

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: June 11, 2013

Reference No.: 2.2c. (7)
Action

From: ANDRE BOUTROS
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE 5TH STREET CORRIDOR
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-13-52)**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the 5th Street Corridor Improvements Project (project) in San Bernardino 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 Highland (City) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. On August 16, 2011, 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 San Bernardino County on 5th Street and Del Rosa Drive in the Cities of Highland and San Bernardino. The proposed project will: widen 5th Street, from two to four lanes, between Palm Avenue and State Route (SR) 210 for approximately three miles; widen Del Rosa Drive from two to four lanes between 3rd Street and 5th Street for approximately 0.25 miles; construct a tie-back wall at the SR-210/5th Street interchange; as well as construct various improvements including pavement rehabilitation, new turn lanes, a new Class II Bikeway, sidewalks, new traffic signals and synchronization system, a new emergency vehicle pre-emption system and new handicap accessible transit stops.

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Hazards and Noise. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to: measures to control fugitive dust, ozone precursor and asphalt concrete emissions, measures to detect and remove asbestos containing materials; pre-construction nesting

surveys for Burrowing Owls and other nesting birds; measures to handle inadvertent discovery of cultural resources; measures to handle inadvertent discovery of contaminated soil, testing for aerial deposition of lead, development of a traffic management plan; implementation of construction noise control measures such as restricting construction hours to minimize noise disturbance, and utilizing construction equipment furnished with noise control devices. The City determined that implementation of mitigation measures as outlined in the Mitigation Monitoring Program will reduce the potential impacts to a less than significant level.

On May 6, 2013 the City provided written confirmation that the preferred alternative set forth in the final environmental document is consistent with the project programmed by the Commission.

This project will be constructed in Phases. Phase I will widen and construct improvements on 5th Street from Victoria Avenue to Palm Avenue and is included in the SLPP program. Phase I is fully funded through construction and is estimated to cost \$3,795,000. The project is funded with SLPP (\$1,000,000) and Local (\$2,795,000) funds. Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2012/13.

Attachment

- Resolution E-13-52
- Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 08 – San Bernardino County Resolution E-13-52

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Highland (City) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - 5th Street Corridor Improvements 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 proposed project will: widen 5th Street, from two to four lanes, between Palm Avenue and State Route (SR) 210 for approximately three miles; widen Del Rosa Drive from two to four lanes between 3rd Street and 5th Street for approximately 0.25 miles; construct a tie-back wall at the SR-210/5th Street interchange; as well as construct various improvements including pavement rehabilitation, new turn lanes, a new Class II Bikeway, sidewalks, new traffic signals and synchronization system, a new emergency vehicle pre-emption system and new handicap accessible transit stops; 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.

PROJECT LOCATION

5TH Street Corridor Improvements Project
(Victoria Avenue to Palm Avenue)

