

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: June 11, 2013

Reference No.: 2.2c. (8)
Action

From: ANDRE BOUTROS
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE BASE LINE/GREENSPOT ROAD
TRAFFIC SAFETY AND BIKEWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-13-53)**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Base Line/Greenspot Road Traffic Safety and Bikeway 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 January 16, 2013, 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 Base Line between Webster Street and Church Street and on Greenspot Road between Church Street and Alta Vista Drive in the City of Highland. The proposed project will: install 2 new traffic signals, modify 4 existing traffic signals, construct street widening, a community trail and dedicated intersection turn lanes, and install bicycle activation detectors and push buttons, pedestrian countdown signal heads, bike way-finding signs, electronic speed feedback signs, in-roadway crosswalk warning lights and advance warning beacons.

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to Biological Resources. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to: conducting a pre-construction biological study to ensure that no endangered or sensitive species are present. 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.

The project is fully funded through construction and is estimated to cost \$974,000. The project is funded with SLPP (\$393,000) and Local (\$581,000) funds. Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2012/13.

Attachment

- Resolution E-13-53
- Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 08 – San Bernardino County Resolution E-13-53

- 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:
 - Base Line/Greenspot Road Traffic Safety and Bikeway 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: install 2 new traffic signals, modify 4 existing traffic signals, construct street widening, a community trail and dedicated intersection turn lanes, and install bicycle activation detectors and push buttons, pedestrian countdown signal heads, bike way-finding signs, electronic speed feedback signs, in-roadway crosswalk warning lights and advance warning beacons; 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.

