

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: January 29, 2014

Reference No.: 2.2c.(1)
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-14-01, E-14-02, and E-14-03.

ISSUE:

01-Hum-299, PM 19.3/19.8 **RESOLUTION E-14-01**

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 299 (SR 299) in Humboldt County. Roadway improvements on a portion of SR 299 near the community of Blue Lake. (PPNO 2306)

This project in Humboldt County will construct eight-foot wide shoulders and close a 1,100-foot gap in the climbing lane segments on a portion of SR 299 near the community of Blue Lake. The project is programmed in the 2012 State Highway Operation and Protection Program. The total estimated cost is \$4,645,000 for capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2013-14. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope programmed by the Commission in the 2012 State Highway Operation and Protection Program.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will result in no significant impacts to the environment. 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, off-site watershed restoration and planting, clearing and grubbing will take place during a limited operating period, and disturbed soil areas will be replanted. As a result, an MND was completed for this project.

Attachment 1

ISSUE:

04-SM-101, PM 1.60/2.20
RESOLUTION E-14-02

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

- United States Route 101 (US 101) in San Mateo County. Reconstruct an existing interchange on US 101 at Willow Road in the cities of Menlo Park and Palo Alto. (PPNO 0690A)

This project in San Mateo County will reconstruct the existing interchange at US 101 and Willow Road in the cities of Menlo Park and Palo Alto. The project is programmed in the 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program. The total estimated cost is \$32,951,000 for capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2015-16. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope programmed by the Commission in the 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program.

A copy of the ND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will result in no significant impacts to the environment. As a result, an ND was completed for this project.

Attachment 2

ISSUE:

06-Tul-99, PM 31.2/32.5
RESOLUTION E-14-03

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 99 (SR 99) in Tulare County. Construct improvements to an existing interchange on SR 99 at Cartmill Avenue in the city of Tulare. (PPNO 6410)

This project in Tulare County will modify the existing interchange at SR 99 and Cartmill Avenue in the city of Tulare. The project is being recommended for programming in the Proposition 1B State Route 99 Bond Program at the January 2014 Commission meeting. The total estimated cost is \$36,050,000 for capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2013-14. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope programmed in the State Route 99 Bond Program.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will result in no significant impacts to the environment. 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, conducting preconstruction surveys, restricting construction activities to certain timeframes, educating construction personnel, establishing exclusion zones, and compensating for loss of habitat. As a result, an MND was completed for this project.

Attachment 3

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding
01-Hum-299, PM 19.3/19.8
Resolution E-14-01**

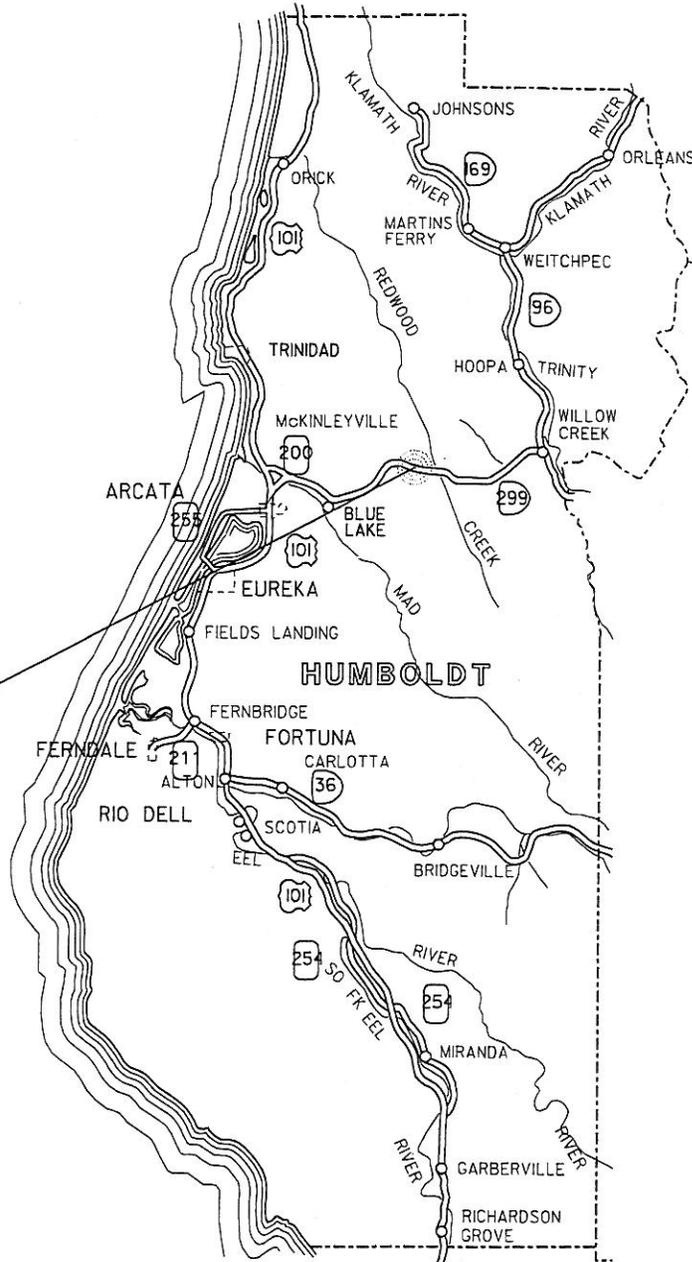
- 1.1** **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- State Route 299 (SR 299) in Humboldt County. Roadway improvements on a portion of SR 299 near the community of Blue Lake. (PPNO 2306)
- 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.

VICINITY MAP

No Scale



**PROJECT
LOCATION**



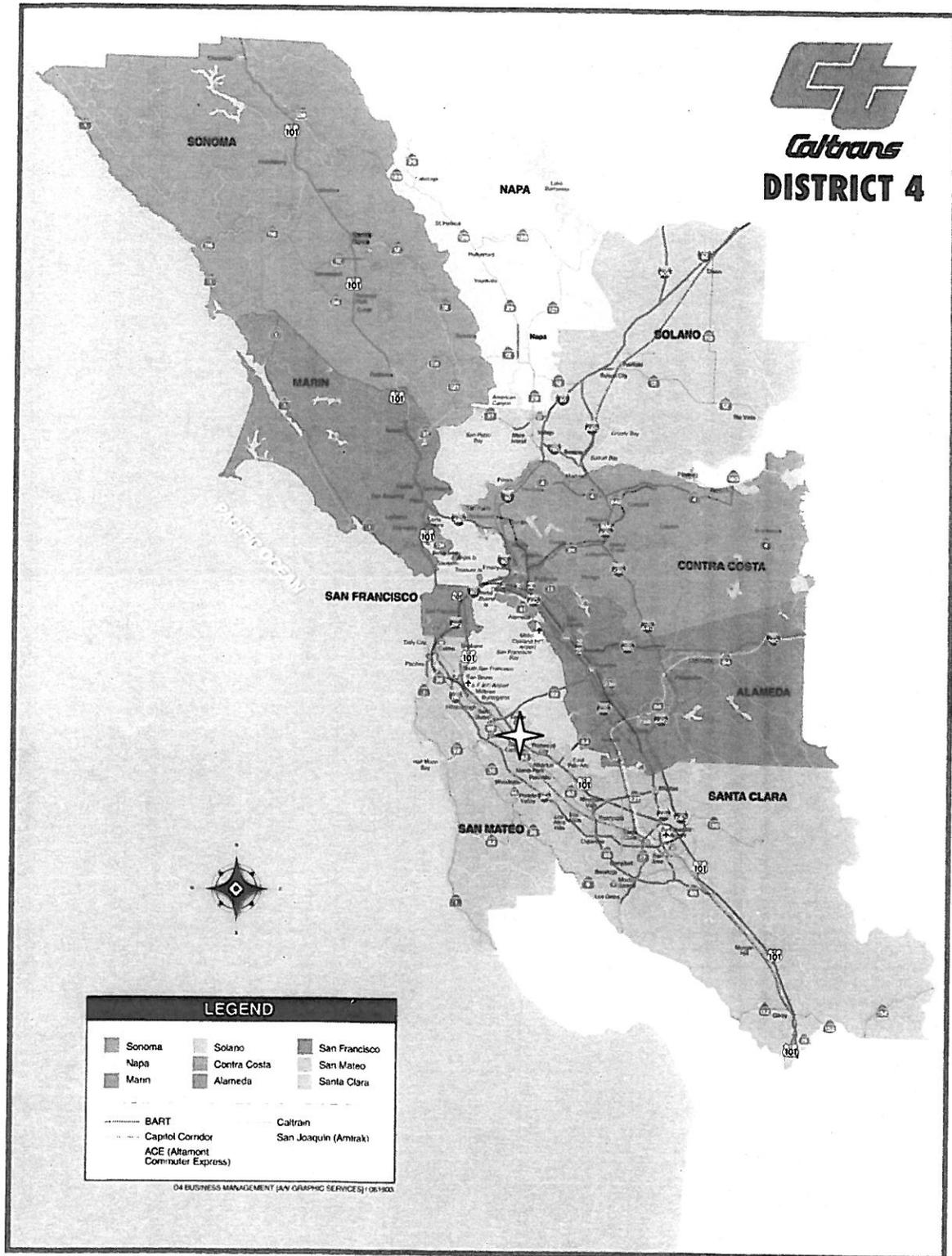
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CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding
04-SM-101, PM 1.60/2.20
Resolution E-14-02**

- 1.1** **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- United States Route 101 (US 101) in San Mateo County. Reconstruct an existing interchange on US 101 at Willow Road in the cities of Menlo Park and Palo Alto. (PPNO 0690A)
- 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

06-Tul-99, PM 31.3/32.6

Resolution E-14-03

- 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:
- State Route 99 (SR 99) in Tulare County. Construct improvements to an existing interchange on SR 99 at Cartmill Avenue in the city of Tulare. (PPNO 6410)
- 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

Chapter 1 • Proposed Project

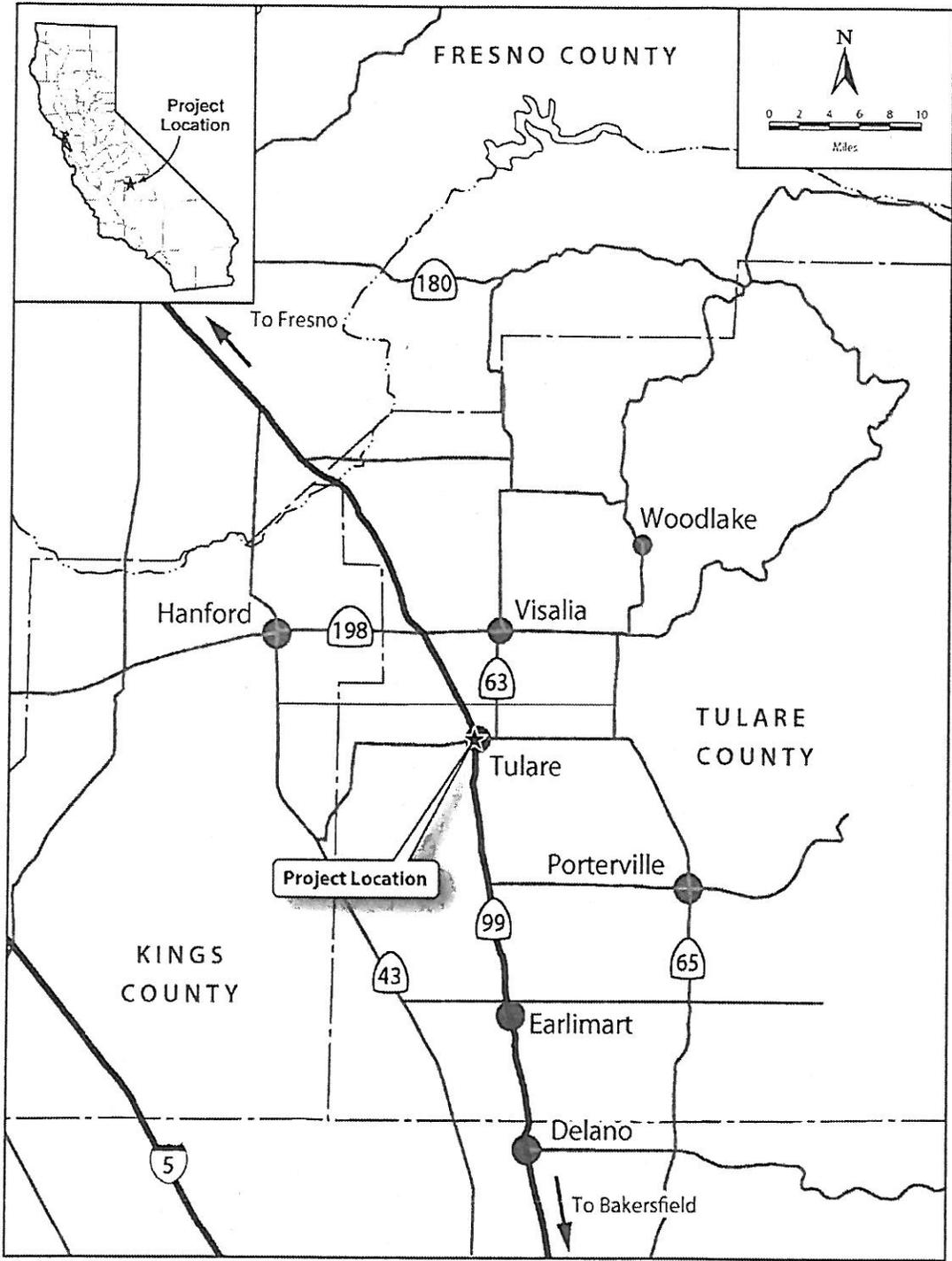


Figure 1-1 Project Vicinity