

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: January 29, 2014

Reference No.: 2.2c (2)
Action

From: ANDRE BOUTROS
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE SODA BAY ROAD COLE CREEK
BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-14-04)**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Soda Bay Road Cole Creek Bridge Replacement Project (project) in Lake 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 County of Lake (County) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. The project is located on Soda Bay Road at Cole Creek near the community of Kelseyville. The project will replace the existing bridge with a new 40-foot wide by 46-foot long structure, constructed in the same alignment as the existing bridge, with minor widening of the Cole Creek channel to accommodate flood flows.

On October 27, 2011 the County adopted the final MND for the bridge replacement project and found that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation. On December 14, 2011 Caltrans determined the project to be categorically excluded from NEPA pursuant to 23 CFR 771.117(d)(3).

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology & Soils, Hazardous Materials, Hydrology & Water Quality, Land Use, Noise, and Transportation & Traffic. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to: implementation of dust, erosion control and stormwater pollution prevention measures during construction activities; restricting construction activities to the dry season, implementation of measures to avoid and minimize impacts to nesting birds, bats and other wildlife, implementation of a re-vegetation plan, implementation of an Archaeological Data

Recovery Plan, disposal and/or remediation of any hazardous construction materials on site, efforts to minimize wildfire potential, utilizing construction equipment furnished with noise control devices and restricting construction hours to minimize noise disturbance, and measures to notify emergency services of and minimize traffic delays.

On December 2, 2013 the County 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 approximately \$2,409,909, and is funded with Federal (\$1,996,696), STIP (\$226,893), and Local (\$186,320) funds. Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2013/14.

Attachments

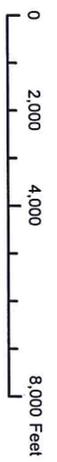
- Resolution E-14-04
- Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 01 – Lake County Resolution E-14-04

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the County of Lake has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - Soda Bay Road Cole Creek Bridge Replacement Project
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the County of Lake 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 replace the existing bridge with a new 40-foot wide by 46-foot long structure, constructed in the same alignment as the existing bridge, with minor widening of the Cole Creek channel to accommodate flood flows; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.5 **WHEREAS**, the County of Lake found that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, the County of Lake approved the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration.
- 2.1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby accept the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration and approve the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.

Replacement of Soda Bay Rd Bridge
over Cole Creek
BRLS-5914(025



Reference Scale: 1 inch = 4,000 feet (1:48,000)
Projection: California State Plane Zone II - NAD 83 - Feet

