

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: October 8, 2013

Reference No.: 2.2c. (1)
Action

From: ANDRE BOUTROS
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE STATE ROUTE (SR)70/FEATHER
RIVER BOULEVARD INTERCHANGE PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-13-67)**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the SR-70/Feather River Boulevard Interchange (project) in Yuba 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 County of Yuba (County) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. On March 7, 2012 the County adopted the final MND and found that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation. On March 8, 2012, Caltrans determined the project to be categorically excluded from NEPA pursuant to 23 USC 327 Section 6005.

The project is located on SR-70 east of the Feather River, approximately 13 miles south of the City of Marysville in Yuba County. The proposed project will replace the existing at-grade intersection of Feather River Boulevard at SR-70 with a modified L-1/L-9 configuration interchange. The interchange will include a five-lane overcrossing of SR-70, five interchange ramps, removal of the existing at-grade intersection and traffic signal, and utility relocation.

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, aesthetics, noise, transportation, hazards and hydrology. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to: development of a Traffic Management Plan and implementation of dust and emission control measures during construction activities; installation of protective fencing around environmentally sensitive areas; implementation of measures to minimize and/or avoid impacts to wetlands, the Giant Garter Snake, and the

Swainson's Hawk, compensatory mitigation for impacts to wetlands, Giant Garter Snake habitat and Swainson's Hawk habitat; implementation of measures to minimize the spread of invasive plant species; measures to address discovery of archaeological or human remains during construction; implementation of design features to minimize visual impacts of the interchange; limitation of construction hours and use of noise attenuation devices on equipment; incorporation of sufficient storage capacity in the right turn lane on the eastbound Feather River Boulevard approach to south bound SR-70; development of a lead compliance plan and appropriate disposal of toxic materials during construction; and implementation of stormwater pollution prevention measures during construction.

On August 16, 2013 the County provided written confirmation that the preferred alternative set forth in the final environmental document is consistent with the project programmed by the Commission.

The project is estimated to cost \$19,350,000. The project is proposed to be funded with TCIF (\$4,361,000), Federal (\$3,569,000) and Local (\$11,420,000) funds. Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2013/14.

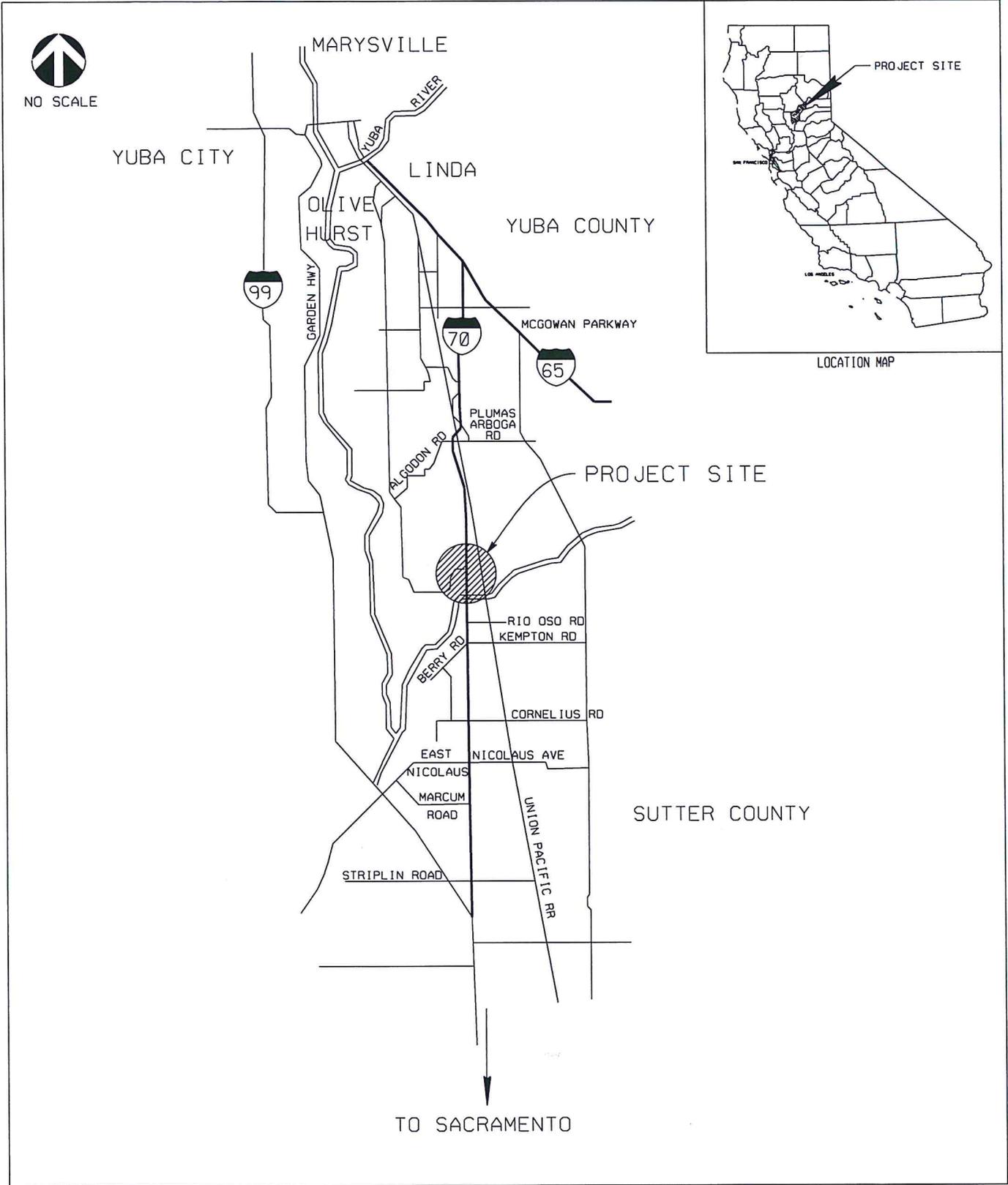
Attachment

- Resolution E-13-67
- Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 03 – Yuba County Resolution E-13-67

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the County of Yuba (County) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - SR-70/Feather River Boulevard Interchange 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 proposed project will replace the existing at-grade intersection of Feather River Boulevard at SR-70 with a modified L-1/L-9 configuration interchange. The interchange will include a five-lane overcrossing of SR-70, five interchange ramps, removal of the existing at-grade intersection and traffic signal, and utility relocation; 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 County found that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, the County 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.



FEATHER RIVER BOULEVARD/STATE ROUTE 70 INTERCHANGE
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