

MEMORANDUM

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To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: October 18-19, 2023

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.2c.(6), Action Item – **YELLOW REPLACEMENT ITEM**

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF A PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
RESOLUTION E-23-141**

ACTION UPDATE: *Revisions made to the programming information.*

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-23-141?

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the Commission, as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-23-141.

BACKGROUND:

06-Ker-99, PM 56.4/57.6

06-Tul-99, PM 0.0/13.5

Resolution E-23-141

The attached resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding the following project for which a Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) has been completed:

- State Route (SR) 99 in Kern and Tulare Counties. Improve a segment of SR 99 from a 4-lane highway to a 6-lane highway. The project also proposes to construct an additional lane, shoulder, and concrete barrier in the existing median and rehabilitate the pavement. (PPNO 7072 and PPNO 6963)

The project is located on SR 99 from postmile (PM) 56.4 to PM 57.6, in Kern County, and PM 0.0 to 13.5, in Tulare County. The Department proposed to improve a segment of SR 99 from a 4-lane highway to a 6-lane highway. The project also proposes to construct an additional lane, shoulder, and concrete barrier in the existing median and rehabilitate the

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pavement. The project is currently programmed for a total of \$109,235,000. The project is funded through the following programs: Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act (\$1,028,000), State Transportation and Improvement Program (STIP) (\$2,972,000), Proposition 1B State Route 99 (\$30,900,000) and State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) (\$74,335,000). Construction is estimated to begin 2024-25. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope as programmed by the Commission in the 2022 STIP and SHOPP.

A copy of the FEIR has been provided to Commission staff. Resources in the project area that may be impacted by the project include visual/aesthetics, hazardous waste, noise, and Swainson's hawk. Potential impacts associated with the project can all be mitigated to below significance with the exception of Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT), for which a Statement of Overriding Considerations and Findings pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act was prepared. As a result, a FEIR was prepared for the project.

Attachments