

# Memorandum

**To:** CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

**CTC Meeting:** May 17-18, 2023

**From:** TANISHA TAYLOR, Interim Executive Director

**Reference Number:** 2.2c.(3), Action

**Prepared By:** Jose Oseguera  
Assistant Deputy Director

**Published Date:** May 5, 2023

**Subject:** Approval of Project for Future Funding Consideration – Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Limonite Gap Closure Project, Resolution E-23-65

## **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Limonite Gap Closure Project (Project) in Riverside County and approve the Project for future funding consideration.

## **Issue:**

The City of Eastvale (City) is the California Environmental Quality Act lead agency for the Project. The Project will construct a bridge and trail system over Cucamonga Creek Channel. The Project is located on Limonite Avenue between Archibald Avenue and Hellman Avenue, in the City of Eastvale, Riverside County.

For all projects that are anticipated to be funded through a program under the purview of the Commission, full compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act is required. The Commission will not allocate funds to projects for design, right-of-way, or construction until the environmental document is complete, and the Commission has approved the environmentally cleared project for future funding consideration.

## **Background:**

On September 9, 2020, the Eastvale City Council adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project and found that the Project would 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 resources, hazardous materials, noise, and tribal cultural resources. Mitigation measures include the following: require that all diesel-fueled commercial vehicles (weighing over 10,000 pounds) during construction shall be limited to five minutes of idling at any location, conduct preconstruction surveys for the protection of migratory birds, extract soil samples to determine if trace pesticides and arsenic have leached into the area, monitor

ground borne vibration impacts to ensure noise does not exceed Federal standards, and consult with Native American Tribes prior to construction.

On April 4, 2023, the City 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 \$21,800,000 and is funded through construction with Local Partnership Program – Competitive Funds (\$9,475,000), Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fees (\$3,700,000), and Local Funds (\$8,625,000).

Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2023-24.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Resolution E-23-65
- Attachment B: Notice of Determination
- Attachment C: Project Location Map

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

**8 – Riverside County  
Resolution E-23-65**

- 1.1 WHEREAS, The City of Eastvale (City) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the Limonite Gap Closure Project (Project) in Riverside County; and
- 1.2 WHEREAS, the City 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 Limonite Avenue between Archibald Avenue and Hellman Avenue, in the City of Eastvale, Riverside County; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS, the Project will construct a bridge and trail system over Cucamonga Creek Channel; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS, the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.6 WHEREAS, on September 9, 2020, the Eastvale 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 April 4, 2023, the City confirmed that the preferred alternative set forth in the Mitigated Negative Declaration is consistent with the Project scope of work programmed by the 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 funding consideration.

## 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  
(916) 653-2094

**Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code.**

**Project Title:** Limonite Gap Closure Project

2023040055	Yurhi Choi	(951) 703-4470
<b>State Clearinghouse Number</b>	<b>Lead Agency Contact Person</b>	<b>Area Code/Telephone</b>

**Project Location** (include county): The project is located on Limonite Avenue between Archibald Avenue and Hellman Avenue, in the City of Eastvale, Riverside County.

**Project Description:** The project will construct a bridge and trail system over Cucamonga Creek Channel.

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

(☐ Lead Agency/ ☒ Responsible Agency)

May 17-18, 2023, 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. ☐ A Final 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.

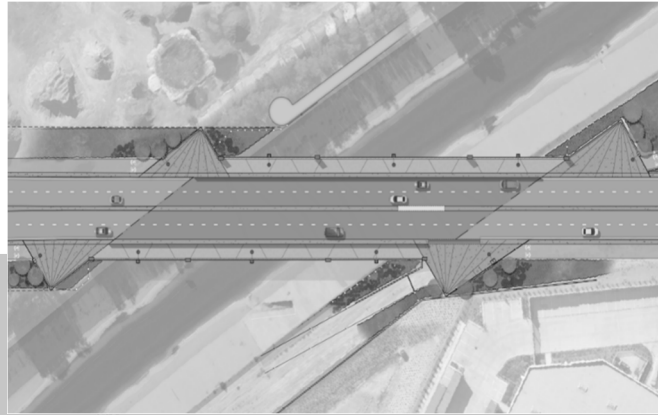
The above identified document with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at: 12363 Limonite Avenue, Suite 910, Eastvale, CA 91752

TANISHA TAYLOR	Interim Executive Director
Signature (Public Agency)	California Transportation Commission
Date	Title

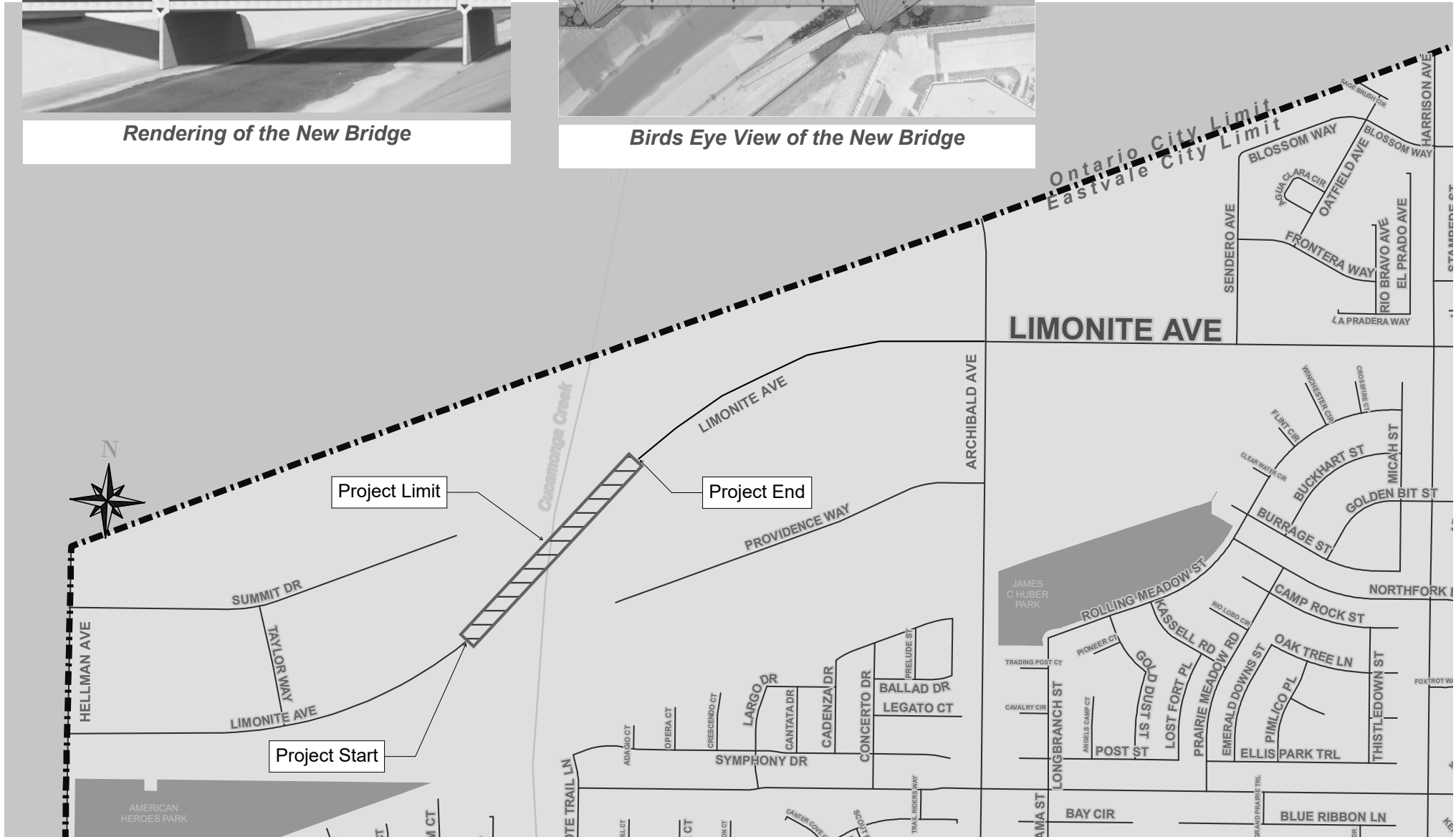
Date received for filing at OPR:



*Rendering of the New Bridge*



*Birds Eye View of the New Bridge*



**Limonite Gap Closure Project**