

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: March 5, 2013

Reference No.: 2.2c (4)
Action

From: BIMLA G. RHINEHART
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE SOUTH MAIN STREET AND SODA
BAY ROAD WIDENING AND BIKE LANES PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-13-14)**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the South Main Street and Soda Bay Road Widening and Bike Lanes Project (project) near the City of Lakeport in Lake 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:

Lake County (County) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. On January 24, 2013, the County adopted the final MND and found that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation. On December 19, 2012, Caltrans approved a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) pursuant to NEPA and found that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment.

The project is located near the City of Lakeport in Lake County. The project will add a center turning lane, construct Class II bicycle lanes, underground overhead utility lines, and improve utility infrastructure at two locations: a 0.5 mile segment of South Main Street from the Lakeport city limits to the State Route (SR) 175 extension and a 0.75 mile segment of Soda Bay Road extending south from SR 175 to approximately 0.1 mile west of Manning Creek.

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, population and housing, and public services. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to, standard air quality impact mitigation during construction;

avoidance and minimization measures associated with wetlands and other Waters of the United States including compensatory mitigation for impacted resources; avoidance and minimization measures associated with sensitive serpentine grassland plant communities; pre-construction surveys and/or avoidance & minimization measures associated with the Cooper's Hawk, Tricolored Blackbird, Southwestern Pond Turtle, Clear Lake Hitch, and Migratory Bird species; efforts to avoid disturbance of paleontological and cultural resources including the development of a Historic Property Treatment Plan; efforts to minimize exposure to seismic and geologic hazards; minimization and avoidance measures to reduce site exposure to lead, petroleum hydrocarbons, volatile organic compounds and metals; preparation of a Serpentine Dust Control Plan; implementation of erosion and sediment control measures during construction activities; utilizing construction equipment furnished with noise control devices and restricting construction hours to minimize noise disturbance; demonstration of compliance with applicable state and federal right of way acquisition laws; and preparation of a Traffic Management Plan to reduce construction-related traffic impacts.

On January 15, 2013, Lake County confirmed that the preferred alternative set forth in the final environmental document is consistent with the project scope of work programmed by the Commission.

According to the County the project will be constructed in two phases. Phase one is fully funded through construction and phase two is fully funded through design and right of way. The total project is estimated to cost \$14,724,000 and is funded with State (\$6,434,000), Federal (\$3,200,000), Local (\$48,000) and Other funds (\$2,400,000). Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2014/15.

Attachments

- Resolution E-13-14
- Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 01 – Lake County Resolution E-13-14

- 1.1 WHEREAS**, Lake County (County) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- South Main Street and Soda Bay Road Widening and Bike Lanes Project
- 1.2 WHEREAS**, the County has certified that the Mitigated Negative Declaration has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines for its implementation; and
- 1.3 WHEREAS**, the project will add a center turning lane, construct Class II bicycle lanes, underground overhead utility lines, and improve utility infrastructure at the following two locations:
1. a 0.5 mile segment of South Main Street from the Lakeport city limits to the State Route (SR) 175 extension and
 2. a 0.75 mile segment of Soda Bay Road extending south from SR 175 to approximately 0.1 mile west of Manning Creek; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS**, the County found that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation; and
- 1.6 WHEREAS**, the County 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 approve the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.

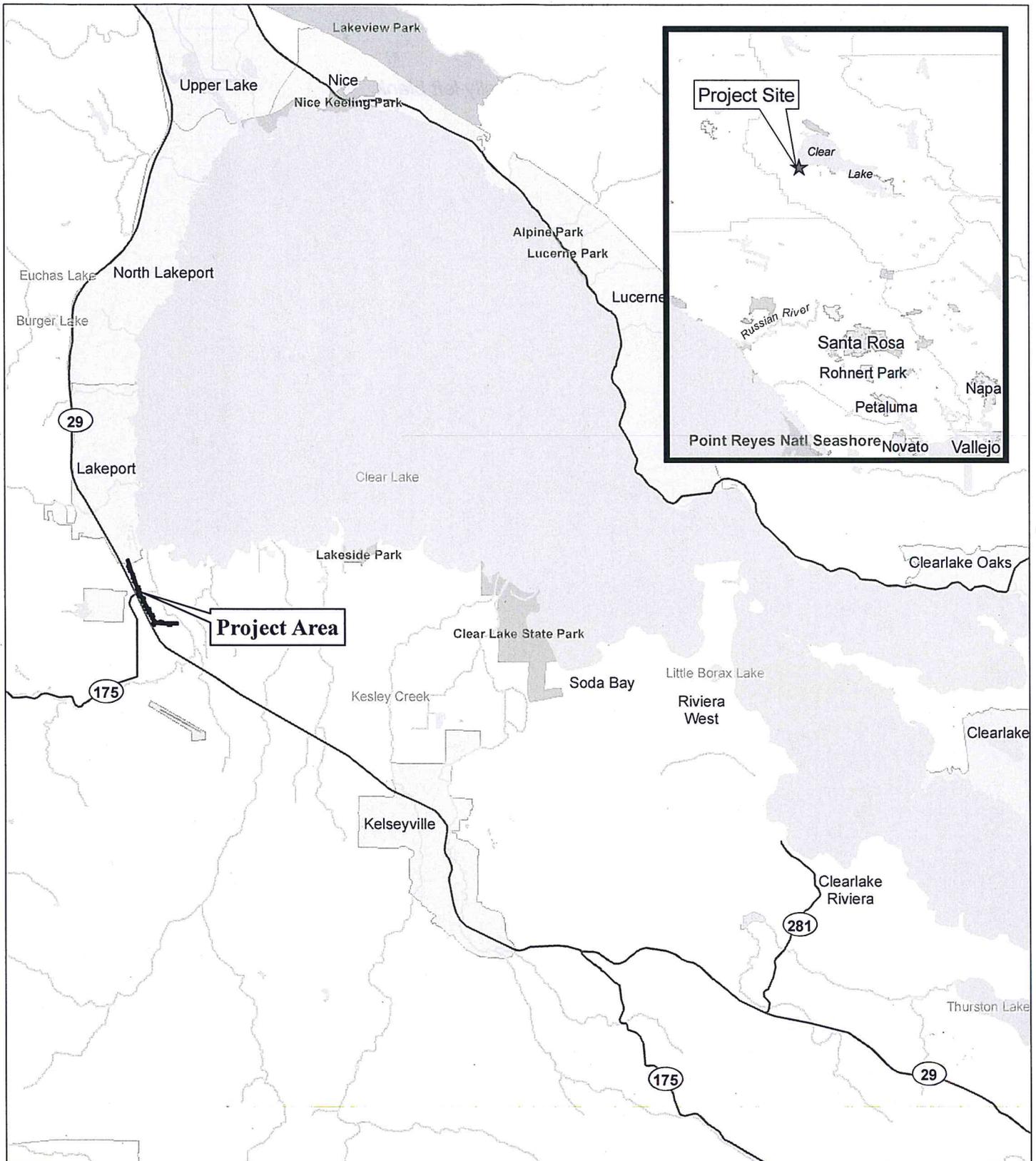


FIGURE 1.1-1

*South Main Street and Soda Bay Road
Widening and Bike Lanes Project*

Regional Location



SOURCE: StreetMap North America (2008)