

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: May 7, 2013

Reference No.: 2.2c. (18)
Action

From: ANDRE BOUTROS
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE WARREN STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
RESOLUTION E-13-37**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Negative Declaration (ND) for the Warren Street Improvements Project (Project) in Inyo County and approve the project for future consideration of funding?

RECOMMENDATION:

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

BACKGROUND:

The City of Bishop (City) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. On February 11, 2013, the City adopted the final ND and found that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment. As a result, mitigation measures are not required for the project.

The project is located in the City of Bishop, County of Inyo, on South Warren Street and North Warren Street. The project will rehabilitate pavement, improve drainage, construct continuous curb, gutter and sidewalk, construct drive entrances and curb ramps, improve intersections, replace and extend underground storm drain facilities, relocate overhead utilities, remove and replace trees, construct bulb-outs and pocket parks, provide decorative street lighting and provide an aesthetic theme to the street.

On March 19, 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. The project, estimated to cost \$3,300,000, is not fully funded through construction. Funds totaling \$2,430,000 are programmed in the STIP. The City may consider phasing construction if additional funds cannot be secured. Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2014/15.

Attachment

- Resolution E-13-37
- Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 09 – Inyo County Resolution E-13-37

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Bishop (City) has completed a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - Warren Street Improvements Project
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the City has certified that the Negative Declaration has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines for its implementation; and
- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, the project will construct various improvements to North Warren and South Warren from South Street to one block north of Elm Street and on South, Lagoon, Church, Academy, Pine and Elm Streets between Main Street and Warren Street in the City of Bishop; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Final Negative Declaration; and
- 1.5 **WHEREAS**, the City found that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, the City approved the Final Negative Declaration.
- 2.1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby accept the Final Negative Declaration and approve the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.

Warren Street Improvements Project

City of Bishop

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