

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: March 5, 2013

Reference No.: 2.2c (6)
Action

From: BIMLA G. RHINEHART
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE FOLSOM LAKE TRAIL
BIKE/PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-13-16)**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Folsom Lake Trail Bike/Pedestrian Bridge Project (project) in the City of Folsom in Sacramento 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 City of Folsom (City) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. On December 8, 2009, the City adopted the final MND and found that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation. On May 26, 2010, Caltrans determined the project to be categorically excluded from NEPA pursuant to 23 CFR 771.117(c)(3).

The project is located in the City of Folsom in Sacramento County. The project will construct a 170 foot long, 12 foot wide, single-span bicycle and pedestrian bridge with 8 foot high fencing, over Folsom Lake Crossing Road approximately 1,000 feet north of the intersection of Folsom Lake Crossing Road and East Natoma Street. The project will also construct approach ramps on both sides of the overcrossing structure connecting to existing trail segments.

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to aesthetics, traffic & transportation, cultural resources, hydrology & water quality, geology & soils, hazards & hazardous materials, air quality, biological resources and noise. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to: community input on project design and use of natural landscaping and native plants; efforts to avoid disturbance of cultural resources; erosion and sediment control measures during construction activities; efforts to minimize wildfire potential and exposure to

hazardous materials including naturally occurring asbestos; efforts to minimize disturbance and removal of native oak trees, elderberry shrubs, and wetland resources including off-site mitigation as needed; and restricting construction hours to minimize noise disturbance and traffic impacts.

On January 24, 2013, the City confirmed that the preferred alternative set forth in the final environmental document is consistent with the project scope of work programmed by the Commission. On January 24, 2013, the City also confirmed that the 2009 MND remains valid and that there are no new impacts requiring mitigation identified since adoption of the MND in 2009.

The project is fully funded through construction and is estimated to cost \$3,009,850. The project is funded with State (\$1,715,400) funds, Federal (\$575,000) and Local (\$719,450) funds. Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2013/14.

Attachments

- Resolution E-13-16
- Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 03 – Sacramento County Resolution E-13-16

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Folsom (City) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - Folsom Lake Trail Bike/Pedestrian Bridge Project
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the City 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 construct a 170 foot long, 12 foot wide, single-span bicycle and pedestrian bridge with 8 foot high fencing, over Folsom Lake Crossing Road approximately 1,000 feet north of the intersection of Folsom Lake Crossing Road and East Natoma Street. The project will also construct approach ramps on both sides of the overcrossing structure connecting to existing trail segments; 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 City found that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, the City 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 1-2. Project Vicinity

