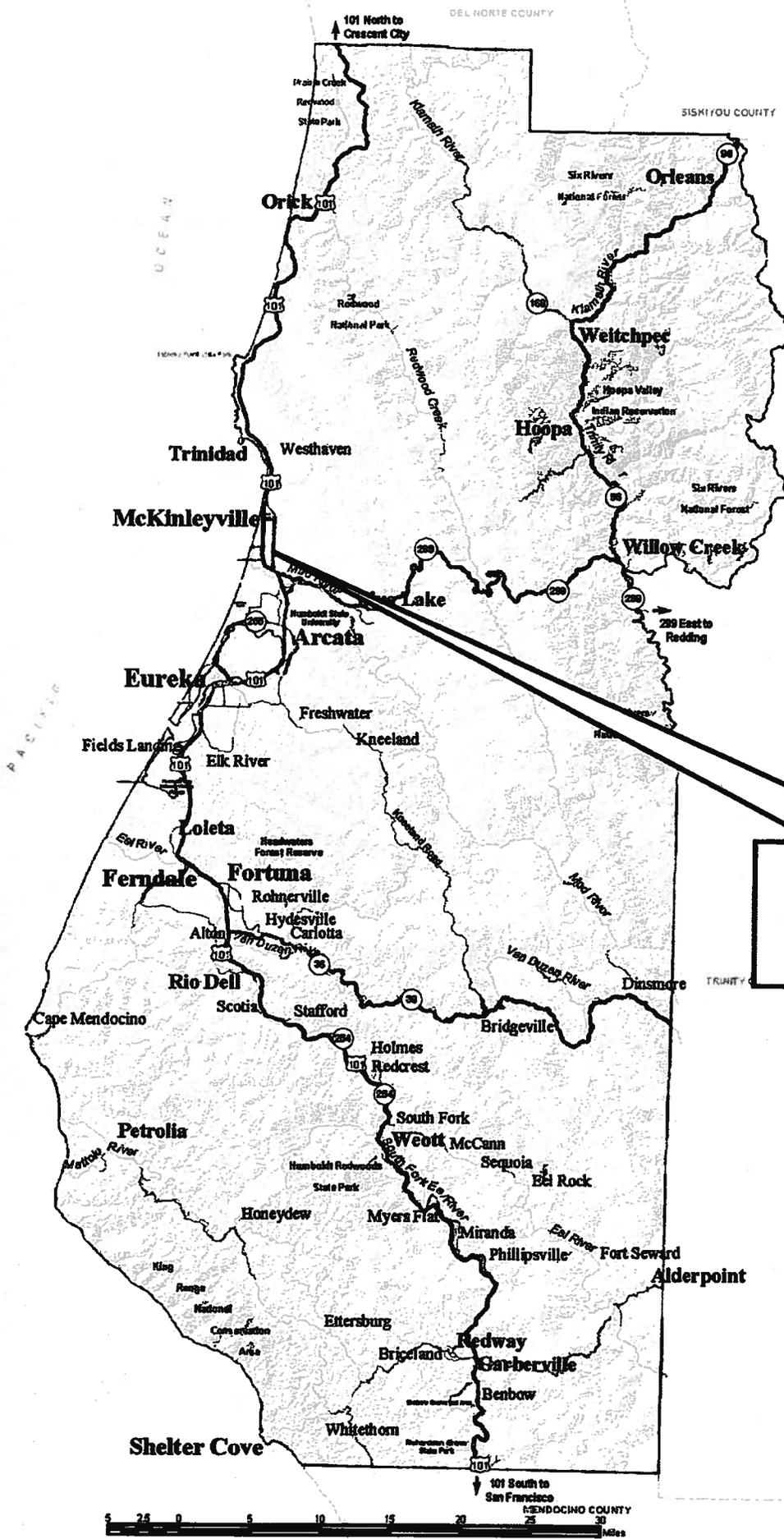


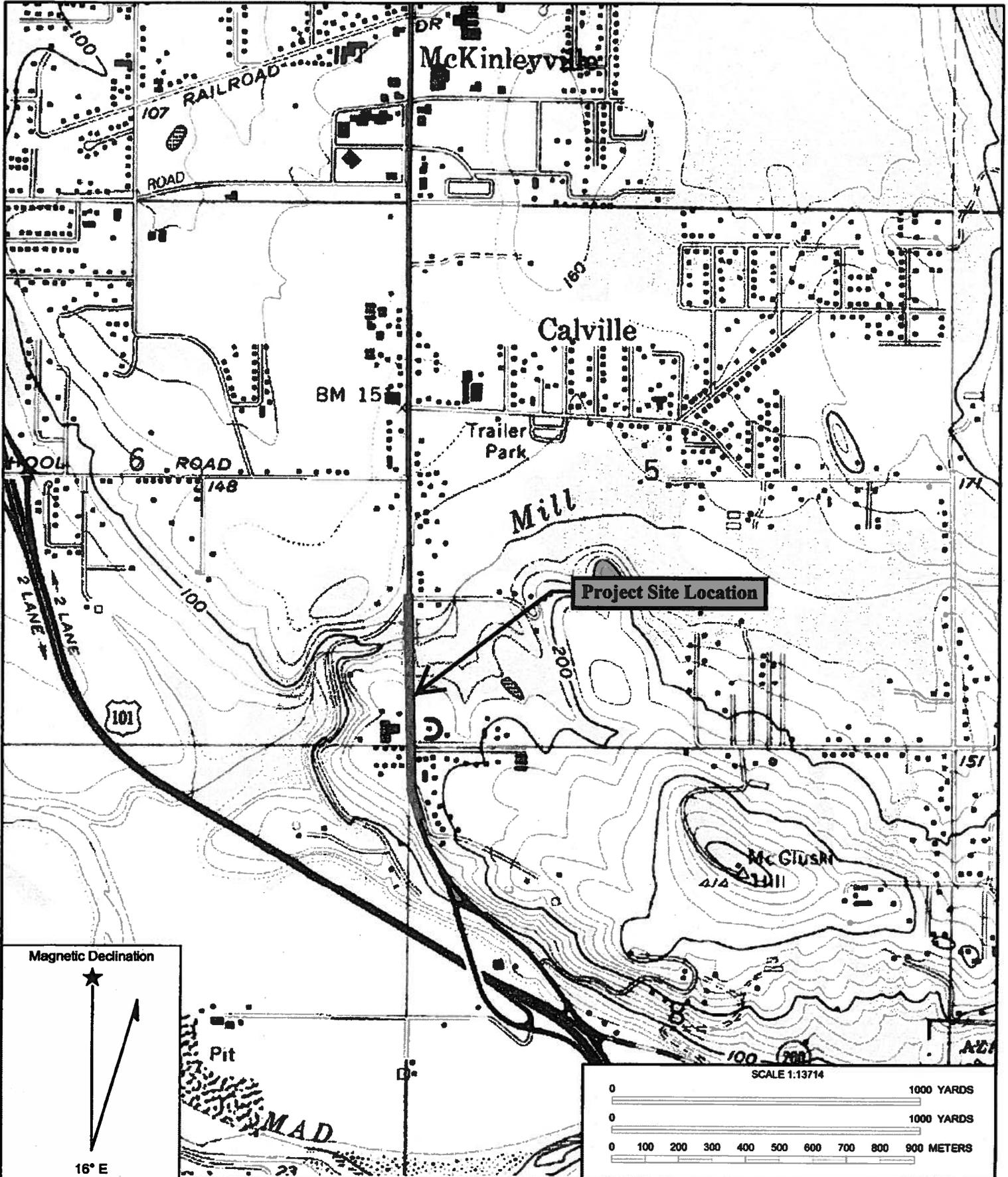
Figure 1a: Central Avenue Shoulder Widening Project

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Map compiled by Humboldt County Community Development Services (HCCDS), Oct. 2003.
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Name: ARCATA NORTH
 Date: 2/28/2010
 Scale: 1 inch equals 1143 feet

**Figure 1b - USGS
 Quadrangle Map**

Location: 040° 55' 52.73" N 124° 05' 46.87" W NAD 27
 Caption: Central Avenue Shoulder Widening and Road Improvements
 Project