

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: May 7, 2013

Reference No.: 2.2c. (19)  
Action

From: ANDRE BOUTROS  
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING  
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE OSO PARKWAY WIDENING  
PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-13-38)**

## **ISSUE:**

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Oso Parkway Widening Project (project) in Orange 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 Mission Viejo (City) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. On June 21, 2010 the City adopted the final MND and found that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation.

The project is located in Orange County on Oso Parkway in the southern portion of the City of Mission Viejo between Interstate-5 (I-5) and Country Club Drive. The project proposes to widen Oso Parkway from six to eight lanes for a distance of approximately .4 miles. The project will also include various street improvements including construction of a retaining wall, additional turning lanes, improvements to Oso Parkway Bridge at Oso Creek, the relocation of utilities and sidewalks and modifications to existing traffic signals.

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to Biological Resources, Geology & Soils, Hydrology & Water Quality. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to: avoidance and minimization efforts associated with avian species including pre-construction nesting surveys; avoidance and minimization efforts associated with wetlands and riparian habitat; soil removal and installation of measures to reduce the potential for expansive soil

impacts, landslides, soil liquefaction, lateral spreading, subsidence or collapse; installation of additional catch basins to reduce potential flooding impacts.

On March 7, 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 is fully funded through construction and is estimated to cost \$3,179,711. The project is funded with SLPP (\$1,203,968) and Local (\$1,975,743) funds. Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2013/14.

Attachment

- Resolution E-13-38
- Project Location

# CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 12 – Orange County Resolution E-13-38

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Mission Viejo (City) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
  - Oso Parkway Widening 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 widen Oso Parkway from six to eight lanes for a distance of approximately .4 miles. The project will also include various street improvements including construction of a retaining wall, additional turning lanes, improvements to Oso Parkway Bridge at Oso Creek, the relocation of utilities and sidewalks and modifications to existing traffic signals; 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.



Source: National Agriculture Imagery Program for Orange County (2005)

### Exhibit 2

## Local Vicinity Map Aerial Base



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