

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: January 25, 2012

Reference No.: 2.2c. (3)
Action

From: BIMLA G. RHINEHART
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE EMERY STATION WEST AT THE
EMERYVILLE TRANSIT CENTER PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-12-05)**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Emery Station West at the Emeryville Transit Center Project (project) in Alameda 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 Emeryville (City) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. On February 18, 2010 the City adopted the MND and found that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation.

The project is located in the City of Emeryville in Alameda County. The project will construct a parking garage that will include four bus bays and 125 public parking spaces.

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology/soils, hazards and hazardous material, hydrology/water quality, noise, and transportation/traffic. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to, ensuring proposed lighting will be low-intensity, downward directed, and located only where necessary; having a qualified archaeologist/paleontologist evaluate any archaeological or paleontological resources uncovered during construction; water all active construction areas twice daily; prepare an Erosion Control Plan; and preparing a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan for the post remediation period of construction.

On January 6, 2012 the City confirmed that the preferred alternative set forth in the final environmental document is consistent with the project scope of work programmed by the Commission.

The project is estimated to cost \$19.6 million and is programmed with State (\$4.2 million) funds and Local (\$15.4 million) funds. Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2021/13.

Attachment

- Resolution E-12-05
- Project Location

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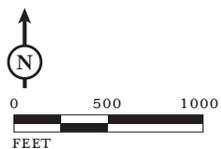
Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 04 – Alameda County Resolution E-12-05

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Emeryville (City) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - Emery Station West at the Emeryville Transit Center 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 construct a parking garage with bus bays and public parking spaces in the City of Emeryville, Alameda County; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.5 **WHEREAS**, the City found that all significant or potentially significant impacts can be reduced by mitigation measures to a less than significant level; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, the City adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.7 **WHEREAS**, the City adopted a Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program for the project.
- 2.1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration and approve the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.



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FIGURE 1



 PROJECT SITE

*EmeryStation West at the
Emeryville Transit Center Project IS/MND
Project Location Map*

SOURCE: GOOGLE MAPS; LSA ASSOCIATES, INC., 2009.