

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: October 8, 2013

Reference No.: 2.2c (2)
Action

From: ANDRE BOUTROS
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE HIGHWAY 1 SAN PEDRO CREEK
BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AND CREEK WIDENING PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-13-68)**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and Addendum for the Highway 1 San Pedro Creek Bridge Replacement and Creek Widening Project (project) in the City of Pacifica and approve the project for future consideration of funding?

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission accept the MND and Addendum and approve the project for future consideration of funding.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Pacifica (City) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. The project is located on Highway 1 from post mile 40.6 to 40.8 spanning San Pedro Creek in San Mateo County. The project will replace the existing bridge with a 63-foot wide by 140-foot long structure consisting of two 12-foot lanes, two 8-foot wide shoulders and a 12-foot wide separated pedestrian/Class I bicycle path. The project also includes rebuilding a 990-foot long section of roadway at the southern end of the bridge, and a 570-foot long section of roadway at the northern end of the bridge as well as the widening of San Pedro Creek to provide the capacity needed to accommodate 100-year flood flows under the bridge.

On October 24, 2005 the City adopted the final MND for the bridge replacement project and found that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation. An Addendum to the 2005 MND was prepared in 2012 to address changes to the bridge design necessary to accommodate flood flows in the San Pedro Creek channel. Changes included raising the bridge elevation from 3 ft to 5 ft, increasing the length of pavement affected at the north and south approaches, and grading within the creek to improve flood capacity. On May 28, 2013 the City adopted the Addendum to 2005 MND and reaffirmed its determination that the project will not have

a significant unavoidable effect on the environment, and that all potentially significant effects will be mitigated to less than significant levels. On September 30, 2011 Caltrans determined the project to be categorically excluded from NEPA pursuant to 23 CFR 771.117(d), this determination was revalidated on May 22, 2013.

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to Air Quality, Biological Resources, Geology & Soils, Hazards & Hazardous Materials, and Hydrology & Water Quality. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to: implementation of dust and erosion control measures during construction activities; implementation of measures to avoid and minimize impacts to the California Red Legged Frog, consultation and compliance with federal resource agency direction regarding mitigation required for the potential take of federally listed species; preparation of a geotechnical report prior to final bridge design and incorporation of design recommendations to minimize geotechnical hazards; disposal and/or remediation of project site soils containing elevated lead concentration; and implementation of stormwater pollution prevention measures during construction.

On September 3, 2013 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 \$17,495,000, and is funded with Federal (\$3,300,000), STIP (\$3,000,000), Local (\$10,054,000) and Other funds (\$1,141,000). Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2014/15.

Attachments

- Resolution E-13-68
- Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 04 – San Mateo County Resolution E-13-68

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Pacifica has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - Highway 1 San Pedro Creek Bridge Replacement and Creek Widening Project
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the City of Pacifica has certified that the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum have been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines for its implementation; and
- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, the project will replace the existing bridge with a 63-foot wide by 140-foot long structure consisting of two 12-foot lanes, two 8-foot wide shoulders and a 12-foot wide separated pedestrian/Class I bicycle path, rebuild a 990-foot long section of roadway at the southern end of the bridge, and a 570-foot long section of roadway at the northern end of the bridge, and widen the San Pedro Creek channel to provide flood capacity; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum; and
- 1.5 **WHEREAS**, the City of Pacifica found that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, the City of Pacifica approved the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum.
- 2.1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby accept the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum and approve the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.



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Figure 2 Project Location - USGS Topo Map

Highway 1 San Pedro Creek Bridge Replacement