

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: June 11, 2013

Reference No.: 2.2c. (9)
Action

From: ANDRE BOUTROS
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR REDLANDS BOULEVARD/ALABAMA
STREET INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
RESOLUTION E-13-54**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Redlands Boulevard/Alabama Street/Colton Avenue Intersection Improvement 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 Redlands (City) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. On June 20, 2006, 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 at the intersection of Redlands Boulevard, Colton Avenue, and Alabama Street south of Interstate-10 (I-10) in the City of Redlands. The proposed project will reconstruct the existing intersections of Redlands Boulevard/Alabama Street and Redlands Boulevard/Colton Avenue. The project will widen Redlands Boulevard and Alabama Street to accommodate six lanes, dual left turn lanes and a new signal. The project will also reconfigure the intersection of Colton Avenue and Redlands Boulevard to accommodate a T intersection, four lanes and a new signal. The project will improve the at-grade railroad crossing located at Alabama Street, abandon the existing at-grade crossing at the Colton Avenue/Redlands Boulevard merge and construct a new at-grade crossing on Colton Avenue. The project will also install raised medians, sidewalks, and drainage improvements.

The City found that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment with implementation of mitigation measures. Impacts that require mitigation to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to aesthetics, air quality, hazards & hazardous materials, noise, and transportation/traffic. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to, preparation of a landscape plan; implementation of fugitive dust control measures during construction; reporting and proper disposal of hazardous materials if discovered; implementation of construction noise control measures such as restricting construction hours to minimize noise disturbance, and utilizing construction equipment furnished with noise control devices; and preparation of a parking/restriping plan.

The project will be constructed in phases. Phase I of the project is programmed in the SLPP program of projects and will construct improvements to the Redlands Boulevard/Alabama Street intersection including installation of a new railroad crossing at Alabama Street. Phase II of the project will reconfigure the Redlands Boulevard/Colton Avenue intersection and railroad crossing. On April 23, 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. On April 23, 2013 the City also confirmed that the 2006 MND remains valid and that there are no new impacts requiring mitigation which have been identified since adoption of the MND in 2006.

The project is fully funded through construction and is estimated to cost \$5,581,000. The project is funded with SLPP (\$1,000,000) and Local (\$4,581,000) funds. Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2013/14.

Attachment

- Resolution E-13-54
- Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 08 – San Bernardino County Resolution E-13-54

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Redlands (City) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - Redlands Boulevard/Alabama Street/Colton Avenue Intersection Improvement 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 reconstruct the existing intersections of Redlands Boulevard/Alabama Street and Redlands Boulevard/Colton Avenue and construct other roadway improvements; 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.



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