

## M e m o r a n d u m

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: March 16-17, 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 TRACKS AT BREA – SEGMENT  
6 PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-16-16)**

**ISSUE:**

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Tracks at Brea - Segment 6 Project (Project) in Orange County and approve the project for future consideration of funding?

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Brea (City) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. The project involves the construction of a 10 to 15 foot wide (variable) dual tread bicycle and walking trail through the central portion of the City. The trail would extend approximately 3.8 miles along existing road, rail, and flood control rights-of-ways from Valencia Avenue in the east to Arovista park in the west. The trail will link to the La Floresta trail on the east by way of crossing Valencia Avenue.

On December 4, 2007, the Brea City Council adopted 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 less than significant levels relate to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, noise abatement and traffic congestion. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to: require contractor to institute dust control to minimize fugitive dust emissions; preserve and limit impacts to the Coastal Cactus Wren habitat; require that construction staging areas be located away from existing residential locations; and implement traffic mitigation measures to protect bicyclists and pedestrians crossing Brea Boulevard during construction.

On January 8, 2016, the City confirmed that the preferred alternative set forth in the final environmental document is consistent with the project scope of work and programming by the Commission.

The project is estimated to cost \$1,603,580 and is fully funded through construction with Active Transportation Program (ATP) Funds (\$652,430), Congestion Management and Air Quality Improvement Funds (\$836,150) and Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction (MSRC) Funds (\$115,000). Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2016/17.

Attachments

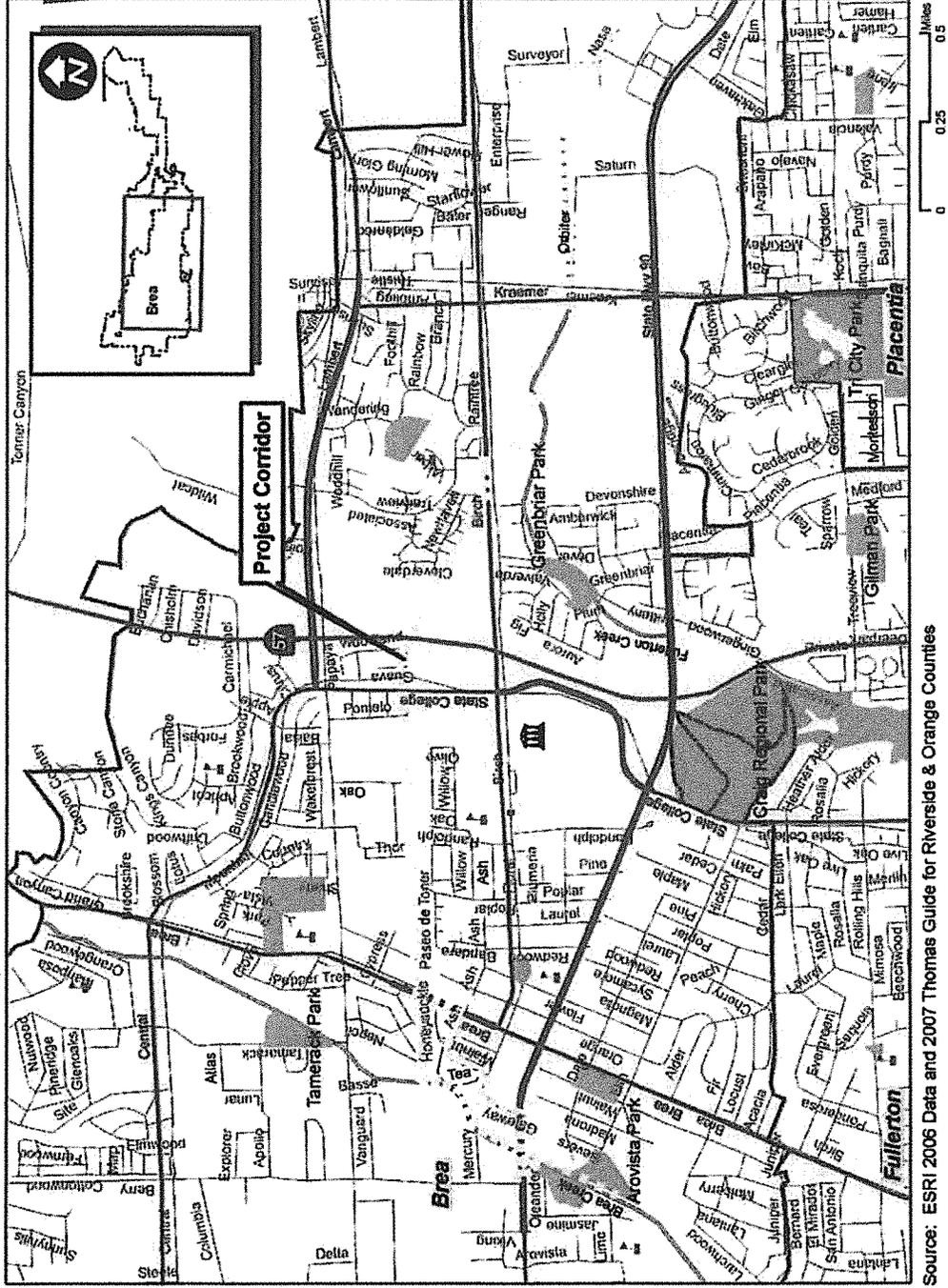
- Resolution E-16-16
- Project Location

# CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 12 – Orange County Resolution E-16-16

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Brea has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
  - Tracks at Brea – Segment 6 Project
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the City of Brea has certified that the Mitigated Negative Declaration has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines; and
- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, the project involves the construction of a 10 to 15 foot wide (variable) dual tread bicycle and walking trail through the central portion of the City of Brea; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the project is located in the City of Brea and the corridor is generally bound by the Imperial Highway on the south, Lambert Road on the north, Valencia Avenue on the east, and Berry Street on the west; and
- 1.5 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, the Brea City Council found that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment; and
- 1.7 **WHEREAS**, the Brea City Council approved the Mitigated Negative Declaration.
- 2.1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration and approves the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.

## 2.0 Project Description



Source: ESRI 2006 Data and 2007 Thomas Guide for Riverside & Orange Counties