

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: April 25-26, 2012

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Action

From: BIMLA G. RHINEHART  
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING  
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE SAN JUAN BIKE TRAIL  
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-12-20)**

## **ISSUE:**

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the San Juan Bike Trail Improvements Project (project) in Orange 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:**

Orange County Public Works (County) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. On June 24, 2008 the County 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 Dana Point in Orange County. The project will replace an existing deteriorating wooden flood wall with a permanent concrete u-channel section within the San Juan Creek Bike Trail from the upstream face of Camino Las Rambles bridge to approximately 213-feet south of the south face of Pacific Coast Highway bridge.

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to biological resources, cultural resources, hydrology/water quality, and noise. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to, conducting all equipment maintenance within a specified area of the project site designated for such purposes; limiting construction activities hours during the weekdays; minimize idling or internal combustion engines; and constructing temporary fencing to protect riparian vegetation.

On March 5, 2012 the County 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 \$750,000 and is programmed with State (\$442,500) funds and Local (\$307,500) funds. Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2012/13.

Attachment

- Resolution E-12-20
- Project Location

# CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 12 – Orange County Resolution E-12-20

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, Orange County Public Works (County) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
  - San Juan Creek Bike Trail Improvements Project
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the County 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 construct a u-channel section under the Pacific Coast Highway Bridge in the City of Dana Point, Orange 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 County 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 County adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.7 **WHEREAS**, the County 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.



Source: USGS (Various).

**Figure 1**  
**Project Location**