

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action

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Subject: **STATE ROUTE 99 BOND PROGRAM - ADD ELKHORN BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**  
**RESOLUTION R99-P-1213-07**

## **ISSUE:**

Should the Commission add the Elkhorn Boulevard Improvement Project to the State Route 99 (SR99) Bond Program at a cost of \$1.5 million from award savings generated in the northern area of the corridor?

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Commission staff recommends that the Commission approve the addition of the Elkhorn Boulevard Improvement Project into the SR99 Bond Program.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006 was approved by the voters as Proposition 1B on November 7, 2006. Proposition 1B authorized \$1.0 billion in general obligation bond proceeds for the SR99 Bond Program. SR99 Bond Program funds may be used for safety, operational enhancements, rehabilitation, or capacity improvements necessary to improve the SR99 corridor traversing approximately 400 miles of the Central Valley.

At its March 15, 2007 meeting, the Commission adopted the SR99 Bond Program. Funding was distributed between two geographical regions with 15 percent to the northern area within the Sacramento Valley and 85 percent to the southern area within the San Joaquin Valley. In December 2009, the Commission adopted Supplement 2 to the Accountability Implementation Plan. Supplement 2 reflects the Commission's intent to program project cost savings to eligible projects nominated but not programmed in the initial SR99 Bond Program and/or to enhancements to existing SR99 Corridor projects.

The Department of Transportation proposes to amend the SR99 Program by including the Elkhorn Boulevard Improvement Project into the program and program \$1.5 million of SR99 funds to the project from capacity that has accumulated from award savings in the northern area of the program.

The Elkhorn Boulevard Improvement Project includes the construction of a new traffic signal at the SR99/Elkhorn Boulevard northbound off-ramp and the addition of a free right turn lane. Additional improvements include pedestrian facilities, widening eastbound Elkhorn Boulevard from SR99 to East Commerce Way, signal modification, drainage and striping improvements. The total cost of the project is \$2.4 million.