

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: March 25, 2020

From: MITCH WEISS, Executive Director

Reference Number: 2.2c.(3), Action

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Subject: Approval of Project for Future Consideration of Funding – Mitigated Negative Declaration for the County Line Road Transportation Corridor Project (Resolution E-20-20)

Issue:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the County Line Road Transportation Corridor Project (Project) in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, and approve the Project for future consideration of funding?

Recommendation:

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

Background:

The Cities of Calimesa and Yucaipa (Cities) are the California Environmental Quality Act co-lead agencies for the Project. The Project will construct four (4) single-lane and one (1) multi-purpose lane roundabouts, including street, pedestrian, and bicycle improvements to enhance safety and efficiency throughout the shared-county corridor. The Project is located along the Riverside and San Bernardino County line in the Cities of Calimesa and Yucaipa, within the southern border of Yucaipa and the northern border of Calimesa.

On December 2, 2019, the Calimesa City Council adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project and found that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation.

Subsequently, on December 9, 2019, the Yucaipa City Council 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 cultural resources, hydrology, tribal resources, noise, and transportation. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to, contract with a qualified archaeologist and halt construction if buried materials of historical significance are discovered, prepare a Jurisdictional Delineation Report if drainage features are impacted, limit construction hours from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday to minimize noise levels, require the construction contractor to identify access points for emergency response vehicles during construction, and provide immediate notification to the Morongo Band of Mission Indians, the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians, the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians, and the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians if Native American cultural resources are unearthed.

On January 15, 2020, the Cities 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 \$10,050,000 and is fully funded through construction with Local Partnership Program Funds (\$3,747,000) and Local Funds (\$6,303,000).

Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2020-21.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Resolution E-20-20
- Attachment B: Notice of Determination
- Attachment C: Project Location Map

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

**8 – Riverside and San Bernardino Counties
Resolution E-20-20**

- 1.1 WHEREAS, the Cities of Calimesa and Yucaipa (Cities) have completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the County Line Road Transportation Corridor Project (Project) in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties; and
- 1.2 WHEREAS, the Cities have certified that the Mitigated Negative Declaration has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines; and
- 1.3 WHEREAS, the Project is located along the Riverside and San Bernardino County line in the Cities of Calimesa and Yucaipa, within the southern border of Yucaipa and the northern border of Calimesa; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS, the Project will construct four (4) single-lane and one (1) multi-purpose lane roundabouts, including street, pedestrian, and bicycle improvements to enhance safety and efficiency throughout the shared-county corridor; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS, on December 2, 2019, the Calimesa City Council found that the proposed Project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation and adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.6 WHEREAS, on December 9, 2019, the Yucaipa City Council found that the proposed Project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation and adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.7 WHEREAS, on January 15, 2020, the Cities 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
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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: County Line Road Transportation Corridor Project

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State Clearinghouse Number	Lead Agency Contact Person	Area Code/Telephone

Project Location (include county): The project is located along the Riverside and San Bernardino County line in the Cities of Calimesa and Yucaipa, within the southern border of Yucaipa and the northern border of Calimesa.

Project Description: The project will construct four (4) single-lane and one (1) multi-purpose lane roundabouts, including street, pedestrian, and bicycle improvements to enhance safety and efficiency throughout the shared-county corridor.

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

(Lead Agency/ Responsible Agency)

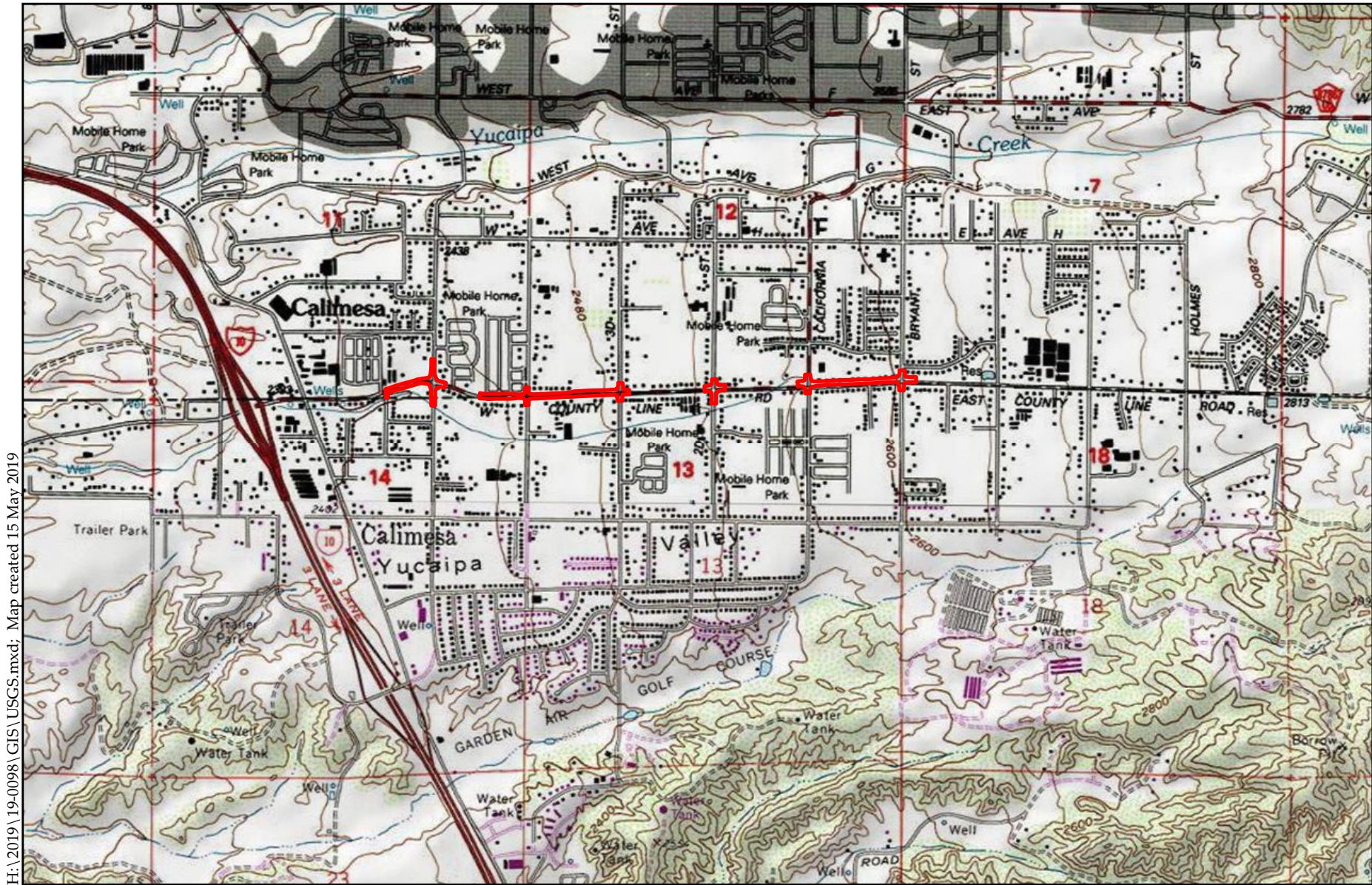
March 25-26, 2020, and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project (will/ 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.
 A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures (were/ were not) made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. Mitigation reporting or monitoring plan (was / was not) adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations (was / was not) adopted for this project.
6. Findings (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: 908 Park Avenue, Calimesa, CA 92320

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

Date received for filing at OPR:



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Sources: ESRI/USGS 7.5min Quads:
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 Project Area

Figure 3 - USGS Topographical Map
County Line Road Transportation Corridor

