

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: May 7, 2013

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Action Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING AND/OR NEW PUBLIC ROAD CONNECTION**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolutions E-13-40, E-13-41, and E-13-42.

## **ISSUE:**

### **02-Sha-299, PM 30.3/40.7 RESOLUTION E-13-40**

The attached resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding the following project for which a Negative Declaration (ND) has been completed:

- State Route 299 (SR-299) in Shasta County. Construct roadway improvements on a portion of SR-299 near the town of Bella Vista. (PPNO 3017)

This project in Shasta County will rehabilitate a section of the roadway on State Route 299, including replacing drainage facilities, installing new pavement, constructing a center median, widening the Salt Creek Bridge, and other improvements. The project is programmed in the 2012 State Highway Operation and Protection Program. The total estimated cost is \$39,392,000 for capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2013-14. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope programmed by the Commission in the 2012 State Highway Operation and Protection Program.

A copy of the ND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will result in no significant impacts to the environment. As a result, a ND was completed for this project.

Attachment 1

**ISSUE:**

**04-CC-Rail**  
**RESOLUTION E-13-41**

The attached resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding the following project for which a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been completed:

- Burlington Northern Santa Fe railway track in Contra Costa County. Install new connector track between existing tracks in the city Richmond. (PPNO 0241B)

This project in Contra Costa County will install a new connector track between the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) tracks and the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks in the City of Richmond. The project is programmed in the Trade Corridor Improvement Fund. The total estimated cost is \$21,760,000 for construction and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2013-14. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope programmed in the Trade Corridor Improvement Fund.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will result in no significant impacts to the environment. The following resource areas may be impacted by the project: jurisdictional waters of the United States, cultural resources, and hydrology and water quality. Avoidance and minimization measures would reduce any potential effects on the environment. These measures include, but are not limited to, acquisition of wetland mitigation credits from an authorized wetland mitigation bank, reporting of any discovery of cultural materials to a qualified archeologist, and maintaining and facilitating access for the Contra Costa Flood Control and Water Conservation District to all areas of Rheem Creek within the project area. As a result, a MND was completed for this project.

Attachment 2

**ISSUE:**

**08-Riv-60, PM 28.03/30.42**  
**RESOLUTION E-13-42**

The attached resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding and a new public road connection for the following project for which a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been completed:

- State Route 60 (SR-60) in Riverside County. Construct new interchange on SR-60 at Potrero Boulevard in the city of Beaumont. (EA 34140)

This project in Riverside County will construct a new public road connection in two phases. Phase 1 will construct an overcrossing on State Route 60 at Potrero Boulevard and use an existing connection at Western Knolls Avenue for temporary access to State Route 60. Phase 2

will widen Potrero Boulevard to six lanes, construct exit and entry ramps, realign Western Knolls Avenue, and remove the connection at Western Knolls Avenue to State Route 60. The project is entirely funded with federal and local dollars. The project will need an approval for a new public road connection from the Commission. The total estimated cost for construction and support for both phases is \$78,330,000. Construction for Phase 1 is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2013-14.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will result in no significant impacts to the environment. The following resource areas may be impacted by the project: paleontological resources, biological resources, and jurisdictional waters of the United States. Avoidance and minimization measures would reduce any potential effects on the environment. These measures include, but are not limited to, a qualified paleontologist monitoring ground disturbing activities, compensatory mitigation for riparian communities, and the purchase of credits in the Santa Ana River Wetlands Mitigation Bank. As a result, a MND was completed for this project.

Attachment 3

**CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding**

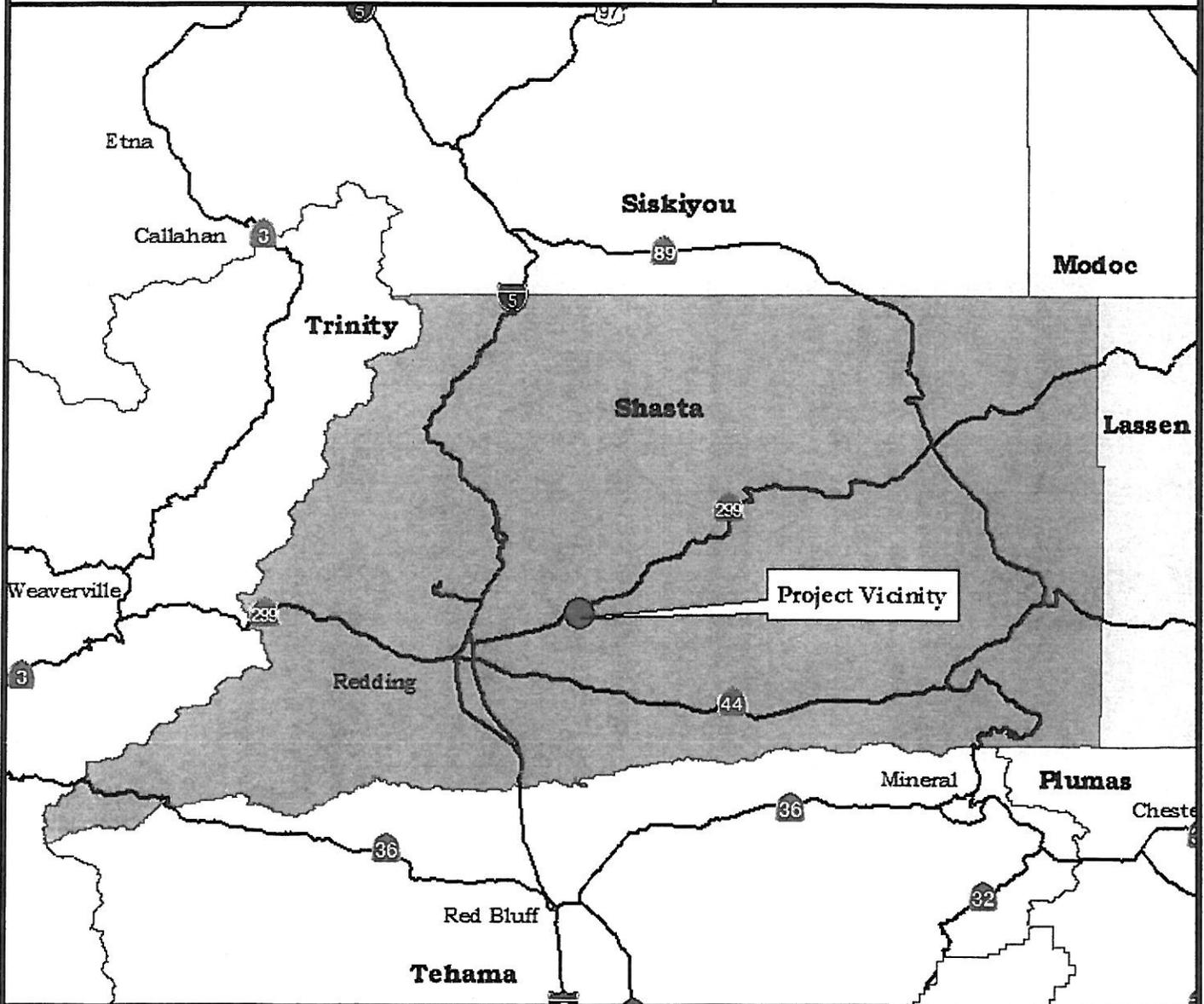
**02-Sha-299, PM 30.3/40.7**

**Resolution E-13-40**

- 1.1** **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- State Route 299 (SR-299) in Shasta County. Roadway improvements on a portion of SR-299 near the town of Bella Vista. (PPNO 3017)
- 1.2** **WHEREAS**, the Department 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 California Transportation Commission, as a responsible agency, has considered the information contained in the Negative Declaration; and
- 1.4** **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.

**Figure 1**  
Project Vicinity Map  
Bella Diddy Roadway  
Rehabilitation Project  
02 SHA 299  
PM 30.3/40.7  
EA: 02-360700

**Shasta County**



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**04-CC-Rail**

**Resolution E-13-41**

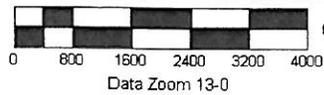
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FIGURE 1  
Regional Location



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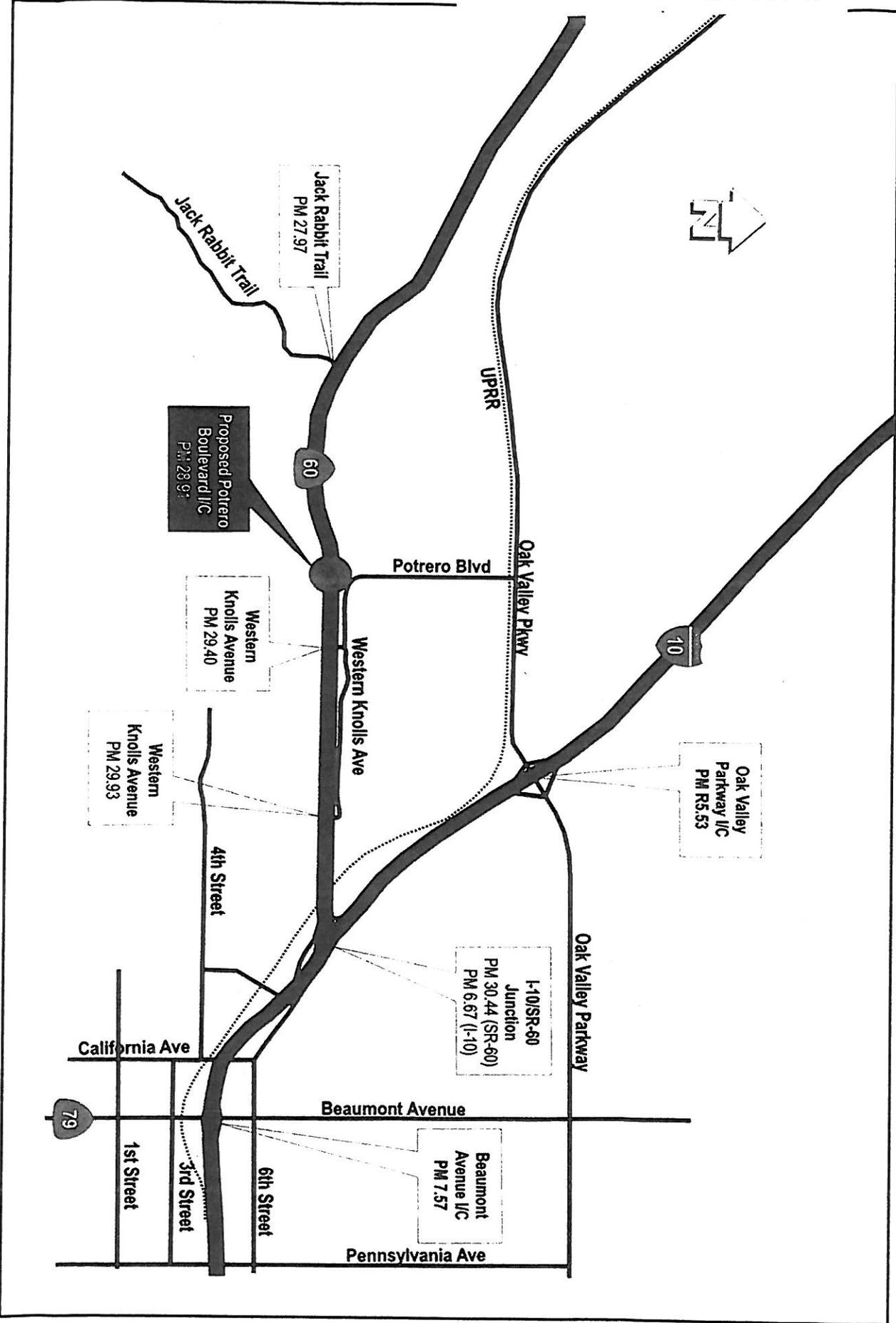
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**PROJECT VICINITY MAP**

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