

Memorandum

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To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: March 20, 2014

Reference No.: 2.2c.(4)
Action Item

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Subject: APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
07-LA-60, PM R23.3/R26.5; 07-LA-57, R4.3/R4.5 & 4.5/R4.8
RESOLUTION E-14-10

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-14-10.

ISSUE:

The attached resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding the following project for which a Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) has been completed:

- State Route 60 (SR 60) and State Route 57 (SR 57) in Los Angeles County. Improvements to an existing interchange on SR 60 and SR 57 at Grand Avenue near the city of Diamond Bar. (EA 27910)

This project in Los Angeles County will reconfigure the conflux of SR 60 and SR 57 at Grand Avenue, including widening the Grand Avenue overcrossing, adding auxiliary lanes, and reconfiguring the on- and off-ramps. The project is not fully funded. The project is fully funded for environmental only with federal and local dollars. The total estimated cost is \$231,000,000 for capital and support. Depending on the availability of funding, construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2014-15.

A copy of the FEIR has been provided to Commission staff. Resources that may be impacted by the project include: aesthetics, community impacts, cultural resources, noise, hazardous waste, water quality, and biological resources. Potential impacts associated with the project can all be mitigated to below significance through proposed mitigation measures. As a result, an FEIR was prepared for the project.

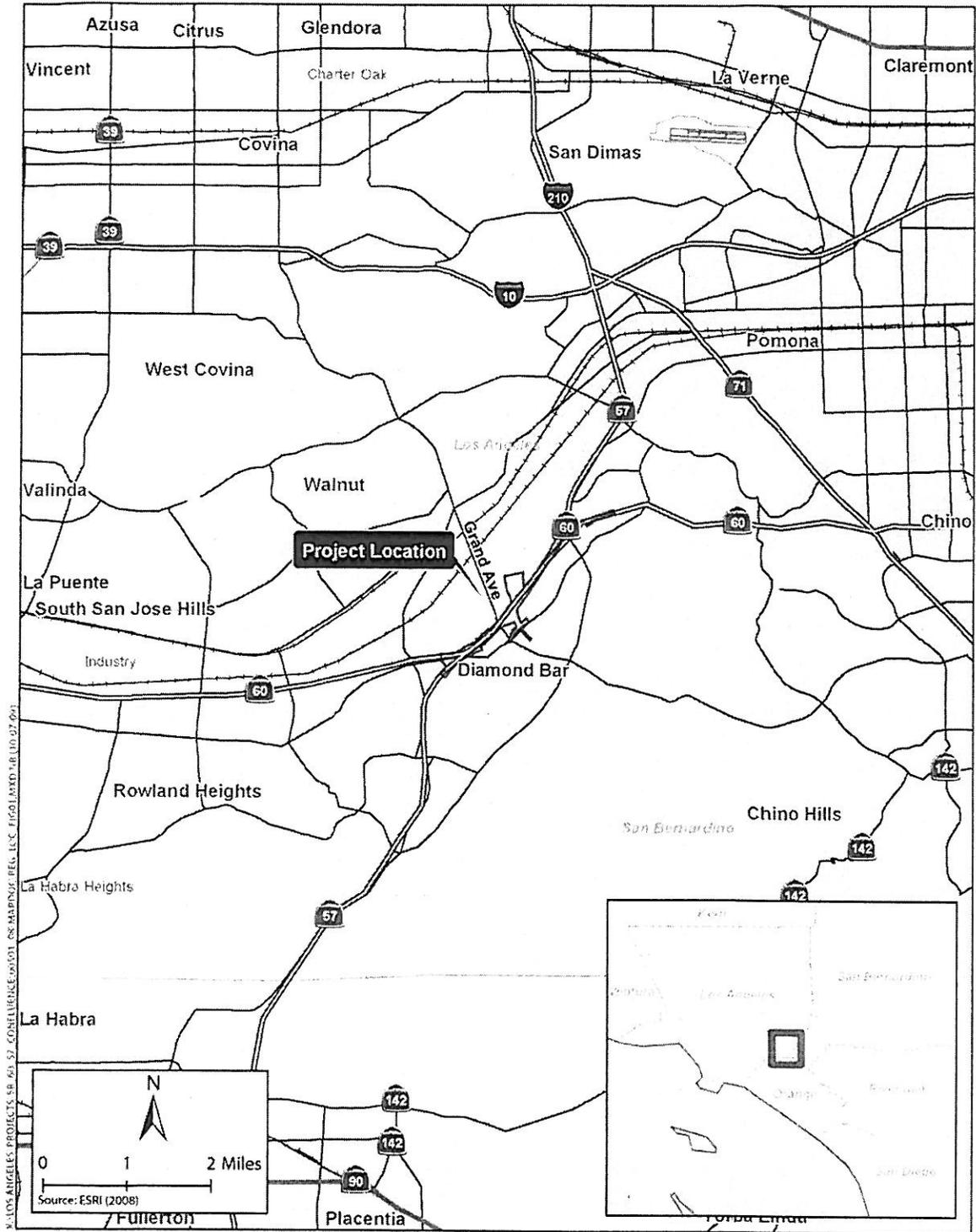
Attachments

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 07-LA-60, PM R23.3/R26.5; 07-LA-57, PM R4.3/R4.5 & 4.5/R4.8 Resolution E-14-10

- 1.1** **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Final Environmental Impact Report pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- State Route 60 (SR 60) and State Route 57 (SR 57) in Los Angeles County. Improvements to an existing interchange on SR 60 and SR 57 at Grand Avenue near the city of Diamond Bar. (EA 27910)
- 1.2** **WHEREAS**, the Department has certified that a Final Environmental Impact Report 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 Final Environmental Impact Report.
- 1.4** **WHEREAS**, the project will have a significant effect on the environment.
- 1.5** **WHEREAS**, Findings were made pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines.
- 2.1** **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby support approval of the above referenced project to allow for consideration of funding.

Figure 1: Regional Vicinity Map



FINDINGS

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FINDINGS FOR STATE ROUTES 57/60 CONFLUENCE AT GRAND AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY (EA 279100)

The following information is presented to comply with State CEQA Guidelines (Title 14 California Code of Regulations, Chapter 3, Section 15901) and the Department of Transportation and California Transportation Commission Environmental Regulations (Title 21, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 11, Section 1501). Reference is made to the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the project, which is the basic source for the information.

The following effects have been identified in the EIR as resulting from the project. Effects found not to be significant have not been included.

Land Use

Adverse Environmental Effects:

Property from the Los Angeles County Diamond Bar Golf Course will be permanently acquired to make improvements at the Grand Avenue Interchange. Project redesign to avoid the golf course proved to be infeasible and the partial acquisition is needed.

Findings

Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project, which avoid or substantially lessen the significant environmental effect as identified in the final EIR.

Statement of Facts

Coordination with LA County to reconfigure the golf course, replace parkland in-kind, as well as make aesthetic improvements, has led to lessening impacts and improving the golf course. The golf course compensatory provisions are included as part of this project.

Wetlands

Adverse Environmental Effects:

A permanent loss of 0.12 acre of wetlands would result from completing the proposed project. Project redesign to avoid the wetland area proved to be infeasible and development on the wetland is needed to complete project.

Findings

Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project, which avoid or substantially lessen the significant environmental effect as identified in the final EIR.

Statement of Facts

Purchase of mitigation land just downstream from the project site will be completed to compensate for the loss of wetlands. A minimum replacement ratio of 2:1 will be used to adequately replace loss of wetlands.

Project Name: SR-57/60 Confluence at Grand Avenue Improvement Project
District/County/Route/Postmiles: 07/LA/SR-57 (PM R4.3/R4.5) / 60(PM R23.3/R26.5)
EA: 279100

EIR CERTIFICATION

Part I. This is to certify that, in accordance with Section 15090 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR) has been completed in compliance with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines. The Final EIR reflects the Department's independent judgment and analysis

Env Branch Chief: Garrett Damrath
Print name


Signature

Date: 12/9/13

Part II. This certifies that I have reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final EIR prior to approving the project. Findings have been prepared for each of the significant environmental impact(s) identified in the Final EIR. These findings are attached along with a statement of overriding considerations (if applicable) supporting approval of the project.

Deputy District
Director: Ronald Kosinski
Print name


Signature

Date: 12-11-13