

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: January 29-30, 2026

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.2c.(2), Action Item

Prepared By: Jeremy Ketchum, Chief
Division of Environmental Analysis

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
RESOLUTIONS E-26-05A and E-26-07A**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve attached resolutions E-26-05A and E-26-07A?

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the Commission, as a responsible agency, approve attached resolutions E-26-05A and E-26-07A.

BACKGROUND:

[01]-04-Mrn-101, PM 8.47 Resolution E-26-05A

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:

- U.S. 101 Corte Madera Creek Bridge Rehabilitation Project: United States Highway (US) 101 in Marin County. Rehabilitate the existing on-ramps from Sir Francis Drake Boulevard onto the southbound lane of US 101 at Corte Madera Creek Bridge (Bridge No. 27-008K) and improve the bridge deck, a bridge abutment, and the bridge support columns. (PPNO 2906F)

The project is located on US 101 at Post Mile (PM) 8.47, in Marin County. The Department proposes to rehabilitate US 101 Corte Madera Creek Bridge deck and on-ramps, replace joint seal at abutment 16, drill vent holes in the Span 7 soffit, and protect the rectangular bridge columns. 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 \$7,611,000. Construction will begin in Fiscal Year 2026-27. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope as programmed by the Commission in the 2024 SHOPP.

A copy of the ND has been provided to Commission staff. The Commission approved the project for future consideration of funding on June 27, 2024, under Resolution E-24-48. Since the approval of the ND, there have been changes to the project and an Addendum was prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Specifically, the Addendum addresses scope modifications, including the removal of all bridge column work, resulting in removal of the need for in-water work and temporary impacts to Corte Madera Creek and the adjacent Corte Madera Pathway, and removal of the need for water quality and habitat related permits. The Addendum also addresses one change in species status for the Monarch butterfly from Candidate to Proposed Threatened. 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 1

[02]-12-Ora-91, PM 6.4/R9.1
12-Ora-55, PM 17.5/R17.7
Resolution E-26-07A

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

- State Route 91 (SR-91) Improvement Project Segment 2: SR 91 and SR 55 in Orange County. Implement temporary relocation of a bat colony from the SR 91 Santa Ana River Bridge (Bridge No. 55-0106) to the City of Anaheim Santa Ana River Sub-Channel Bridge (Bridge No. 55C0111), to accommodate widening of the Santa Ana River Bridge, reconstruct and upgrade the westbound SR 91 Kraemer Boulevard off-ramp, realign the SR 91 eastbound Tustin Avenue on-ramp and off-ramp, partially reconstruct the SR 91 westbound Tustin Avenue on-ramp and off-ramp, modify a drainage outlet on the west side of the Carbon Canyon Diversion Channel, construct an opaque masonry block wall on East Frontera Street, and construct retaining and sound walls at various locations. (PPNO 4570C)

The project is located on SR 91, from PM 6.4 to PM R9.1, and on SR 55 from PM 17.5 to

PM R17.7, in Orange County. The Department, in cooperation with Orange County Transportation Authority, proposes to widen and make operational improvements, including reconstructing ramps, bridges, and connectors on SR 91, from west of State College Boulevard to east of Lakeview Avenue in the Cities of Anaheim, Fullerton, Orange, and Placentia. The project is currently programmed in the 2024 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The total programmed amount, which includes Right of Way (Capital) and Construction (Support and Capital) is \$296,458,000, which includes Surface Transportation Program, and Local Partnership Program (Formulaic). Construction will begin in 2026-27. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope as programmed by the Commission in the 2024 STIP.

Copies of the MND and Addendum have been provided to Commission staff. The Commission considered the MND and approved the project for future consideration of funding on August 12, 2020, under Resolution E-20-77. Since the approval of the MND, there have been changes to the project and an Addendum was prepared pursuant to CEQA. Specifically, the Addendum addresses changes in project limits for the SR 55 portion of the project from PM 17.4/R17.9 to PM 17.5/17.7, additional utility relocations from what was previously identified, the temporary relocation of a maternal bat roosting colony from the SR 91 Santa Ana River Bridge (Bridge No. 55-0106) to the local City of Anaheim Santa Ana River Bridge (Bridge No. 55C0111) for two to three years (necessitating riverbed access for installation and removal of bat houses). Additionally, the Addendum addresses design refinements including reconstruction and upgrades to the SR 91 westbound (WB) Kraemer Boulevard off-ramp, realignment of the SR 91 eastbound (EB) Tustin Avenue loop on-ramp and off-ramp, partial reconstruction of the SR 91 WB Tustin Avenue off-ramp and on-ramp, modification to a drainage outlet at the Carbon Canyon Diversion Channel, median barrier reconstruction and upgrades, and construction of an opaque masonry block wall on East Frontera Street, a shifting of the SR 91 centerline approximately 9 feet south from PM 8.2 to 8.5 to accommodate construction of the Tustin Avenue Overcrossing Replacement, removal and realignment of retaining walls at various locations, changes to restriping on local roads for temporary construction impacts, relocation of the SR 55 and Riverdale Avenue Soundwall, the addition of a new soundwall along EB SR 91 extending to Glassell Street off-ramp, and reconstruction and restoration of local maintenance roads. Further, there have been changes in Right of Way acquisitions, temporary construction easements, and permanent easements. Lastly, the Addendum addresses updates to state and federal water quality permits and best management practices, minor increases in permanent impacts on wetland and non-wetlands water resources resulting in updated compensatory mitigation measures, and modified hazardous waste measures resulting from the addition of the masonry block wall on Frontera Street. Resources in the project area that may be impacted by the project include cultural and biological resources. Potential impacts associated with the project can all be mitigated to below significance. In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15162, no Subsequent MND 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. 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 Addendum will satisfy the environmental requirements for this stage of the planning process.

Attachment 2

Attachment 1

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding

04-Mrn-101, PM 8.47

Resolution E-26-05A

- 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:
- U.S. 101 Corte Madera Creek Bridge Rehabilitation Project: United States Highway (US) 101 in Marin County. Rehabilitate the existing on-ramps from Sir Francis Drake Boulevard onto the southbound lane of US 101 at Corte Madera Creek Bridge (Bridge No. 27-008K) and improve the bridge deck, a bridge abutment, and the bridge support columns. (PPNO 2906F)
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the Department has certified that a Negative Declaration and Addendum 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 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.

Attachment 1

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

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: U.S. 101 Corte Madera Creek Bridge Rehabilitation Project

2024020937	Christopher Pincetich	(408) 590-4167
State Clearinghouse Number	Lead Agency Contact Person	Area Code/Telephone

Project Location (include county): US 101 at Post Mile (PM) 8.47 in Marin County.

Project Description: Rehabilitate the existing on-ramps from Sir Francis Drake Boulevard onto the southbound lane of US 101 at Corte Madera Creek Bridge (Bridge No. 27-008K) and improve the bridge deck, a bridge abutment, and the bridge support columns.

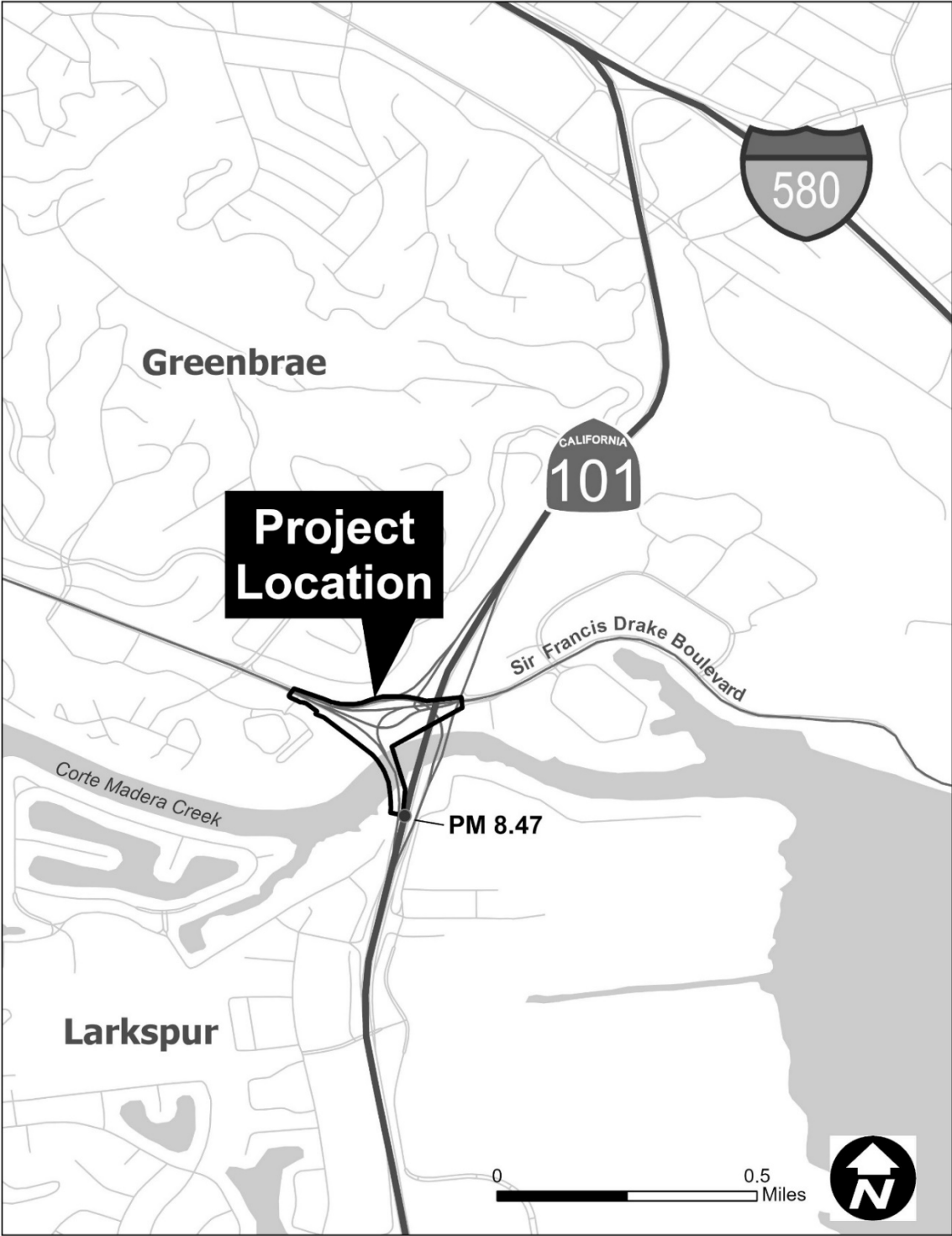
This is to advise that the California Transportation Commission has approved the above described project on _____ (Lead Agency/ Responsible Agency) January 29-30, 2026, and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

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
		<i>Title</i>

Date received for filing at LCI:



U.S. 101 Corte Madera Creek Bridge Rehabilitation Project
PM 8.47 in Marin County

Attachment 2

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding

12-Ora-91, PM 6.4/R9.1

12-Ora-55, PM 17.5/R17.7

Resolution E-26-07A

- 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:
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State Route (SR) 91 in Orange County. Implement temporary relocation of a bat colony from the SR 91 Santa Ana River Bridge (Bridge No. 55-0106), to the City of Anaheim Santa Ana River Sub-Channel Bridge (Bridge No. 55C0111), to accommodate widening of the Santa Ana River Bridge, reconstruct and upgrade the westbound SR 91 Kraemer Boulevard off-ramp, realign the SR 91 eastbound Tustin Avenue on-ramp and off-ramp, partially reconstruct the SR 91 westbound Tustin Avenue on-ramp and off-ramp, modify a drainage outlet on the west side of the Carbon Canyon Diversion Channel, construct an opaque masonry block wall on East Frontera Street, and construct retaining and sound walls at various locations.
(PPNO 4570C)
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Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code.

Project Title: State Route 91 (SR-91) Improvement Project Segment 2

2018111042	Kathleen Dove	(657) 328-6000
State Clearinghouse Number	Lead Agency Contact Person	Area Code/Telephone

Project Location (include county): State Route (SR) 91 from Post Mile (PM) 6.4 to PM R9.1, and SR 55 from PM 17.5 to PM R17.7 in Orange County.

Project Description: Implement temporary relocation of a bat colony from the SR 91 Santa Ana River Bridge (Bridge No. 55-0106) to the City of Anaheim Santa Ana River Sub-Channel Bridge (Bridge No. 55C0111), to accommodate widening of the Santa Ana River Bridge, reconstruct and upgrade the westbound SR 91 Kraemer Boulevard off-ramp, realign the SR 91 eastbound Tustin Avenue on-ramp and off-ramp, partially reconstruct the SR 91 westbound Tustin Avenue on-ramp and off-ramp, modify a drainage outlet on the west side of the Carbon Canyon Diversion Channel, construct an opaque masonry block wall on East Frontera Street, and construct retaining and sound walls at various locations.

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