

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: January 8, 2013

Reference No.: 2.2c.(3)
Action Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
06-FRE-180, PM R71.8/74.5
RESOLUTION E-13-03**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolutions E-13-03.

ISSUE:

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

- State Route 180 in Fresno County. Construct a four lane expressway on the existing alignment of State Route 180 near the city of Fresno. (EA 342521)

This project in Fresno County will construct a four lane expressway on the existing alignment on State Route 180 from Quality Avenue to Smith Avenue. The project is programmed in the 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program for right of way. At the January 2013 CTC meeting, the project will be programmed in the Proposition 1B State and Local Partnership Program. The total estimated cost for capital and support is \$23,000,000. Construction is estimated to begin in FY 2012-13. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope programmed in the 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program and the State and Local Partnership Program.

A copy of the FEIR has been provided to Commission staff. This project is segment 2 of a project covered by a FEIR approved in 1995. Construction of the first segment of the project has been completed. It should be noted that several re-validations of the 1995 document have been completed due to the length of time between the approval of that document and the proposed construction begin date. Resources that may be impacted by the project include; farmland, residential and commercial displacements, water quality and stormwater runoff, traffic, noise, 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.

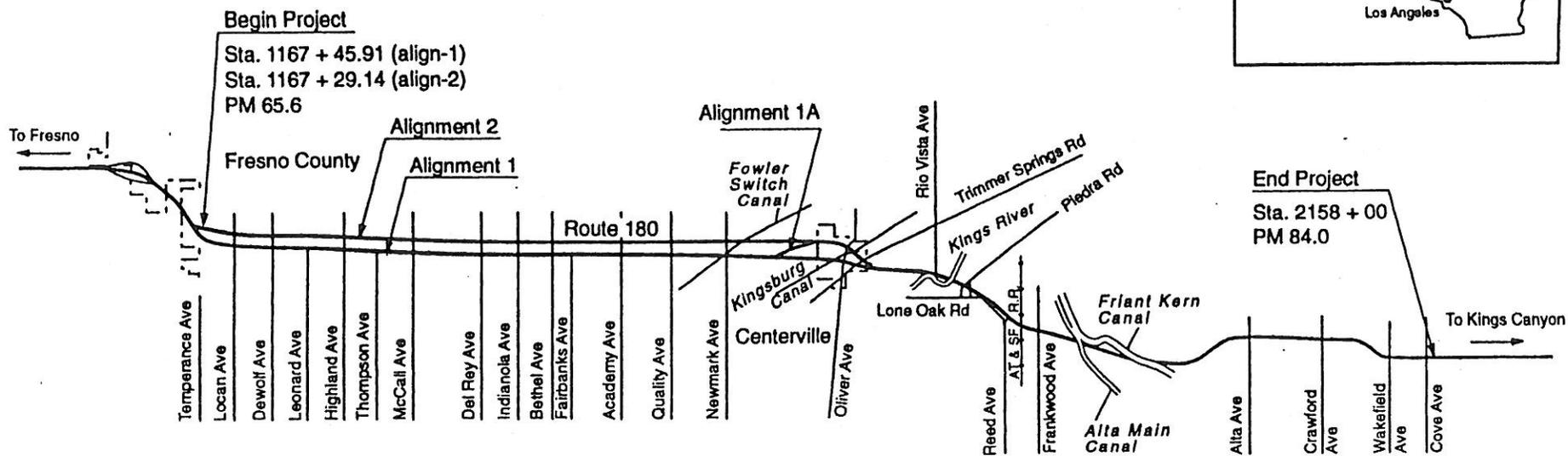
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Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding

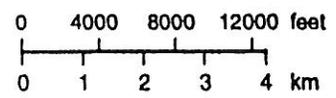
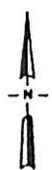
06-Fre-180; PM R71.8/74.5

Resolution E-13-03

- 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:
- State Route 180 in Fresno County. Construct a four lane expressway on the existing alignment of State Route 180 near the city of Fresno.
(EA 342521)
- 1.2** **WHEREAS**, the Department has certified that the 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 Final Environmental Impact Report; and
- 1.4** **WHEREAS**, Findings were made pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines; and
- 1.5** **WHEREAS**, 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.



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<p>STATE ROUTE 180</p> <p>PM 64.6 TO PM 84.0</p>	<p>PROJECT ALTERNATIVES</p>	<p>Figure</p> <p>1-1</p>
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