

## MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: August 14-15, 2025

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

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

Prepared By: Jeremy Ketchum, Chief  
Division of Environmental Analysis

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING  
RESOLUTIONS E-25-52A, E-25-53A, E-25-54A, and E-25-55A**

### **ISSUE:**

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve attached resolutions E-25-52A, E-25-53A, E-25-54A, and E-25-55A?

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the Commission, as a responsible agency, approve attached resolutions E-25-52A, E-25-53A, E-25-54A, and E-25-55A.

### **BACKGROUND:**

#### **[01]-01-DN-197, PM VAR/VAR**

#### **01-DN-199, PM VAR/VAR**

#### **Resolution E-25-52A**

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

- 197/199 Safe STAA Access Project: State Route (SR) 197 and United States Highway (US) 199 in Del Norte County. Improve spot locations to allow reclassification of the corridor as part of the 1982 federal Surface Transportation Assistance Act (STAA) network of truck routes. Specifically, the project would include curve lengthening, shoulder widening, culvert extensions and replacements, installation of new culverts and drainage inlets, roadbed elevation changes, upgrades to local road approaches,

widening of existing lanes (to accommodate STAA standards), installation of retaining walls, concrete barriers, and a rockfall mitigation system and sand trap. (PPNO 1161)

The project is located on SR 197 from Post Mile (PM) 3.2 to 4.5, and on US 199 from PM 20.5 to 26.5, in Del Norte County. The Department proposes to improve spot locations to allow reclassification of the corridor as part of the 1982 federal STAA network of truck routes. The project is currently programmed in the 2024 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP). The total programmed amount, which includes Right of Way (Support and Capital) and Construction (Support and Capital) is \$59,458,000. Construction began in Fiscal Year 2025-26. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope as programmed by the Commission in the 2024 SHOPP.

Copies of the FEIR and Addendum have been provided to Commission staff. The Commission accepted the FEIR and approved the project for future consideration of funding on June 11, 2013, under Resolution E-13-46. The Commission then considered CEQA Addenda dated January 13, 2014, and August 17, 2017 and approved the project future consideration of funding on December 7, 2023, under Resolution E-23-156A. Since the approval of the FEIR and addenda, there have been changes to the project and another Addendum dated June 17, 2025, was prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Specifically, the 2025 Addendum addresses minor design modifications to meet updated design standards pertaining to safety and best management practices, including updated guardrail types, changes to cut and fill along road shoulders, changes to cut slopes, changes to identified areas for riparian revegetation efforts, inclusion of bio-strips and bioswales for treating stormwater runoff, and increased culvert sizing. Further, the Addendum addresses changes to the environmental setting as a result of the Smith River Complex wildfire, as well as updated botanical surveys and special status animal species and corresponding updated avoidance and minimization measures to reflect current best management practices. Resources in the project area that may be impacted by the project include animal species and threatened and endangered species. Potential impacts associated with the project can all be mitigated to below significance. In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15162, no Subsequent FEIR is required for the project because new information and changes in circumstances, project description, impacts, and mitigation are not substantial and do not involve new significant impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified impacts. As a result, the Department completed an Addendum to the FEIR pursuant to CEQA.

The Department has approved this project for construction. This approval and the Addendum will satisfy the environmental requirements for this stage of the planning process.

Attachment 1

**[02]-04-Ala-580, PM R41.3/44.8**  
**Resolution E-25-53A**

The attached resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding the following project for which a Negative Declaration (ND) and an Addendum have been completed:

- Bridge Rehabilitation Project: Interstate 580 (I-580) in Alameda County. Replace and upgrade existing non-standard bridge barrier railings to current standards on three undercrossing structures and seismically retrofit two of them. (PPNO 2020M)

The project is located on I-580 from PM R41.3 to 44.8, in Alameda County. The Department proposes to replace and upgrade existing non-standard bridge barrier railings to current standards on three undercrossing structures, and seismically retrofit two of them. The project is currently programmed in the 2022 SHOPP. The total programmed amount, which includes Right of Way (Support and Capital) and Construction (Support and Capital) is \$38,851,000. Construction began in 2024-25. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope as programmed by the Commission in the 2022 SHOPP.

A copy of the ND has been provided to Commission staff. The Commission approved the project for future consideration of funding on March 22, 2023, under Resolution E-23-49. Since the approval of the ND, there have been changes to the project and an Addendum was prepared pursuant to CEQA. Specifically, the Addendum addresses scope modifications, including the removal of pedestrian overcrossing demolition and surface street improvements, and the addition of deck drains at the three bridges (Fruitvale Avenue, Broadway-Richmond Boulevard, and Webster Street). The Traffic Management Plan has been updated to minimize traffic impacts on the public and reflects less impacts on traffic for the bridge barrier railings upgrades, allowing one open lane to be available throughout construction and avoiding full highway closures for this project. Furthermore, there are minor changes to avoidance and minimization measures associated with the following resources areas: biological resources, water quality, air quality, noise, and cultural resources. Impacts would remain less than significant. The project changes do not meet the criteria outlined in CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 to prepare a Subsequent ND. As a result, the Department completed an Addendum to the ND pursuant to CEQA.

The Department has approved this project for construction. This approval and the Addendum will satisfy the environmental requirements for this stage of the planning process.

Attachment 2

**[03]-05-Mon-68, PM 0.2/15.7**  
**Resolution E-25-54A**

The attached resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding the following project for which a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and Addenda have been completed:

- State Route 68 Drainage Improvements: SR 68 in Monterey County. Repair drainage system, provide lighting improvements, and install Transportation Management System (TMS) traffic monitoring equipment at 27 locations. (PPNO 2787)

The project is located on SR 68 from PM 0.2 to 15.7, in Monterey County. The Department proposes to repair drainage systems, provide lighting improvements, and install TMS traffic monitoring equipment at 27 locations. The project is currently programmed in the 2022 SHOPP. The total programmed amount, which includes Right of Way (Support and Capital) and Construction (Support and Capital) is \$17,342,000. Construction began in 2024-25. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope as programmed by the Commission in the 2022 SHOPP.

Copies of the MND and Addenda have been provided to Commission staff. The Commission considered the MND and approved the project for future consideration of funding on August 17, 2022, under Resolution E-22-59. Then the Commission considered Addenda (dated May 9, 2023, and April 11, 2024) and approved the project for future consideration of funding under Resolution E-25-38A. Since the approval of the MND and Addenda, there have been changes to the project and an additional Addendum was prepared pursuant to the CEQA. Specifically, the latest Addendum (dated June 16, 2025) addresses minor design modifications to culverts and traffic monitoring stations and the addition of temporary planting easements in accordance with biological permits. The updated drainage design elements and off-site property easements for construction and revegetation are within the previously analyzed Area of Potential Impact for the project, except for one temporary planting easement for landscape revegetation after construction at a single culvert location. At this location, the temporary planting easement will extend outside of the updated Area of Potential Impact by about 930 square feet to the south, and 61 square feet to the northwest, however the easements themselves will not cause environmental effects. Resources in the project area that may be impacted by the project include biological resources. Potential impacts associated with the project can all be mitigated to below significance. The project changes do not meet the criteria outlined under CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 to prepare a Subsequent MND. As a result, the Department completed an Addendum to the MND pursuant to CEQA.

The Department has approved this project for construction. This approval and the Addenda will satisfy the environmental requirements for this stage of the planning process.

Attachment 3

**[04]-05-Mon-101, PM R28.23/100.3**  
**Resolution E-25-55A**

The attached resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding the following project for which an MND and Addendum have been completed:

- Monterey 101 Drainage Improvements Project: US 101 in Monterey County. Install two new drainage culverts and restore and replace 34 culverts, install two overhead sign structures, two count stations, two pumping plants, three new changeable message signs, and one cut-off wall. (PPNO 2797)

The project is located on US 101 from PM R28.23 to 100.3, in Monterey County. The Department proposes to install two new drainage culverts and restore and replace 34 culverts, install two overhead sign structures, two count stations, two pumping plants, three new changeable message signs, and one cut-off wall. The project is currently programmed in the 2024 SHOPP. The total programmed amount, which includes Right of Way (Support and Capital) and Construction (Support and Capital) is \$23,500,000. Construction will begin in 2025-26. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope as programmed by the Commission in the 2024 SHOPP.

Copies of the MND and Addendum have been provided to Commission staff. The Commission approved the project for future consideration of funding on January 25, 2023, under Resolution E-23-02. Since the approval of the MND, there have been changes to the project and an Addendum was prepared pursuant to the CEQA. Specifically, the Addendum addresses minor design modifications including culvert construction methods, the addition of informal pullouts at three locations, the removal of planned work on external storage tanks of two pump plants, the removal of a retaining wall and addition of a cut-off wall, moving of the location of a Changing Message Sign, and the replacement of a utility pole with two new poles (rather than one) to accommodate the planned drainage system at that location. There has been a net decrease in anticipated impacts to jurisdictional areas since the original final environmental document was signed, despite newly required permits related to water resources as triggered by the placement of two utility poles. Resources in the project area that may be impacted by the project include biological resources. Potential impacts associated with the project can all be mitigated to below significance. The project changes do not meet the criteria outlined under CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 to prepare a Subsequent MND. As a result, the Department completed an Addendum to the MND pursuant to CEQA.

The Department has approved this project for construction. This approval and the Addenda will satisfy the environmental requirements for this stage of the planning process.

Attachment 4

# Attachment 1

## CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

### Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding

01-DN-197, PM VAR/VAR

01-DN-199, PM VAR/VAR

Resolution E-25-52A

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Final Environmental Impact Report and Addendum pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- 197/199 Safe STAA Access Project: State Route (SR) 197 and United States Highway (US) 199 in Del Norte County. Improve spot locations to allow reclassification of the corridor as part of the 1982 federal Surface Transportation Assistance Act (STAA) network of truck routes. Specifically, the project would include curve lengthening, shoulder widening, culvert extensions and replacements, installation of new culverts and drainage inlets, roadbed elevation changes, upgrades to local road approaches, widening of existing lanes (to accommodate STAA standards), installation of retaining walls, concrete barriers, and a rockfall mitigation system and sand trap. (PPNO 1161)
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the Department has certified that a Final Environmental Impact Report and Addenda have been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines for its implementation; and
- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a responsible agency, has considered the information contained in the Final Environmental Impact Report and Addenda; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment;
- 2.1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby approve the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.

# Attachment 1

## NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

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To: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: California Transportation Commission  
Attn: Cherry Zamora  
1120 N Street, MS 52  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
(916) 654-4245

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

**Project Title:** 197/199 Safe STAA Access Project

2008082128	Sandra Rosas	(707) 441-5730
<b>State Clearinghouse Number</b>	<b>Lead Agency Contact Person</b>	<b>Area Code/Telephone</b>

**Project Location** (include county): State Route (SR) 197 and United States Highway (US) 199 in Del Norte County.

**Project Description:** Improve spot locations to allow reclassification of the corridor as part of the 1982 federal Surface Transportation Assistance Act (STAA) network of truck routes. Specifically, the project would include curve lengthening, shoulder widening, culvert extensions and replacements, installation of new culverts and drainage inlets, roadbed elevation changes, upgrades to local road approaches, widening of existing lanes (to accommodate STAA standards), installation of retaining walls, concrete barriers, and a rockfall mitigation system and sand trap.

This is to advise that the California Transportation Commission has approved the above described project on \_\_\_\_\_ ( Lead Agency/  Responsible Agency) August 14-15, 2025, and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

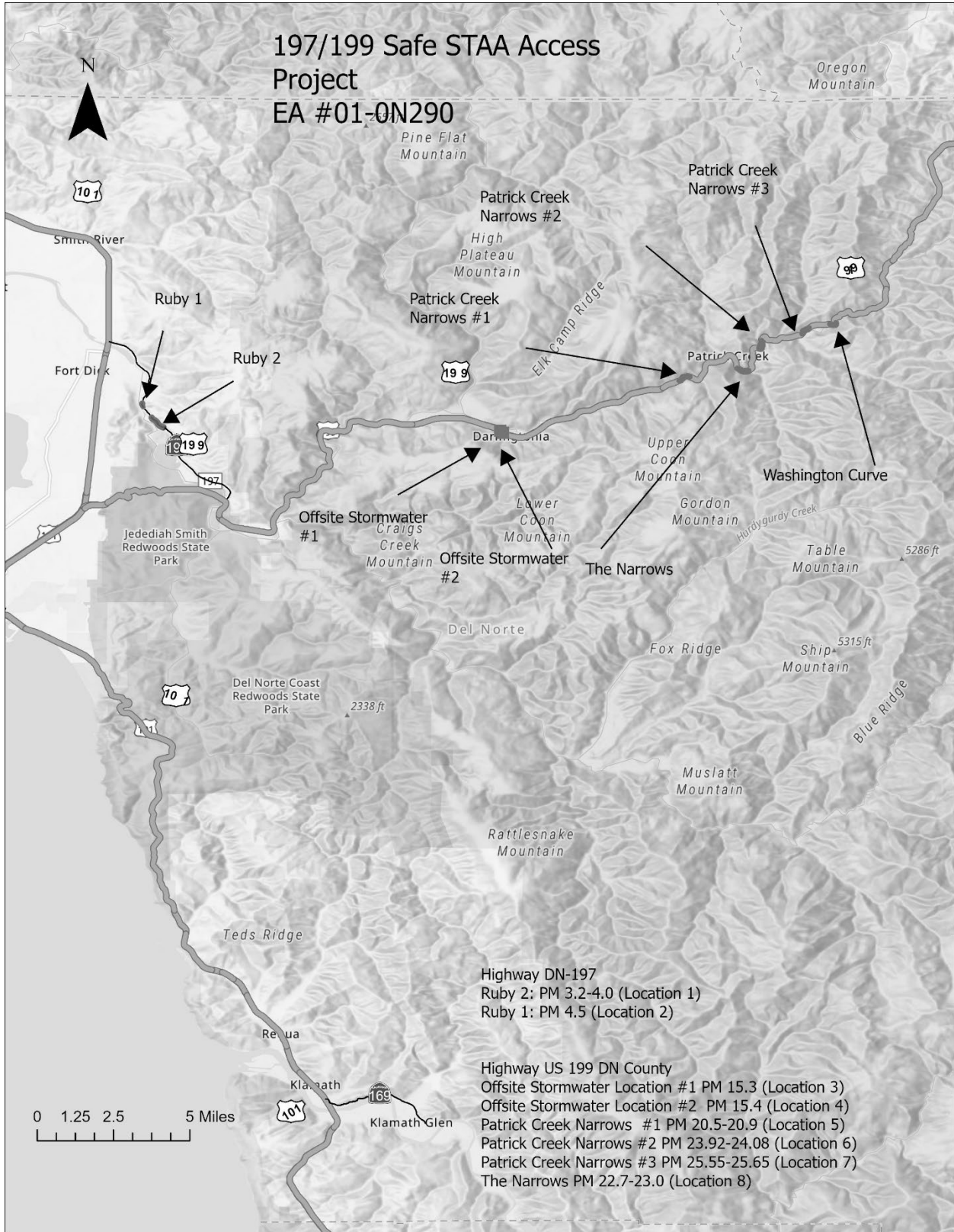
1. The project ( will/  will not) have a significant effect on the environment.
2.  An Environmental Impact Report and Addenda were prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.  
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures ( 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: Caltrans District 1, 1656 Union Street, Eureka, CA 95501.

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

Date received for filing at LCI:

# Attachment 1



## Attachment 2

### CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

#### Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding

04-Ala-580, PM R41.3/44.8

Resolution E-25-53A

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Negative Declaration and Addendum pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
  - Bridge Rehabilitation Project: Interstate 580 in Alameda County. Replace and upgrade existing non-standard bridge barrier railings to current standards on three undercrossing structures and seismically retrofit two of them. (PPNO 2020M)
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the Department has certified that a Negative Declaration and Addenda have been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines for its implementation; and
- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a responsible agency, has considered the information contained in the Negative Declaration and Addenda; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment;
- 2.1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby approve the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.

# Attachment 2

## NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

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(916) 654-4245

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

**Project Title:** Bridge Rehabilitation Project

2022090054	Cody Erikson	(510) 506-9678
<b>State Clearinghouse Number</b>	<b>Lead Agency Contact Person</b>	<b>Area Code/Telephone</b>

**Project Location** (include county): Interstate 580 from postmile R41.3 to 44.8, in Alameda County.

**Project Description:** Replace and upgrade existing non-standard bridge barrier railings to current standards on three undercrossing structures and seismically retrofit two of them.

This is to advise that the California Transportation Commission has approved the above described project on  Lead Agency/  Responsible Agency)

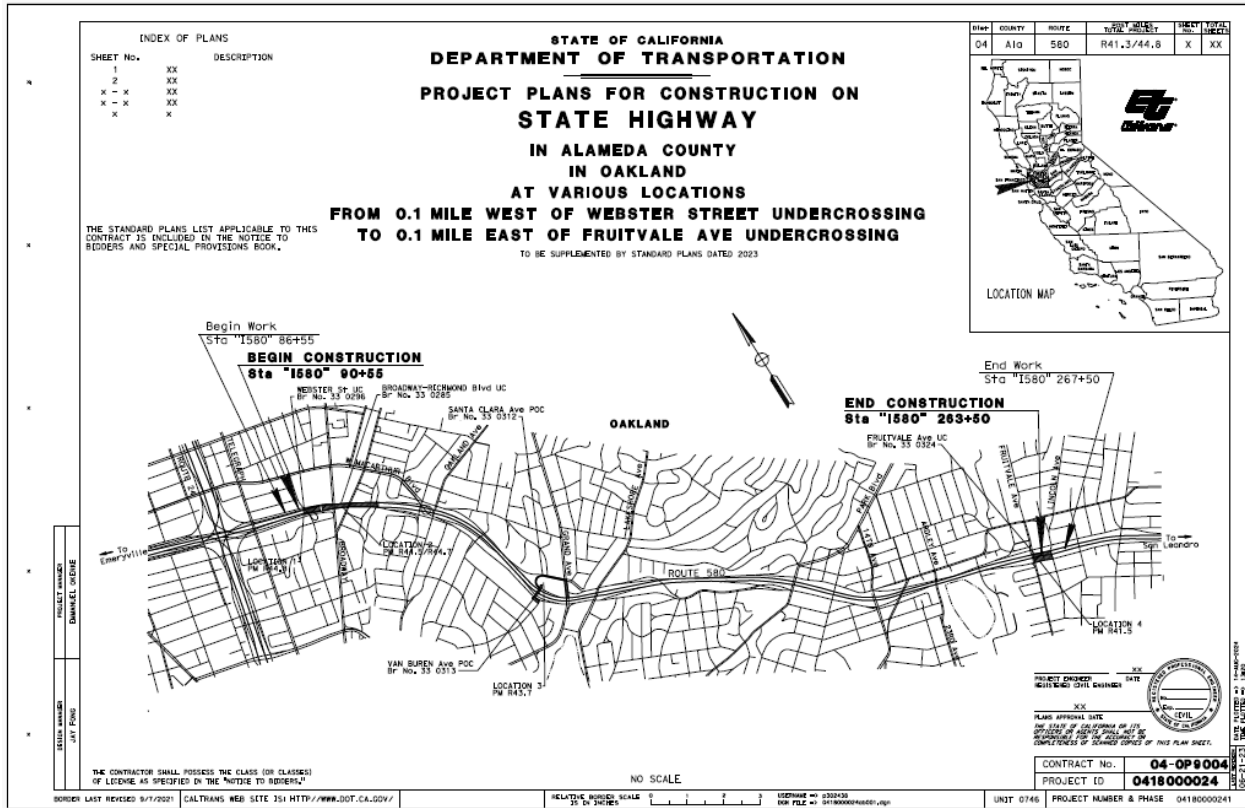
August 14-15, 2025, and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

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 Negative Declaration and an Addendum were 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: Caltrans District 4, 111 Grand Avenue, Oakland, CA 94612.

TANISHA TAYLOR		Executive Director
<i>Signature (Public Agency)</i>	<i>Date</i>	California Transportation Commission
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Bridge Rehabilitation Project  
PM R41.3 to 44.8, in Alameda County

# Attachment 3

## CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

### Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding

05-Mon-68, PM 0.2/15.7

Resolution E-25-54A

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addenda pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
  - State Route 68 Drainage Improvements: SR 68 in Monterey County. Repair drainage system, provide lighting improvements, and install Transportation Management System traffic monitoring equipment at 27 locations. (PPNO 2787)
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the Department has certified that a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addenda have been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines for its implementation; and
- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a responsible agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addenda; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment;
- 2.1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby approve the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.

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

**Project Title:** State Route 68 Drainage Improvements

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2022010336	Jill O'Connor	(805) 459-8688
<b>State Clearinghouse Number</b>	<b>Lead Agency Contact Person</b>	<b>Area Code/Telephone</b>

**Project Location** (include county): State Route (SR) 68 from postmile 0.2 to 15.7, in Monterey County.

**Project Description:** Repair drainage system, provide lighting improvements, and install Transportation Management System traffic monitoring equipment at 27 locations.

This is to advise that the California Transportation Commission has approved the above described project on  Lead Agency/  Responsible Agency)

August 14-15, 2025, and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project ( will/  will not) have a significant effect on the environment.
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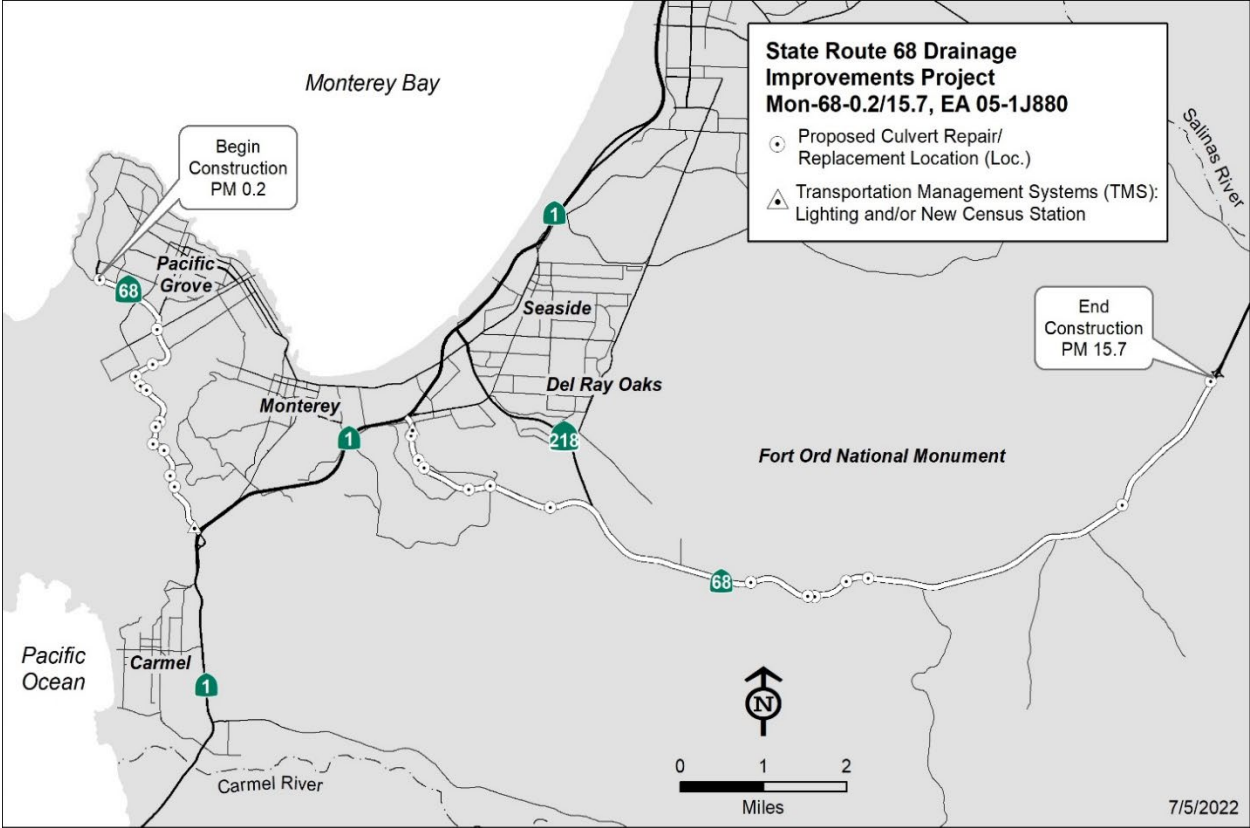
The above identified document with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at: Caltrans District 5, 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401.

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

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# Attachment 3



# Attachment 4

## CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

### Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding

05-Mon-101, PM R28.23/100.3

#### Resolution E-25-55A

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
  - Monterey 101 Drainage Improvements Project: US 101 in Monterey County. Install two new drainage culverts and restore and replace 34 culverts, install two overhead sign structures, two count stations, two pumping plants, three new changeable message signs, and one cut-off wall. (PPNO 2797)
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the Department has certified that a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines for its implementation; and
- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a responsible agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment;
- 2.1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby approve the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.

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

**Project Title:** Monterey 101 Drainage Improvements Project

2022070525	Laura Bertaina	(805) 779-0792
<b>State Clearinghouse Number</b>	<b>Lead Agency Contact Person</b>	<b>Area Code/Telephone</b>

**Project Location** (include county): United States Highway (US) 101 from postmile R28.23 to 100.3, in Monterey County.

**Project Description:** Install two new drainage culverts and restore and replace 34 culverts, install two overhead sign structures, two count stations, two pumping plants, three new changeable message signs, and one retaining wall.

This is to advise that the California Transportation Commission has approved the above described project on  Lead Agency/  Responsible Agency)

August 14-15, 2025, 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 and Addendum 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.
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**Monterey 101 Drainage Improvements Project**

District 05 - Monterey - State Route 101 - Postmiles R28.23/100.3

EA: 05-1J890



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