

## Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: April 25-26, 2012

Reference No.: 2.2c.(6)  
Action Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING**

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolutions E-12-21, E-12-22, and E-12-23.

### **ISSUE:**

#### **06-KER-14, PM 45.9/62.3** **RESOLUTION E-12-21**

The attached resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding the following project for which a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been completed:

- Route 14 in Kern County. Convert existing two-lane highway to a four-lane divided expressway along a portion of SR 14 near the town of Freeman. (PPNO 8042)

This project in Kern County will convert the existing two-lane conventional highway into a four-lane divided controlled-access expressway on State Route 14 from 0.8 mile north of Redrock Inyokern Road to 2.2 miles south of the junction with U.S. Highway 395. The project will be phased into three segments. Segment 1 is programmed in the 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and is fully funded, at a cost of \$44,888,000. Segment 2 is partially programmed in the 2012 STIP; the cost for this segment is \$47,687,000, of which \$10,860,000 is programmed. Segment 3 is not currently programmed nor funded; the cost for this segment is \$31,544,000. The total estimated project cost for all three phases is \$124,119,000 for capital and support. Construction for Segment 1 is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2016-17. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope programmed by the Commission in the STIP.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will result in no significant impacts to the environment. Potential effects to visual, cultural, paleontological, and biological resources would be reduced by proposed avoidance and mitigation measures. As a result, an MND was completed for this project.

Attachment 1

**ISSUE:**

**08-RIV-60, PM 17.9/19.8**  
**RESOLUTION E-12-22**

The attached resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding the following project for which a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been completed:

- Route 60 in Riverside County. Roadway improvements including interchange and overcrossing replacements on a portion of SR 60 in the city of Moreno Valley. (PPNO 1143)

This project in Riverside County will replace the existing two-lane bridge overcrossing at Nason Street/SR 60 with a new five-lane overcrossing; including median, shoulders that accommodate bicycles, and 6.5 foot-wide sidewalk. The project will also widen Nason Street to four through lanes, including landscaping and soundwall. The project is programmed in the State-Local Partnership Program (SLPP). The total estimated project cost is \$17,130,000 for capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2012-13. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope programmed by the Commission in the SLPP.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. An Initial Study was conducted for the project and determined that the project will result in no significant impacts to the environment. As a result, an MND was completed for this project.

Attachment 2

**ISSUE:**

**10-SJ-26, PM 18.5/19.0**  
**RESOLUTION E-12-23**

The attached resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding the following project for which a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been completed:

- Route 26 in San Joaquin County. Construct roadway improvements on Route 26 near the town of Linden. (PPNO 0264)

This project in San Joaquin County will realign two existing curves and replace the Sandstone Creek Bridge with a triple box culvert. The project is programmed in the 2012 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP). The total estimated project cost is \$6,049,000 for capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2012-13. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope programmed by the Commission in the 2012 SHOPP.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will result in no significant impacts to the environment. Potential effects to paleontological and biological resources would be reduced by proposed avoidance and mitigation measures. As a result, an MND was completed for this project.

Attachment 3

**CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding**

**06-KER-14, PM 45.9/62.3**

**Resolution E-12-21**

- 1.1** **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- Route 14 in Kern County. Convert existing two-lane highway to a four-lane divided expressway along a portion of SR 14 near the town of Freeman. (PPNO 8042)
- 1.2** **WHEREAS**, the Department 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 California Transportation Commission, as a responsible agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.4** **WHEREAS**, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2.1** **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby approve the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.

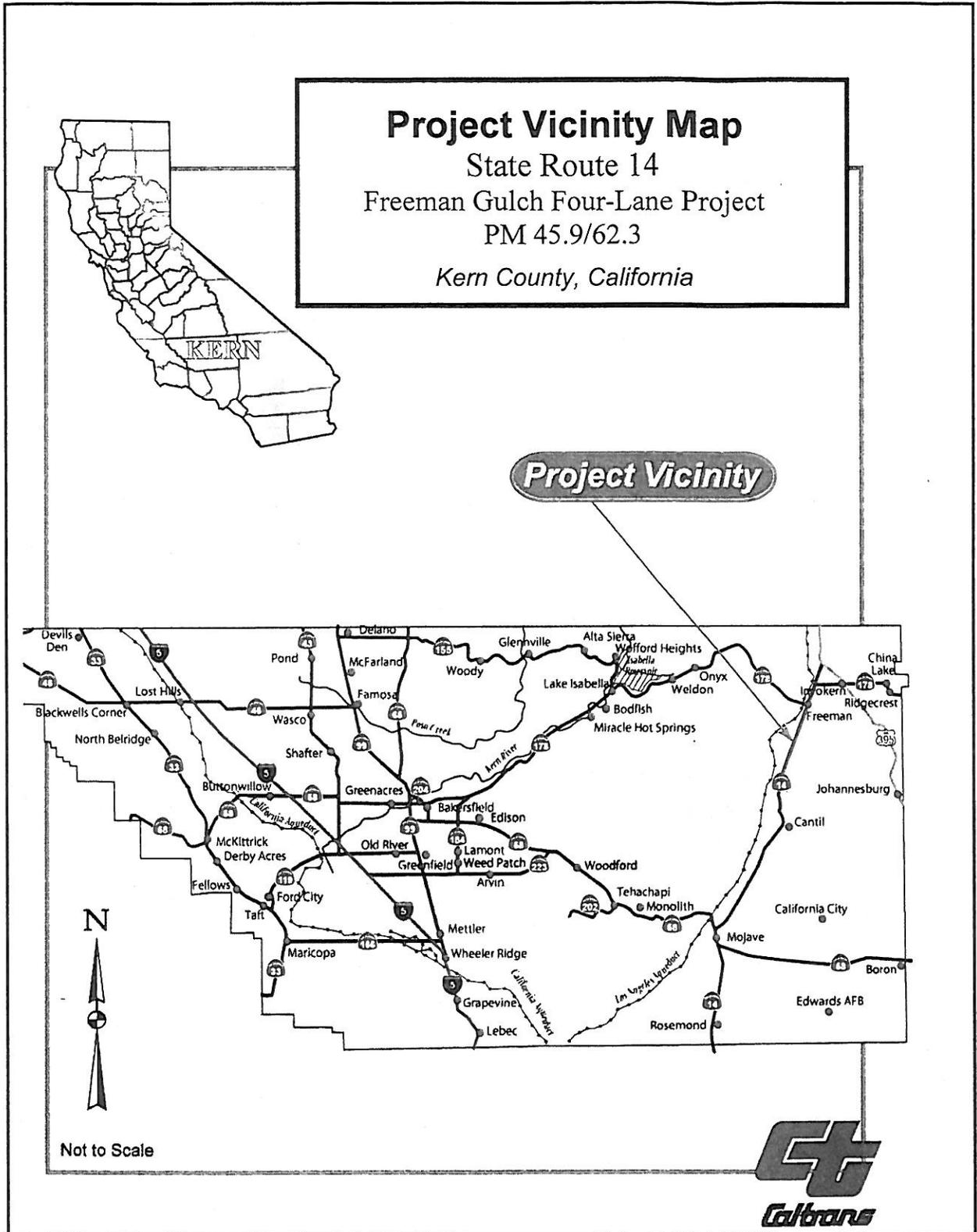


Figure 1-1 Project Vicinity Map

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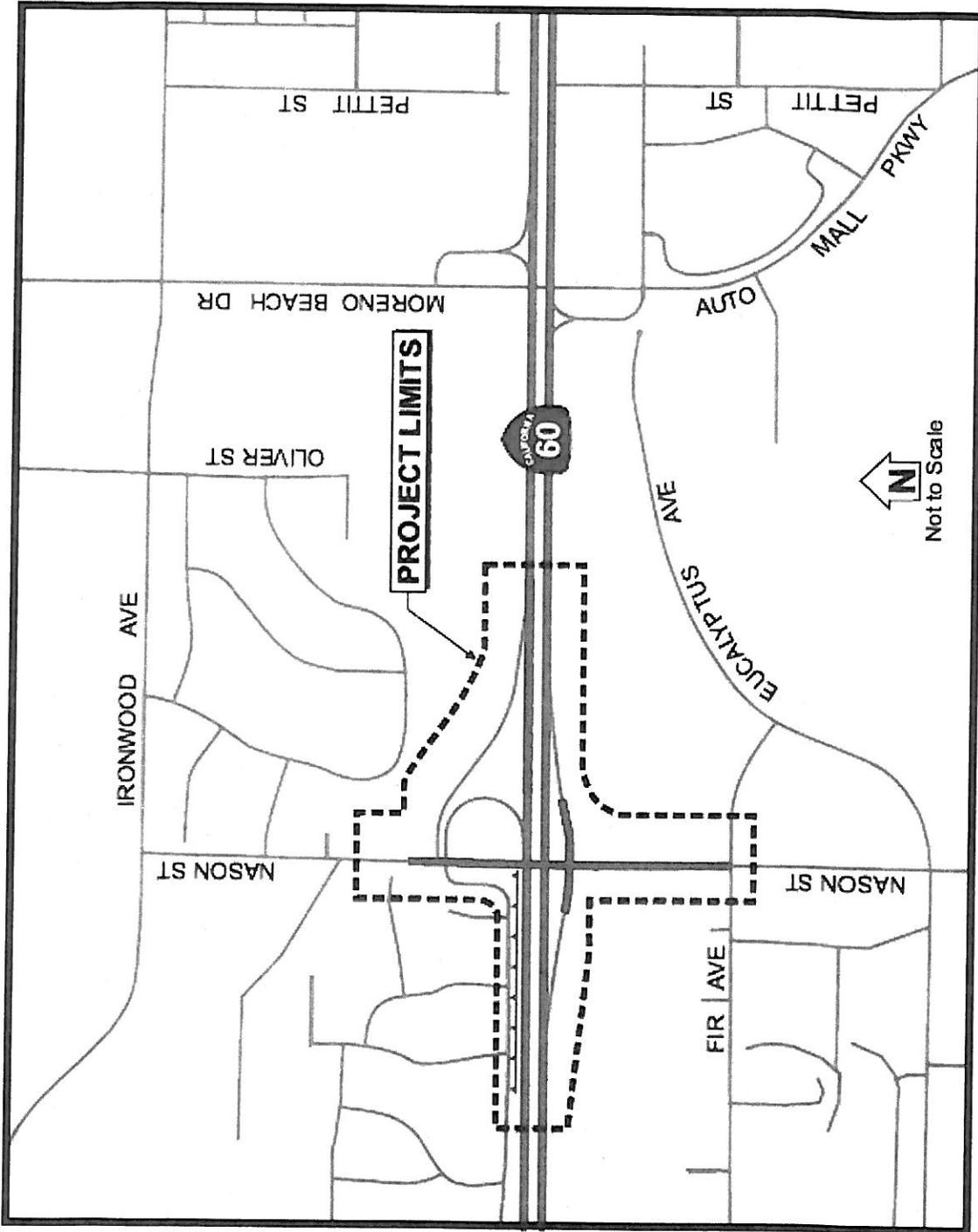
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# ATTACHMENT 2



VICINITY MAP  
STATE ROUTE 60 / NASON STREET OVERCROSSING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (EA 32302)

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