

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: August 13-14, 2003

Reference No.: 2.3b.  
Action Item

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Chief Financial Officer

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Ref: NEW PUBLIC ROAD CONNECTION, 09 MNO-395 AT SOUTH INDUSTRIAL CIRCLE, KP 36.6 (PM 22.7), RESOLUTION S-722

## RECOMMENDATION:

Submitted for transmittal to the California Transportation Commission (Commission) are Resolution S-722 and a map of the location on State Highway Route 395. Mono County has requested approval of a New Public Road Connection to Route 395 at proposed South Industrial Circle. Pursuant to Section 100.2 of the Streets and Highways Code, no local road shall be connected with any freeway or controlled access highway until the Commission adopts a resolution consenting thereto. It is recommended that the Commission approve Resolution S-722 in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Engineer. The resolution grants approval of a new public road connection as an intersection, at Kilometer Post 36.6, (PM 22.7).

CEQA compliance was confirmed through a categorical exemption Class 1(c) granted on August 26, 2002. The combined Project Study Report/Project Report was approved on September 23, 2002, following review and consideration of the exemption.

Recommended by:   
BRENT FELKER, Chief Engineer

**BACKGROUND**

State Highway Route 395 was adopted into the system as a freeway by the California Highway Commission on November 22, 1960 and October 21, 1965. On September 28, 1983, the Director of the Department of Transportation (Department) denominated the freeway to a controlled access highway between KP 29.6 and 43.5 (PM 18.4 and 27.0).

The construction of the new public road connection was determined to be Categorically Exempt (CE) under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) on August 26, 2002. The combined Project Study Report/Project Report was approved following review and consideration of the CE. These reports document the need and purpose of proposed improvements.

The proposed project will provide access to the county approved Sierra Business Park development. Total project cost is estimated at \$400,000 and is 100% locally funded by Mono County (County). The approved Business Park will subdivide a 14.5 hectare (36 acre) parcel into 37 lots to provide industrial and office space serving the nearby community of Mammoth Lakes and surrounding areas.

**PROPOSAL**

The project proposes to construct a new public road connection to State Highway Route 395, a controlled access highway. A 200 m (656 ft) southbound deceleration and right turn lane is proposed, along with a 200 m (656 ft) northbound deceleration and left turn lane, as required by the Department to mitigate operational impacts on US 395.

**COORDINATION**

The determination of Categorically Exempt status was approved for compliance with CEQA on August 26, 2002. The combined Project Study Report/Project Report was approved following review and consideration of the CEQA determination. There are no non-standard design features proposed. A Superseding Controlled Access Highway Agreement between the Department and Mono County has been prepared and will be executed by the Department upon approval of this proposed New Public Road Connection. Consistent with the Access Control Policy, published in the Project Development Procedures Manual, Chapter 26, Article 2, the developer is required to compensate the Department for the value of lost access control and for the enhanced value of the property afforded by the connection to a controlled access highway.

**CONCLUSION**

This new public road connection is needed to provide access to the Sierra Business Park, a county approved development providing the opportunity for an improved business climate in Mono County. This new connection is in the best interest of the public.

Attachments: Resolution S-722, Location Map, Exhibit A Map

**CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
Resolution Authorizing A New Public Road Connection  
09-MNO-395 At South Industrial Circle, KP 36.6 (PM 22.7)**

**Resolution S-722**

**WHEREAS**, Mono County has requested approval of a new public road connection at South Industrial Circle; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Transportation has determined that the construction of the proposed connection to State Route 395 is Categorically Exempt, in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the project will not have major impacts on the environment, and

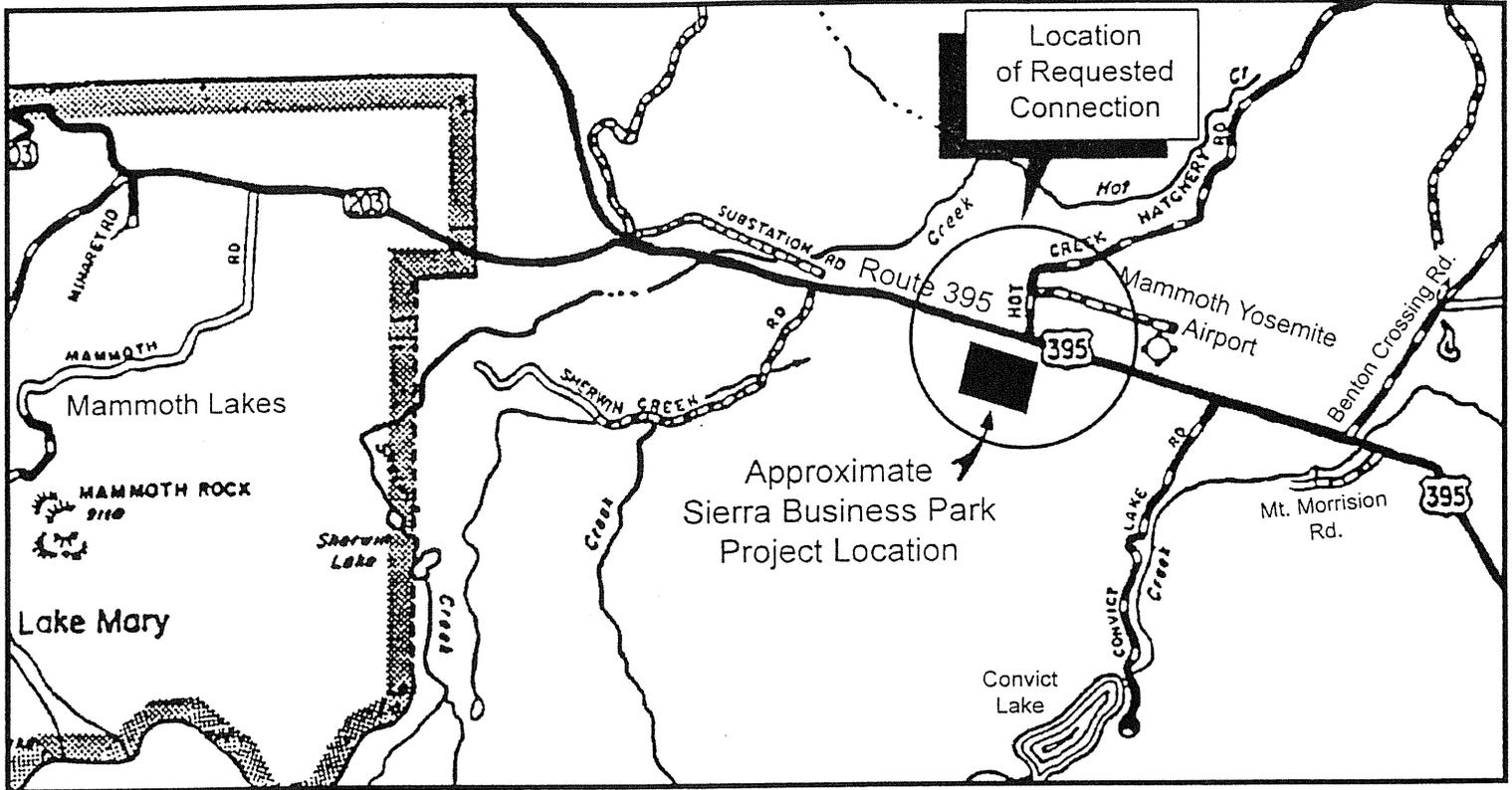
**WHEREAS**, the combined Project Study Report/Project Report was approved on September 23, 2002, and

**WHEREAS**, Mono County and the Department have entered into a superseding Controlled Access Highway Agreement reflecting the proposed new connection, and

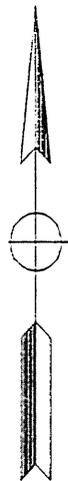
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the California Transportation Commission that pursuant to the authority vested in it by law, this Commission does hereby authorize a new public road connection to State Route 395 at South Industrial Circle, KP 36.6 (PM 22.7) in Mono County.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the California Transportation Commission that this authorization will be automatically rescinded if a) construction by the County or its agents is not complete on or before September 30, 2005, or b) if the property being provided access is sold prior to the construction of the connection.

# Location Map Sierra Business Park New Public Road Connection



LOCATION MAP



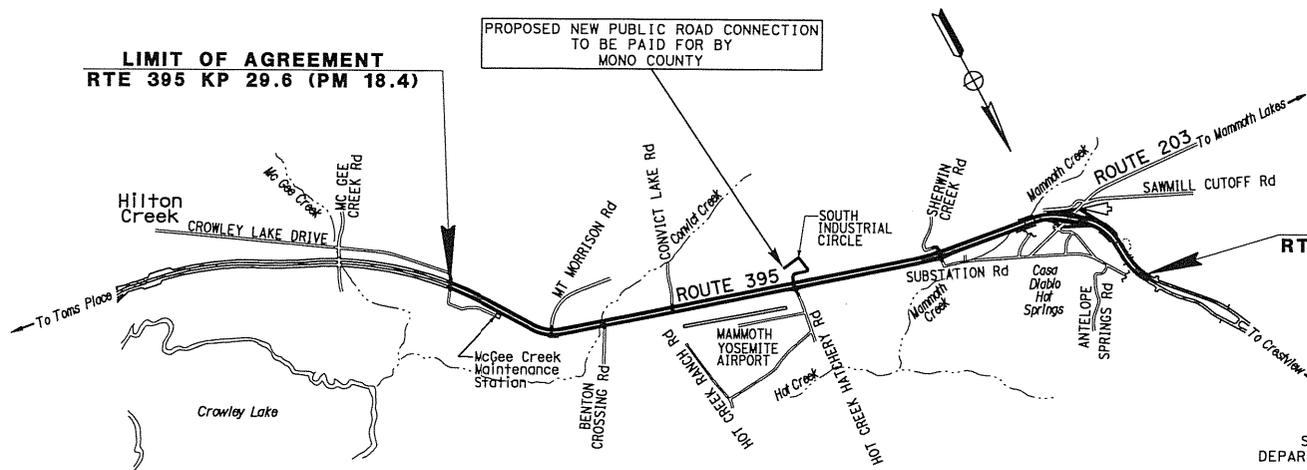
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**ATTACHMENT A**

**LIMIT OF AGREEMENT**  
**RTE 395 KP 29.6 (PM 18.4)**

PROPOSED NEW PUBLIC ROAD CONNECTION  
 TO BE PAID FOR BY  
 MONO COUNTY

**LIMIT OF AGREEMENT**  
**RTE 395 KP 58.1 (PM 27.0)**



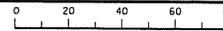
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
 9-MNO-395 KP 36.6 (PM 22.7)

**PROPOSED NEW  
 PUBLIC ROAD CONNECTION  
 ON CONTROLLED ACCESS HIGHWAY  
 IN MONO COUNTY**

**LEGEND:**

- CONTROLLED ACCESS HIGHWAY
- ROAD CLOSURES
- RIGHT OF WAY AND CONSTRUCTION BY OTHERS
- SEPARATION

RELATIVE BORDER SCALE  
 IS IN MILLIMETERS



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IN MONO Co KP 36.6 (PM 22.7)