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To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: March 26, 2015

Reference No.: 2.2c (5)
Action

From: WILL KEMPTON
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE TEN-MILE CREEK PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-15-16)**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Ten-Mile Creek Pedestrian Bridge Project (project) in Mendocino 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 Mendocino (County) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. The project is located approximately 0.5 mile west of State Highway 101, in the Community of Laytonville on County Road 429. The project will install a 120-ft long by 8-ft wide prefabricated weathering steel truss pedestrian bridge.

On December 16, 2014, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors adopted the final MND for the project and found that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation.

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, greenhouse gas emissions, hydrology, water quality, noise and traffic. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to: implement a dust control program to minimize dust blow offs during construction; coordinate and implement construction periods and work hours to minimize impacts to the public and wildlife; implement measures during construction activities to avoid or minimize harm to valley oaks and vegetation; consult an archeologist(s) and other specialized personnel before, during and after construction in the event cultural materials or human remains are discovered; ensure equipment is in proper working order

and idling equipment is minimized; implement measures for clearing and grubbing, vegetation removal, and erosion and sediment controls; and implement a traffic control plan to minimize disruption.

On February 20, 2015, 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 $807,000 and is fully funded through construction with National Highway System Funds ($440,000), State Transportation Improvement Funds ($160,000), and Local Funds ($207,000). Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2015/16.

Attachments
- Resolution E-15-16
- Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding
01 – Mendocino County
Resolution E-15-16

1.1 **WHEREAS,** Mendocino County has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:

- Ten-Mile Creek Pedestrian Bridge Project

1.2 **WHEREAS,** Mendocino County has certified that the Mitigated Negative Declaration has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines; and

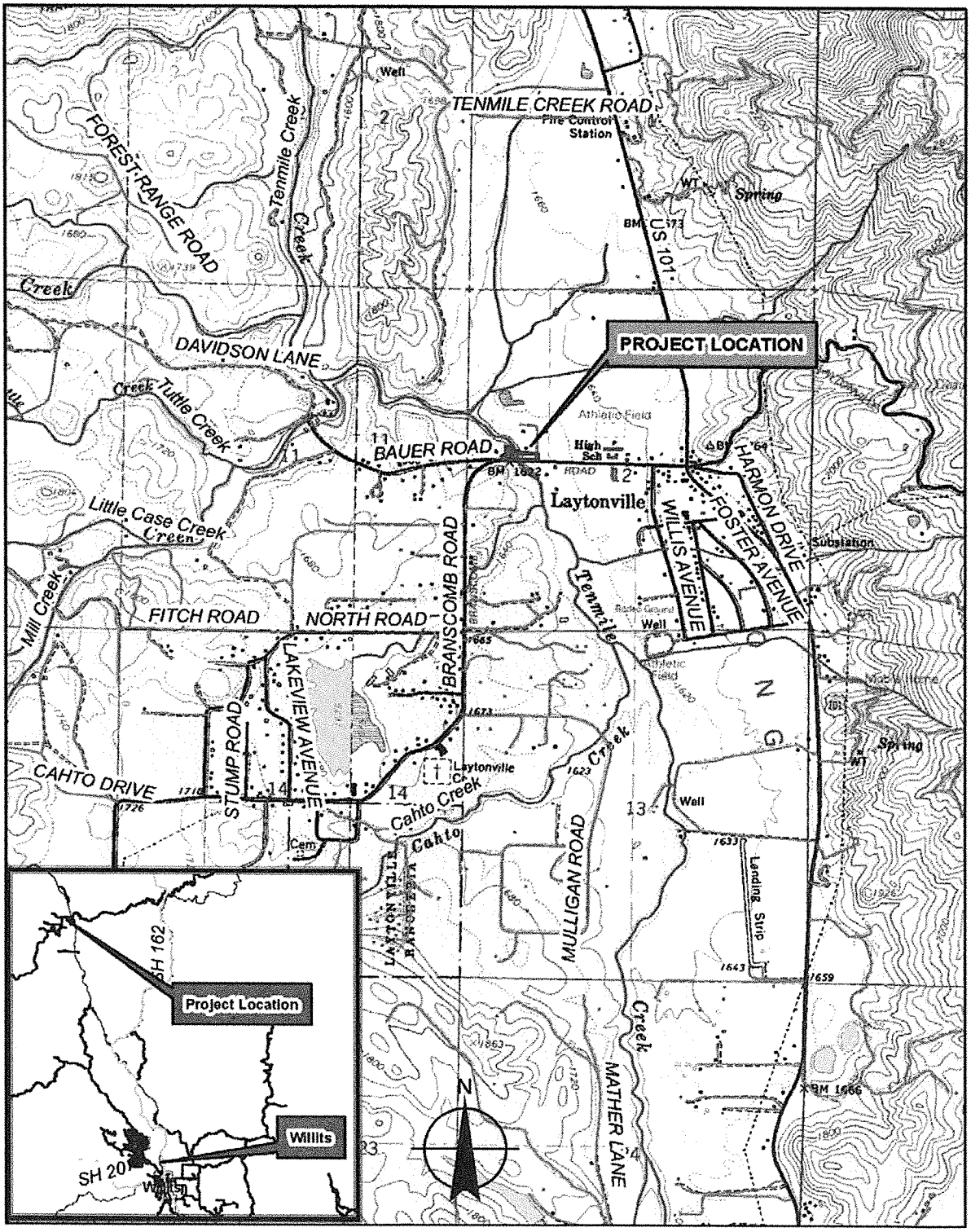
1.3 **WHEREAS,** the project will install a 120-ft long by 8-ft wide prefabricated steel truss pedestrian bridge; and

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,** Mendocino County found that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment; and

1.6 **WHEREAS,** Mendocino 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 approves the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.



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PROJECT LOCATION MAP
Pedestrian Bridge over 10 Mile Creek
on Branscomb Rd, at PM 25.41
Laytonville, CA
August 2014