

## Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: May 18-19, 2016

Reference No.: 2.2c.(1)  
Action Item

From: NORMA ORTEGA  
Chief Financial Officer

Prepared By: Katrina C. Pierce, Chief  
Division of  
Environmental Analysis

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-16-19, E-16-20, E-16-21, E-16-22, E-16-23, E-16-24 and E-16-25.

### **ISSUE:**

#### **02-But/Plu-70, PM 35.9/47.9, 13.1**

#### **RESOLUTION E-16-19**

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

- State Route 70 (SR 70) in Butte and Plumas Counties. Repair culverts and install additional drainage facilities on a portion of SR 70. (EA 02-0H030)

This project in Butte and Plumas Counties will repair and replace culverts and construct new drainage facilities on portions of SR 70. The project is not yet programmed or funded. The total estimated cost for capital and support is \$1,600,000. Depending on the availability of funding, construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2018-19.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will result in less than significant impacts to the environment after mitigation. The following resource areas may be impacted by the project: biological resources and water quality. Avoidance and minimization measures will reduce any potential effects on the environment. These measures include, but are not limited to, environmental awareness training for all construction personnel, the preparation of a capture-and-relocation plan for the foothill yellow-legged frog, and appropriate BMPs for water pollution prevention. As a result, an MND was completed for this project.

Attachment 1

**ISSUE:**

**06-Kin-198, PM R15.5**  
**RESOLUTION E-16-20**

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

- State Route 198(SR 198) in Kings County. Roadway improvements including a roundabout at the intersection of SR 198, Hanford-Armona Road, and 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue near the city of Hanford. (PPNO 6651)

This project in Kings County will construct a roundabout at the intersection of Hanford-Armona Road and 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue near the city of Hanford. The project is programmed in the 2014 State Highway Operation and Protection Program. The total programmed amount is \$6,434,000 for capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2017-18. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope programmed by the Commission in the 2014 State Highway Operation and Protection Program.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will result in less than significant impacts to the environment after mitigation. The following resource area may be impacted by the project: biological resources. Avoidance and minimization measures will reduce any potential effects on the environment. These measures include, but are not limited to, environmentally sensitive areas will be established for nesting birds, burrowing owl, and San Joaquin kit fox, tree and vegetation removal will be done outside nesting season, and replacement planting of any disturbed Heritage oak trees. As a result, an MND was completed for this project.

Attachment 2

**ISSUE:**

**06-Ker-43/119, PM 0.1/0.4, 17.8/18.5**  
**RESOLUTION E-16-21**

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

- State Route 43 (SR 43) and State Route 119 (SR 119) in Kern County. Construct roadway improvements including a roundabout at the intersection of SR 43, SR 119, and Enos Lane near the city of Taft. (PPNO 6698)

This project in Kern County will construct a roundabout at the intersection of SR 43, SR 119, and Enos Lane near the city of Taft. The project is programmed in the 2014 State Highway Operation and Protection Program. The total programmed amount is \$9,761,000 for capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2017-18. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope programmed by the Commission in the 2014 State Highway Operation and Protection Program.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will result in less than significant impacts to the environment after mitigation. The following resource area may be impacted by the project: biological resources. Avoidance and minimization measures will reduce any potential effects on the environment. These measures include, but are not limited to, environmentally sensitive areas will be established for the Giant kangaroo rat, Tipton kangaroo rat, San Joaquin kit fox, and the Blunt-nosed leopard lizard, pre-construction field surveys will be conducted, and ESA fencing will be used. As a result, an MND was completed for this project.

Attachment 3

**ISSUE:**

**06-Kin-43/137, PM 1.3/1.7, 0.0/0.2**  
**RESOLUTION E-16-22**

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

- State Route 43 (SR 43) and State Route 137 (SR 137) in Kings County. Construct roadway improvements including a roundabout at the intersection of SR 43 and SR 137 near the city of Corcoran. (PPNO 6619)

This project in Kings County will construct a roundabout at the intersection of SR 43 and SR 137 near the city of Corcoran. The project is programmed in the 2014 State Highway Operation and Protection Program. The total programmed amount is \$4,400,000 for capital and support. Construction 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 2014 State Highway Operation and Protection Program.

A copy of the ND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will result in less than significant impacts to the environment. As a result, an ND was completed for this project.

Attachment 4

**ISSUE:**

**09-Mno-395, PM 93.4/95.7**  
**RESOLUTION E-16-23**

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

- United States Route 395 (U.S. 395) in Mono County. Construct roadway improvements to a portion of U.S. 395 near the intersection of State Route 108. (PPNO 0615)

This project in Mono County will widen shoulders, install rumble strips, and construct drainage improvements on a portion of U.S. 395. The project is programmed in the 2014 State Highway Operation and Protection Program. The total programmed amount is \$7,859,000 for capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2017-18. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope programmed by the Commission in the 2014 State Highway Operation and Protection Program.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will result in less than significant impacts to the environment after mitigation. The following resource areas may be impacted by the project: biological, and visual resources. Avoidance and minimization measures will reduce any potential effects on the environment. These measures include, but are not limited to, the purchase of wetland credits from an approved mitigation bank, ESA fencing will be installed around sensitive areas, project area will be re-vegetated with native species, and monitoring of sensitive areas will be done by a qualified biologist. As a result, an MND was completed for this project.

Attachment 5

**ISSUE:**

**10-Ama-88, PM 21.6/24.6**

**RESOLUTION E-16-24**

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

- State Route 88 (SR 88) in Amador County. Construct roadway improvements on a portion of SR 88 in the town of Pine Grove. (PPNO 2454)

This project in Amador County will construct roadway improvements on a portion of SR 88 in the town of Pine Grove. The project is programmed in the 2014 State Transportation Improvement Program. The project is not fully funded. The total estimated cost is \$41,000,000 for capital and support. Depending on the availability of funds, construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2020-21. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope programmed by the Commission in the 2014 State Transportation Improvement Program.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will result in less than significant impacts to the environment after mitigation. The following resource area may be impacted by the project: biological resources. Avoidance and minimization measures will reduce any potential effects on the environment. These measures include, but are not limited to, pre-construction red-legged frog surveys will be conducted by a qualified biologist, staging areas will be located at least 100 feet from riparian or aquatic habitats, environmental awareness training will be given to all construction personnel, and all proposed landscape will incorporate native plant materials. As a result, an MND was completed for this project.

Attachment 6

**ISSUE:**

**12-Ora-57, PM 20.1/21.8**  
**RESOLUTION E-16-25**

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

- State Route 57 (SR 57) in Orange County. Construct roadway improvements on a portion of SR 57 in the city of Brea. (PPNO 3834)

This project in Orange County will construct roadway improvements on a portion of SR 57 in the city of Brea. The project is programmed in the 2014 State Transportation Improvement Program. The total estimated cost is \$59,300,000 for capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2019-20. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope programmed by the Commission in the 2014 State Transportation Improvement Program.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will result in less than significant impacts to the environment after mitigation. The following resource areas may be impacted by the project: biological resources, community impacts, visual/aesthetics, and paleontology. Avoidance and minimization measures will reduce any potential effects on the environment. These measures include, but are not limited to, transparent soundwalls will be installed to maintain view sheds, a Paleontological Monitoring Plan will be prepared prior to final design, and 1.5 acres of habitat replacement will be provided. As a result, an MND was completed for this project.

Attachment 7

**CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding**

**02-But/Plu-70, PM 35.9/47.9, 13.1**

**Resolution E-16-19**

- 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 State CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
  - State Route 70 (SR 70) in Butte and Plumas Counties. Repair culverts and install additional drainage facilities on a portion of SR 70. (EA 02-0H030)
- 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.



**CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding**

**06-Kin-198, PM R15.5**

**Resolution E-16-20**

- 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 State CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
  - State Route 198 (SR 198) in Kings County. Roadway improvements including a roundabout at the intersection of SR 198, Hanford-Armona Road, and 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue near the city of Hanford. (PPNO 6651)
- 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.

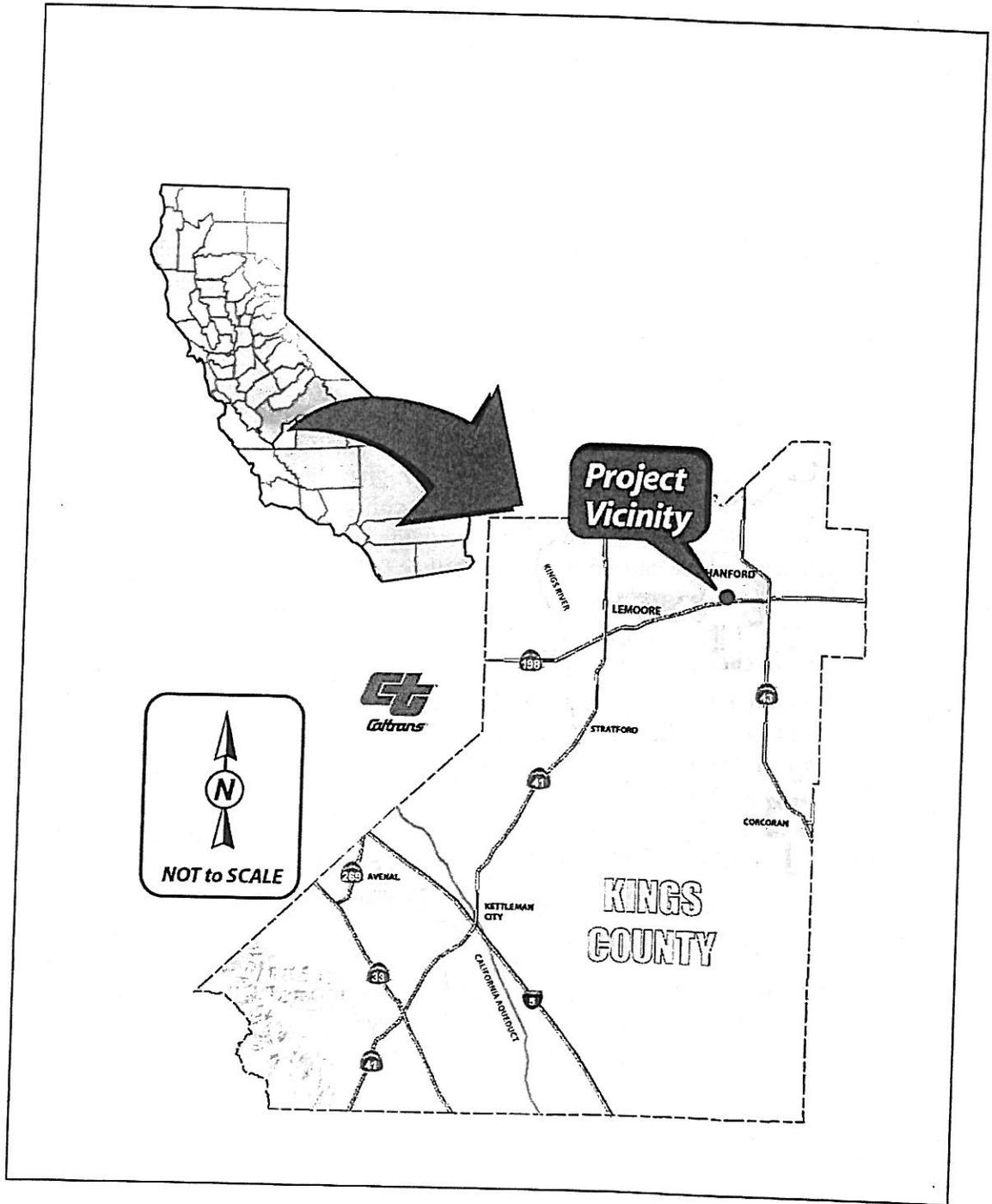


Figure 1-1 Project Vicinity Map

**CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

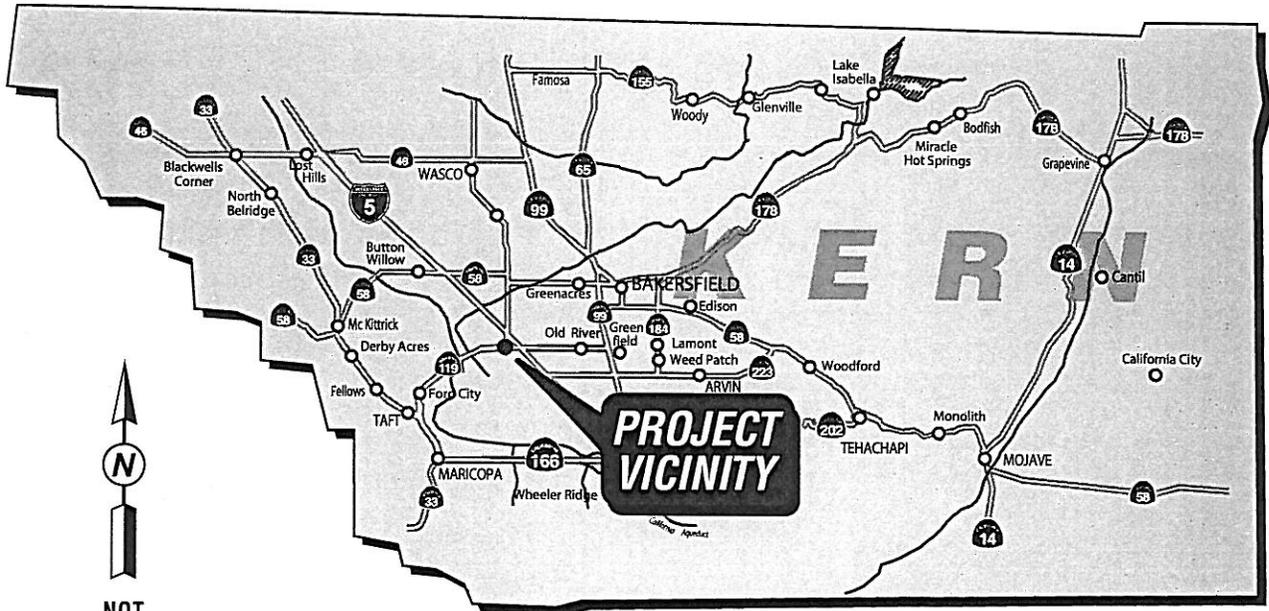
**Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding**

**06-Ker-43/119, PM 0.1/0.4, 17.8/18.5**

**Resolution E-16-21**

- 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 State CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
  - State Route 43 (SR 43) and State Route 119 (SR 119) in Kern County. Construct roadway improvements including a roundabout at the intersection of SR 43, SR 119, and Enos Lane near the city of Taft. (PPNO 6698)
- 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.

# ATTACHMENT 3



N  
NOT  
to  
SCALE

**CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding**

**06-Kin-43/137, PM 1.3/1.7, 0.0/0.2**

**Resolution E-16-22**

- 1.1 WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- State Route 43 (SR 43) and State Route 137 (SR 137) in Kings County. Construct roadway improvements including a roundabout at the intersection of SR 43 and SR 137 near the city of Corcoran. (PPNO 6619)
- 1.2 WHEREAS**, the Department has certified that the 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 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.

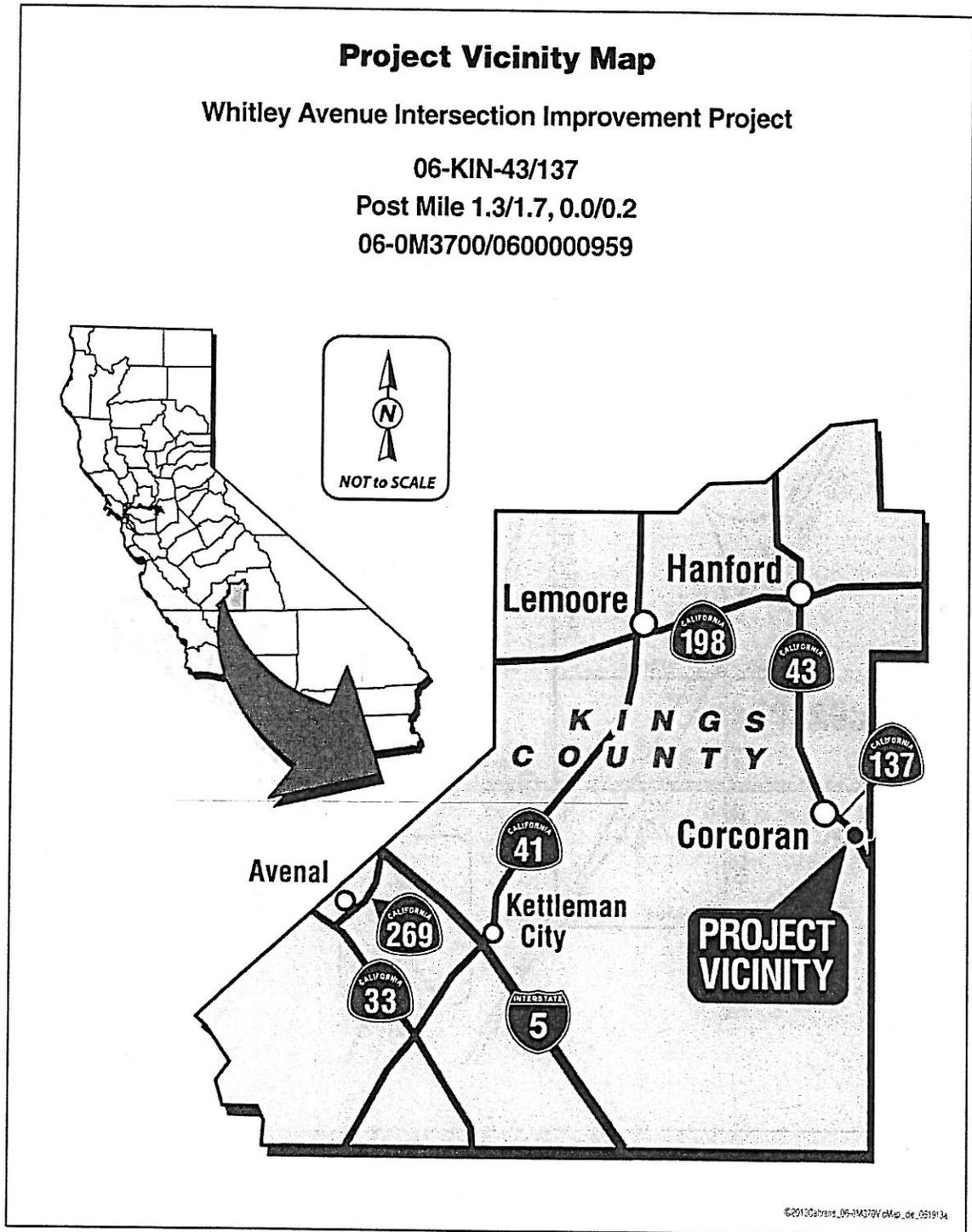


Figure 1 Project Vicinity Map

**CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

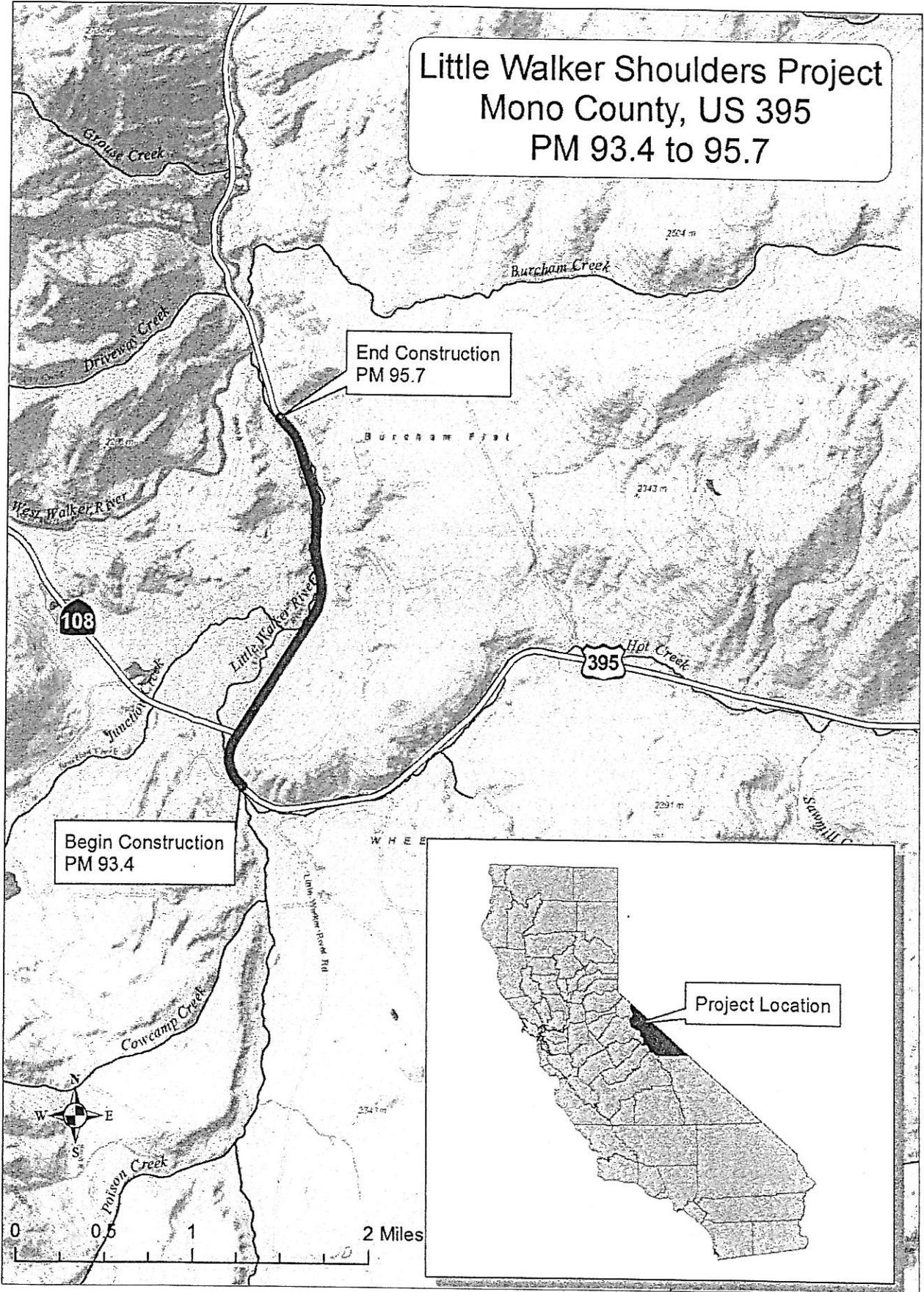
**Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding**

**09-Mno-395, PM 93.4/95.7**

**Resolution E-16-23**

- 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 State CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- United States Route 395 (U.S. 395) in Mono County. Construct roadway improvements to a portion of U.S. 395 near the intersection of State Route 108. (PPNO 0615)
- 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.

# ATTACHMENT 5



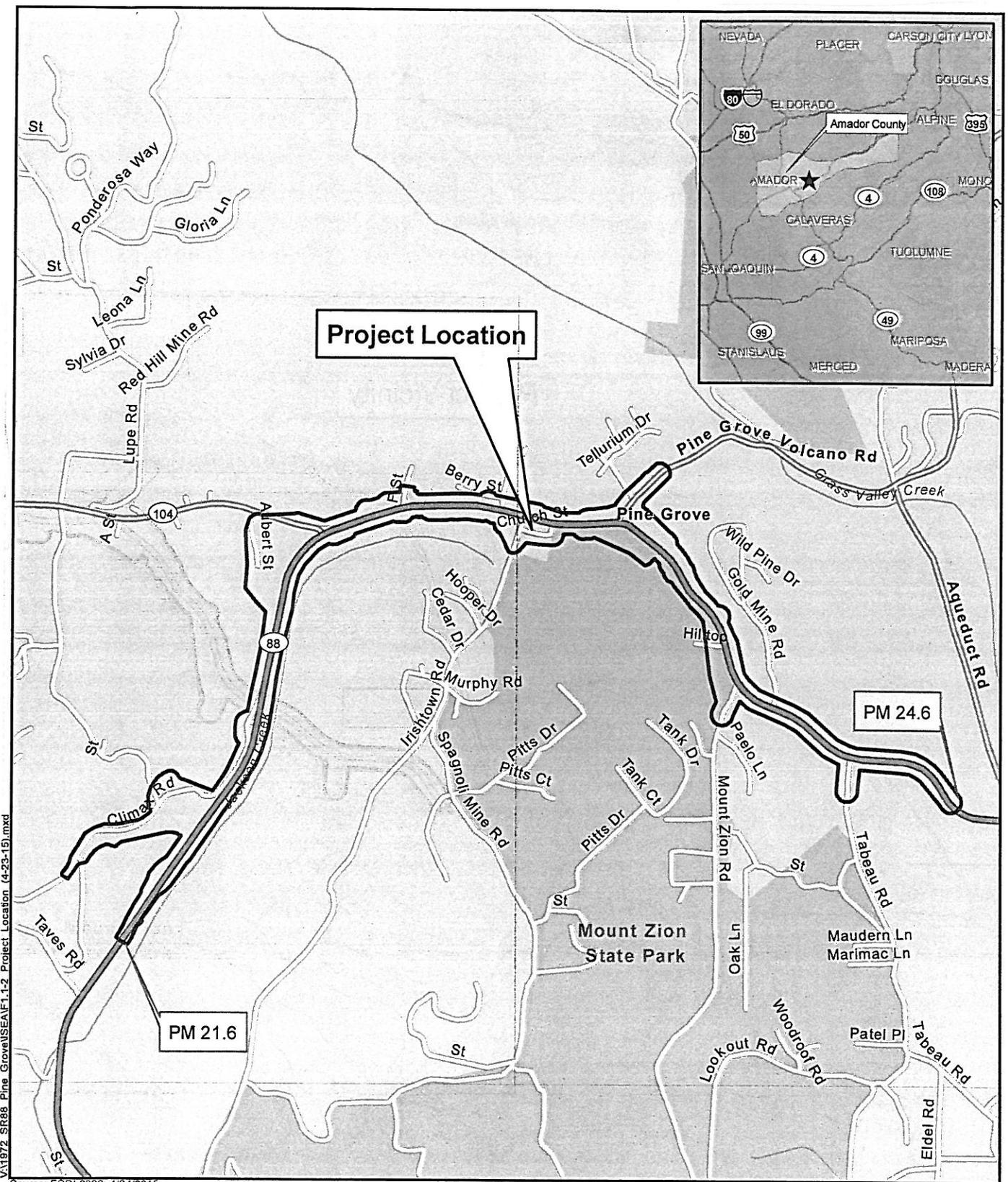
**CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding**

**10-Ama-88, PM 21.6/24.6**

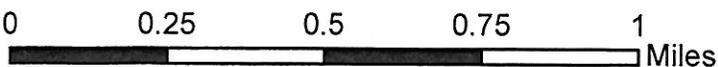
**Resolution E-16-24**

- 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 State CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
  - State Route 88 (SR 88) in Amador County. Construct roadway improvements on a portion of SR 88 in the town of Pine Grove. (PPNO 2454)
- 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.



VA1972 SR88 Pine Grove\SEA\F1.1.2 Project Location (4-23-15).mxd

Source: ESRI 2008; 4/24/2015



**FIGURE 1.1-2**  
**Project Location**  
 SR 88 Pine Grove Corridor Improvement Project  
 Town of Pine Grove, Amador County, California  
 EA 10-0G550; P.M. 21.6/24.6

**CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding**

**12-Ora-57, PM 20.1/21.8**

**Resolution E-16-25**

- 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 State CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
  - State Route 57 (SR 57) in Orange County. Construct roadway improvements on a portion of SR 57 in the city of Brea. (PPNO 3834)
- 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.

ATTACHMENT 7



SR-57/LAMBERT ROAD INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT • IS/EA  
**Project Location**

Figure 1-2