

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING  
01-Men-101, PM R43.1/R52.3  
RESOLUTION E-10-43**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-10-43.

## **ISSUE:**

The attached resolution proposes to approve for consideration of funding the following project for which a **Supplemental** Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) has been completed:

- Route 101 in Mendocino County. Construct freeway by-pass on Route 101 near the city of Willits. (PPNO 0125F)

This project in Mendocino County will construct a freeway bypass on Route 101 near the city of Willits. The project is programmed in the 2010 State Transportation Improvement Program and includes federal demonstration funds. Total estimated project cost is \$232,394,000 for capital and support.

~~A copy of the FEIR has been provided to Commission staff. Resources that may be impacted by the project include; community cohesion, water quality, air quality, noise, cultural resources, farmland, and biological resources. Potential impacts associated with the project can all be mitigated to below significance through proposed mitigation measures. As a result, a Final Environmental Impact Report was prepared for the project.~~

**At the July 2007 meeting, the Commission took action to approve the project for future consideration of funding at the time the initial FEIR was completed. However, a Supplemental FEIR to address the impact the project would have to the North Coast semaphore grass has been completed. A copy of the Supplemental FEIR has been provided to Commission staff and the report shows that construction activities that would impact the North Coast semaphore grass could be mitigated to a less than significant level through mitigation.**

Attachments

## CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

### **Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 01-Men-101, PM R43.1/R52.3 Resolution E-10-43**

- 1.1** **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Final Environmental Impact Report pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- Route 101 in Mendocino County. Construct freeway by-pass on Route 101 near the city of Willits. (PPNO 0125F)
- 1.2** **WHEREAS**, the Department has certified that the **Supplemental** Final Environmental Impact Report 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 **Supplemental** Final Environmental Impact Report; and
- 1.4** **WHEREAS**, ~~written Findings indicate that specific economic, legal, social, technological, or other considerations make it infeasible to avoid or fully mitigate to a level less than significant the effects associated with noise and farmland impacts as a result of the project; and~~ **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.