

M e m o r a n d u m**To:** CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS**CTC Meeting:** December 10, 2014**Reference No.:** 2.2c (7)
Action**From:** ANDRE BOUTROS
Executive Director**Subject:** **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE SAWMILL 2 BIKE PATH AND
EROSION CONTROL PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-14-66)****ISSUE:**

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Sawmill 2 Bike Path and Erosion Control Project (project) in El Dorado 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:

El Dorado County (County) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. The project is located in South Lake Tahoe just west of U.S. Highway 50, along Sawmill Road in El Dorado County. The project will install a Class 1 bicycle facility along the south side of Sawmill Road between U.S. Highway 50 and Lake Tahoe Boulevard. The project will also construct erosion control and water quality improvement measures.

On December 10, 2009, the County adopted the final MND for the project and found that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation. On November 7, 2014, the County confirmed that the 2009 MND remains valid and that there are no new impacts requiring mitigation which have been identified since adoption of the MND in 2009. On November 30, 2010 Caltrans determined that this project is categorically excluded from NEPA pursuant to 23 CFR 771.117(c)(3) and January 9, 2014, Caltrans revalidated this determination.

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology & Soils, Hazards & Hazardous Materials, Hydrology & Water Quality, Noise, Recreation, Transportation & Traffic, Utilities & Service Systems, and Greenhouse Gas Emissions. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited

to: measures to reduce noise, dust and emissions from construction equipment and operations; implementation of a noxious weed management plan, pre-construction surveys for special-status plant species, minimization and avoidance measures for special-status plant species, trees, wetlands, and stream environment zones; minimization and avoidance measures for known cultural areas, monitoring efforts for archaeological and paleontological artifacts during construction including measures to address the inadvertent discovery of cultural or paleontological resources; implementation of erosion control and stormwater pollution prevention measures; installation of fencing and signage to prevent trespassing and protect sensitive environments; preparation of a Traffic Control plan to reduce impacts to the roadway system during construction, and installation of vertical barriers to buffer the bike path from the road.

On November 7, 2014 the County 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 \$4,692,266 and is fully funded through construction with ATP (\$750,000), other State (\$1,362,714), Federal (\$1,934,435), and Local (\$645,117) funding. The project will be constructed in three phases. Construction of Phase 1 was completed in August 2012, construction of Phase 2 will be complete in June 2015, and construction of Phase 3 is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2014/15.

Attachments

- Resolution E-14-66
- Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 03 – El Dorado County Resolution E-14-66

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, El Dorado County has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - Sawmill 2 Bike Path and Erosion Control Project
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, El Dorado 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 project will install a Class 1 bicycle facility along the south side of Sawmill Road between U.S. Highway 50 and Lake Tahoe Boulevard. The project will also construct erosion control and water quality improvement measures; 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**, El Dorado County found that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, El Dorado 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.

