

M e m o r a n d u m

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: January 20-21, 2016

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Action

From: WILL KEMPTON
Executive Director

Subject: APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE MONTEREY-SALINAS TRANSIT
MONTEREY BAY OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FACILITY RENOVATION AND
EXPANSION PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-16-08)

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Monterey-Salinas Transit Monterey Bay Operations and Maintenance Facility Renovation and Expansion Project (project) in Monterey 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 Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. The proposed project intends to improve the efficiency of the existing MST Monterey Bay Operation Maintenance Facility property through site improvements and building bus parking expansion. The proposed project would reconfigure the existing facility to focus on operations and maintenance and would relocate most of their management and administrative functions off-site.

On July 13, 2015, the Board of Directors of the Monterey-Salinas Transit District approved the final MND for the project and found that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation.

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to biological resources, cultural resources, geology, soils, transportation and traffic. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to: have a qualified biologist conduct educational programs; have a biological monitor on-site during vegetation removal; limit time construction activities to avoid the breeding and nesting seasons; map and flag Monterey dusky-footed woodrats nests for avoidance;

contact qualified professionals in the event archaeological materials or human remains are discovered; and implement a Transportation Demand Management program.

On September 18, 2015, MST 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 \$20,260,000. Part 1 is fully funded through construction with Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (\$10,000,000), Proposition 1B PTMISEA (\$5,500,000), Proposition 1B Security (\$400,000), Private Financing (\$2,600,000), CARB Zero Emission Truck and Bus Stop Pilot Program (\$1,500,000) and Fuel Savings (\$260,000). Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2015/16.

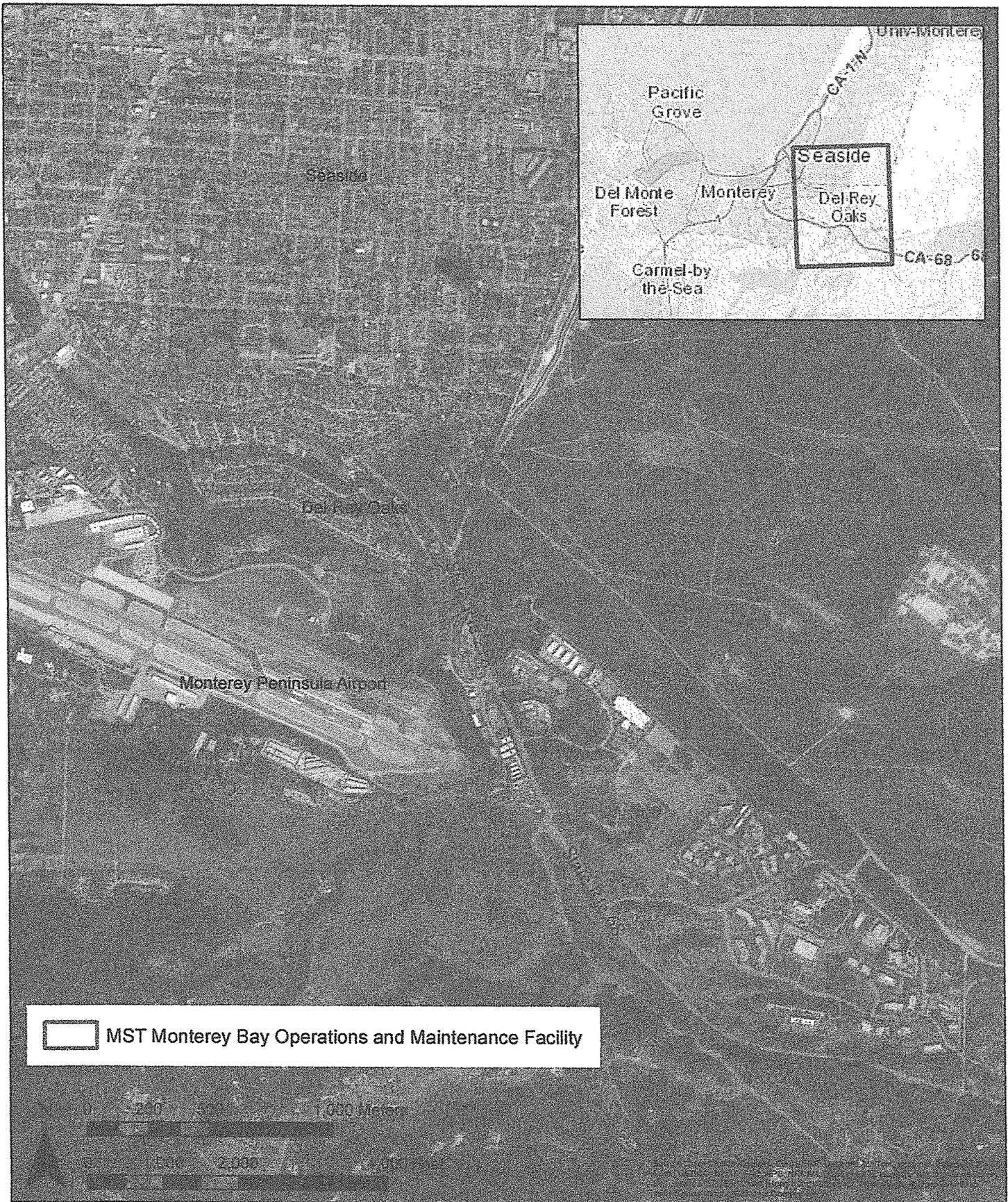
Attachments

- Resolution E-16-08
- Project Location

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Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 05 – Monterey County Resolution E-16-08

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the Monterey-Salinas Transit has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - Monterey-Salinas Transit Monterey Bay Operations and Maintenance Facility Renovation and Expansion Project
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the Monterey-Salinas Transit has certified that the Mitigated Negative Declaration has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines; and
- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, the proposed project will improve the efficiency of the existing Monterey-Salinas Transit Monterey Bay Operation Maintenance Facility property through site improvements and building bus parking expansion; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the proposed project will reconfigure the existing facility to focus on operations and maintenance and would relocate most of their management and administrative functions off-site; and
- 1.5 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, the Monterey-Salinas Transit found that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment; and
- 1.7 **WHEREAS**, the Monterey-Salinas Transit 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 approves the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.



 MST Monterey Bay Operations and Maintenance Facility

MST Monterey Bay Operations and Maintenance Facility Location Map

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 Scale: 1 inch = 1,667 feet
 Project: 2014-30



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