

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: October 9, 2019

From: SUSAN BRANSEN, Executive Director

Reference Number: 2.2c.(4), Action

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Subject: **Approval of Project for Future Consideration of Funding – Mitigated Negative Declaration for the South Lake Road Rehabilitation Project (Resolution E-19-89)**

Issue:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the South Lake Road Rehabilitation Project (Project) in Inyo County and approve the Project for future consideration of funding?

Recommendation:

Commission Staff recommends the Commission accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration and approve the Project for future consideration of funding.

Background:

The Inyo County Planning Department (County) is the California Environmental Quality Act lead agency for the Project. The Project will reconstruct and rehabilitate 6.9-miles of road and other improvements, including the construction of 2.1-miles of a shared-use lane, drainage structure repairs, slope stabilization, rock scaling, and other safety-related features. The Project is located on South Lake Road west of the community of Bishop in Inyo County.

On June 28, 2017, the County of Inyo Planning Commission adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration 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 less than significant levels relate to air quality, biological and cultural resources, hazardous materials, hydrology, noise, recreation, and transportation. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to: apply water uniformly across the traveled way as necessary to control dust, limit

the removal of trees to preserve riparian functions, conduct a nesting bird survey if vegetation cannot be cleared before the average start date for most nesting migratory birds, designate one cultural site as an Environmentally Protected Area and fence to avoid construction-related disturbances, provide on-site archaeological and Native American monitoring during the installation and removal of the environmentally sensitive areas boundary, prepare a Stormwater Pollution and Prevention Plan, and limit construction work to daytime hours from ½ hour after sunrise to ½ hour before sunset (except for work on large culverts).

On August 22, 2019, 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 \$10,952,000 and is fully funded through construction with Federal Highway Administration Funds (\$9,583,000) and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program Funds (\$1,369,000).

Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2019-20.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Resolution E-19-89
- Attachment B: Notice of Determination
- Attachment C: Project Location Map

**CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding**

**9 – Inyo County
Resolution E-19-89**

- 1.1 WHEREAS, the Inyo County Planning Department (County) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the South Lake Road Rehabilitation Project (Project) in Inyo County; and
- 1.2 WHEREAS, the County has certified that the Mitigated Negative Declaration has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines; and
- 1.3 WHEREAS, the Project is located on South Lake Road west of the community of Bishop in Inyo County; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS, the Project will reconstruct and rehabilitate 6.9-miles of road and other improvements, including the construction of 2.1-miles of a shared-use lane, drainage structure repairs, slope stabilization, rock scaling, and other safety-related features; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS, on June 28, 2017, the County of Inyo Planning Commission found that the proposed Project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation; and
- 1.6 WHEREAS, on June 28, 2017, the County of Inyo Planning Commission adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.7 WHEREAS, on August 22, 2019, 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 California Transportation Commission (Commission); and
- 1.8 WHEREAS, the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration.
- 2.1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission does hereby accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration and approves the above-referenced Project for future consideration of funding.

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: California Transportation Commission
Attn: Jose Oseguera
1120 N Street, MS 52
Sacramento, CA 95814
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Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code.

Project Title: South Lake Road Rehabilitation Project

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State Clearinghouse Number	Lead Agency Contact Person	Area Code/Telephone

Project Location (include county): The project is located on South Lake Road west of the community of Bishop in Inyo County.

Project Description: The project will reconstruct and rehabilitate 6.9-miles of road, including the construction of 2.1-miles of a shared-use lane, drainage structure repairs, slope stabilization, rock scaling, and other safety-related features.

This is to advise that the California Transportation Commission has approved the above described project on

(Lead Agency/ X Responsible Agency)

October 9, 2019, and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project (will/ X will not) have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
X A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures (X were/ were not) made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. Mitigation reporting or monitoring plan (X was / was not) adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations (was / X was not) adopted for this project.
6. Findings (X were/ were not) made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

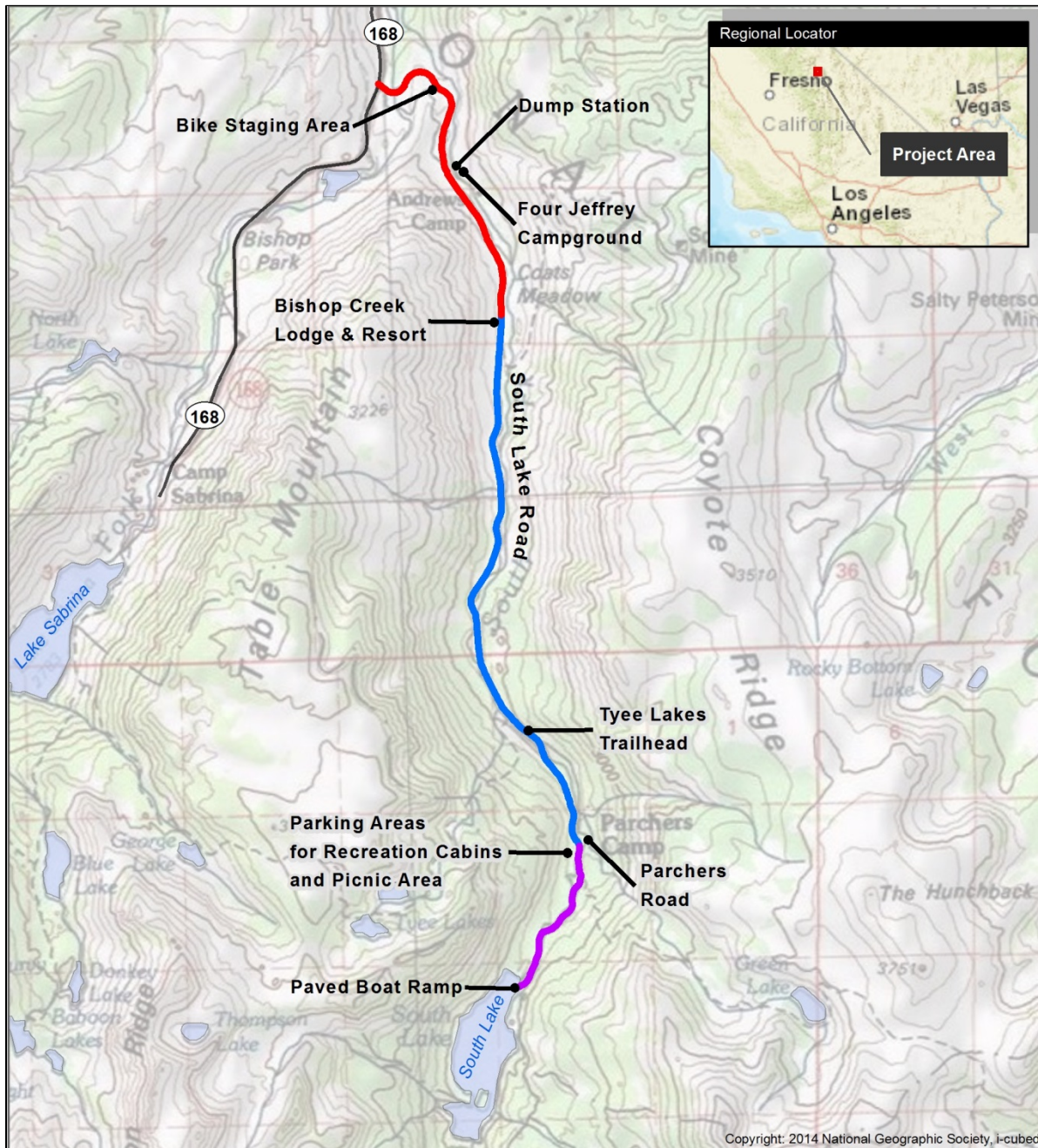
The above identified document with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at: 168 N. Edwards Street, Independence, CA 93526

SUSAN BRANSEN		Executive Director California Transportation Commission
<i>Signature (Public Agency)</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Title</i>

Date received for filing at OPR:

South Lake Road Rehabilitation Project

Figure 1: Project Location



South Lake Road Rehabilitation Project		
<p>Project Limits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Segment 1 — Segment 2 — Segment 3 	<p>PLSS Locations: Township 8S, Range 31E, Sections 16, 21, 22, 27, 33, 34 Township 9S, Range 31E, Sections 2, 3, 11, 14 Tungsten Hills and Mount Thompson USGS 7.5-Minute Quadrangles</p>	<p>Coordinate System: NAD83 State Plane California IV Projection: Lambert Conformal Conic</p> <p>1 in = 1 mile</p> <p>0 0.5 1 Miles</p> <p>Prepared by: Jacobs</p>
		<p>Date: 7/28/2016</p>