

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: March 19-20, 2026

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.2c.(1), Action Item

Prepared By: Jeremy Ketchum, Chief
Division of Environmental Analysis

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
RESOLUTIONS E-26-11, E-26-12, E-26-13, and E-26-14**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve attached resolutions E-26-11, E-26-12, E-26-13, and E-26-14?

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the Commission, as a responsible agency, approve attached resolutions E-26-11, E-26-12, E-26-13, and E-26-14.

BACKGROUND:

[01]-01-Lak-29, PM 5.0/5.9

Resolution E-26-11

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

- Middletown Safety South Project: State Route (SR) 29 in Lake County. Improve Safety on SR 29 in Lake County, from Post Miles (PM) 5.0 to 5.9 through the city of Middletown, including shoulder widening to accommodate standard shoulder widths (8 feet width), left turn channelization, two-way left turn lane, new and modified curb ramps, bulbouts, approximately 1,200 feet of new sidewalk, lighting, installation of two pedestrian-activated rectangular rapid flashing beacons, extending two existing culverts to maintain drainage, replacement of one culvert and repair to one drainage inlet. (PPNO 3208)

The project is located on SR 29 from PM 5.0 to PM 5.9, in Lake County. The proposed work includes shoulder widening to accommodate standard shoulder widths, left turn channelization, two-way left turn lane, new and modified curb ramps, bulbouts, approximately 1,200 feet of new sidewalk, lighting, installation of two pedestrian-activated rectangular rapid flashing beacons, and extending two existing culverts to maintain drainage. The project also includes additional drainage system improvements including replacement of one culvert and repair of one drainage inlet. 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 \$16,324,000. Construction will begin in Fiscal Year 2027-28. 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 project will result in less than significant impacts to the environment. As a result, an ND was completed for this project.

Attachment 1

[02]-03-Nev-49, PM 2.10/9.80

Resolution E-26-12

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

- Grass Valley Wildfire Evacuation Route Project: SR 49 in Nevada County. Widen the existing shoulders and provide a two-way left turn lane to enhance traffic flow during emergency events on the SR 49 corridor between Wolf Road/Combie Road at PM 2.10 to Ponderosa Pines and PM 9.80 south of Grass Valley. (PPNO 4143)

The project is located on SR 49 from PM 2.10 to 9.80, in Nevada County. The project proposes to widen southbound shoulders to 12 feet, widen northbound shoulders to 8 feet, provide a two-way left turn lane, realign the roadway, extend culverts, replace deficient drainage systems, widen the South Wolf Creek Bridge (No. 17-00005), construct one new bridge at Rattlesnake Creek (PM 8.8), construct retaining walls, replace or relocate lighting, signage, and existing traffic management systems, install new traffic management systems, replace nonstandard guardrails according to Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware standards, and provide concrete vegetation control under guardrails. 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 \$73,065,000. Construction will begin in 2027-28. 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 MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will result in less than significant impacts to the environment after mitigation. Project implementation may have significant impacts on biological resources, specifically, sensitive plant and animal communities and aquatic resources. However, mitigation measures will reduce any potential impacts on the environment to less than significant. These measures include, but are not limited to, briefing the

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contractor on permit requirements, limiting vegetation removal to the period outside of bird breeding season, use of nesting bird surveys prior to vegetation removal, use of species-specific buffers and monitoring, managing waste to prevent attracting corvids, limited and directed use of night lighting specifically on the portion of the work area actively under construction, pre-construction surveys for bats and birds, use of screens on pumps and water diversion/de-watering monitoring, implementation of invasive non-native species control measures, preparation of a revegetation plan, installation of Temporary High Visibility Fencing around sensitive natural communities and other designated areas, post-construction site restoration including erosion control, and preparation of a Temporary Creek Diversion System Plan, and compensatory mitigation for impacts on habitat and aquatic resources. As a result, an MND was completed for this project.

Attachment 2

[03]-04-Son-116, PM 21.6/R22.6

Resolution E-26-13

The attached resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding the following project for which an ND has been completed:

- State Route (SR) 116 Green Valley Road Safety Improvements Project: SR 116 in Sonoma County. Improve safety at the intersection of SR 116 and Green Valley Road, in Sonoma County. Specifically, construct a 130-foot-diameter roundabout at the existing intersection to reduce the potential and severity of collisions at the intersection. (PPNO 2029L)

The project is located on SR 116 from PM 21.6 to PM R22.6, in Sonoma County. The project proposes to improve safety at the intersection of SR 116 and Green Valley Road. Specifically, the project includes construction of a 130-foot-diameter roundabout. 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 \$21,697,000. Construction will begin in 2027-28. 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 project will result in less than significant impacts to the environment. As a result, an ND was completed for this project.

Attachment 3

[04]-05-Mon-1, PM 27.76/70.87

Resolution E-26-14

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

- Big Creek to Carmel Drainage Restoration: SR 1 in Monterey County. Replace or rehabilitate drainage culverts on SR 1 from PM 27.76 to 70.87 in Monterey County. (EA 1N360)

The project is located on SR 1 from PM 27.76 to 70.87, in Monterey County. The project proposes rehabilitating four existing drainage systems at four locations. Existing drainage systems at the proposed locations have exceeded their design life and have deteriorated or failed. The project work includes replacing or rehabilitating existing culverts and replacing or upgrading end treatments and headwalls as needed. The project is part of the 2025-26 SHOPP Minor Program Annual Allocation that was approved at the June 2025 CTC meeting. The total approved amount which includes Right of Way (Capital and Support) and Construction (Capital and Support) is \$4,490,000. Construction will begin in 2025-26. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope as approved by the Commission at the June 2025 CTC meeting.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will result in less than significant impacts to the environment after mitigation. Project implementation may have significant impacts on biological resources, specifically, wetlands and other aquatic resources. However, mitigation measures will reduce any potential impacts on the environment to less than significant. These measures include, but are not limited to, on-site restoration and re-establishment at a 1-to-1 ratio (acreage) for temporary impacts on wetlands and other aquatic resources. As a result, an MND was completed for this project.

Attachment 4

Attachment 1

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding

01-Lak-29, PM 5.0/5.9

Resolution E-26-11

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- Middletown Safety South Project: SR 29 in Lake County. Improve Safety on SR 29 in Lake County, from PM 5.0 to 5.9 through the city of Middletown, including shoulder widening to accommodate standard shoulder widths (8 feet width), left turn channelization, two-way left turn lane, new and modified curb ramps, bulbouts, approximately 1,200 feet of new sidewalk, lighting, installation of two pedestrian-activated rectangular rapid flashing beacons, extending two existing culverts to maintain drainage, replacement of one culvert and repair to one drainage inlet. (PPNO 3208)
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the Department has certified that a Negative Declaration 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 Negative Declaration; 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 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: Middletown Safety South Project

2025070290

Nicole Alber

(530) 759-3407

State Clearinghouse Number

Lead Agency Contact Person

Area Code/Telephone

Project Location (include county): State Route (SR) 29 from Post Mile (PM) 5.0 to 5.9 in Lake County.

Project Description: Improve Safety on SR 29 in Lake County, from Post Miles (PM) 5.0 to 5.9 through the city of Middletown, including shoulder widening to accommodate standard shoulder widths (8 feet width), left turn channelization, two-way left turn lane, new and modified curb ramps, bulbouts, approximately 1,200 feet of new sidewalk, lighting, installation of two pedestrian-activated rectangular rapid flashing beacons, extending two existing culverts to maintain drainage, replacement of one culvert and repair to one drainage inlet.

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

(Lead Agency/ Responsible Agency)

March 19-20, 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 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

Signature (Public Agency)

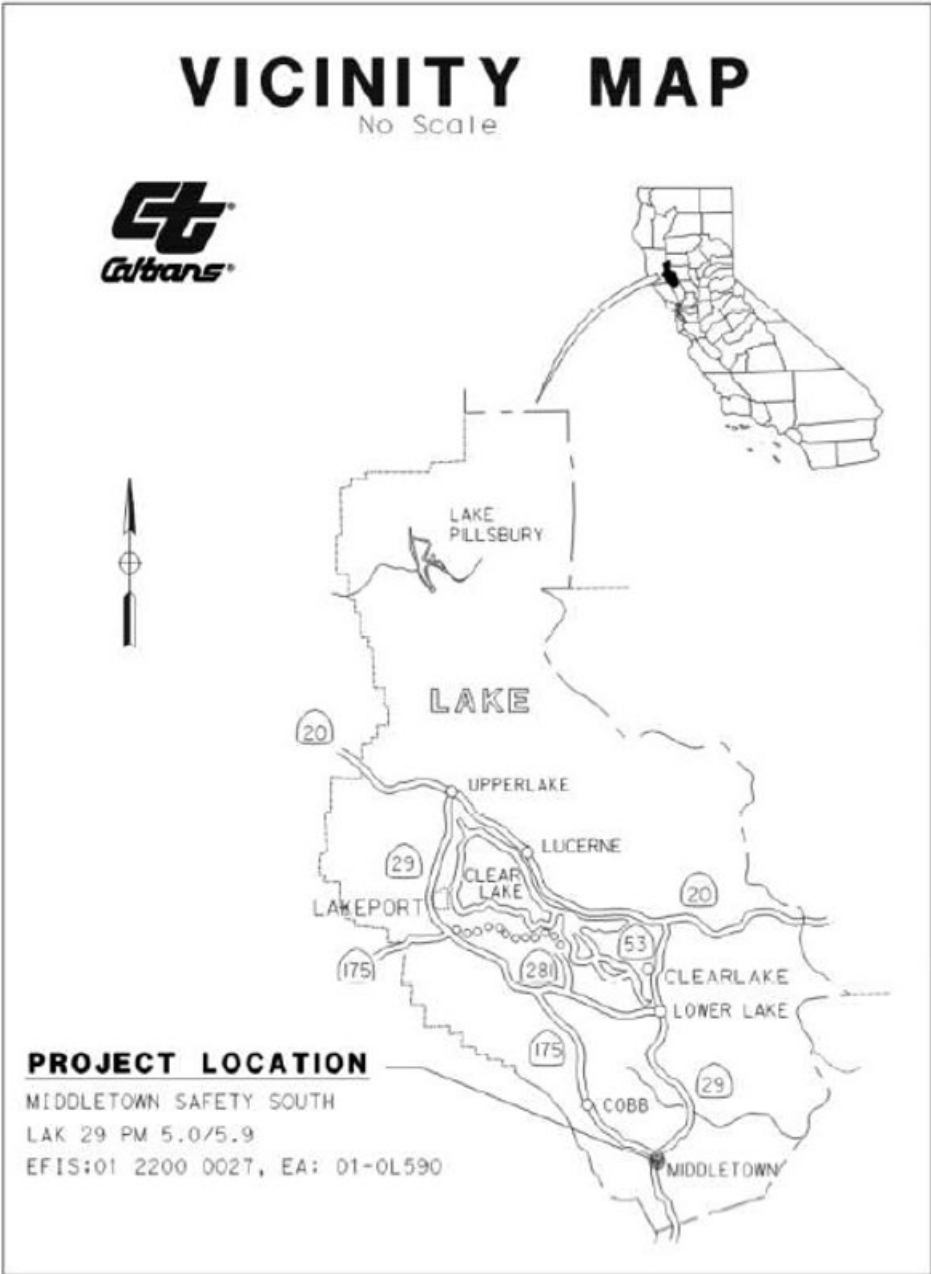
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Executive Director

California Transportation Commission

Title

Date received for filing at LCI:



Middletown Safety South Project

Attachment 2

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding

03-Nev-49, PM 2.10/9.80

Resolution E-26-12

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- Grass Valley Wildfire Evacuation Route Project: SR 49 in Nevada County. Widen the existing shoulders and provide a two-way left turn lane to enhance traffic flow during emergency events on the SR 49 corridor between Wolf Road/Combie Road at PM 2.10 to Ponderosa Pines and PM 9.80 south of Grass Valley. (PPNO 4143)
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the Department has certified that a Mitigated Negative Declaration 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
- 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 consideration of funding.

Attachment 2

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
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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: Grass Valley Wildfire Evacuation Route Project

2025120522	Erin Damm	(530) 812-4371
State Clearinghouse Number	Lead Agency Contact Person	Area Code/Telephone

Project Location (include county): State Route (SR) 49 from Post Mile (PM) 2.10 to 9.80 in Nevada County.

Project Description: Widen the existing shoulders and provide a two-way left turn lane to enhance traffic flow during emergency events on the SR 49 corridor between Wolf Road/Combie Road at PM 2.10 to Ponderosa Pines and PM 9.80 south of Grass Valley.

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

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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: Caltrans District 3, 703 B Street, Marysville, CA 95901.

TANISHA TAYLOR

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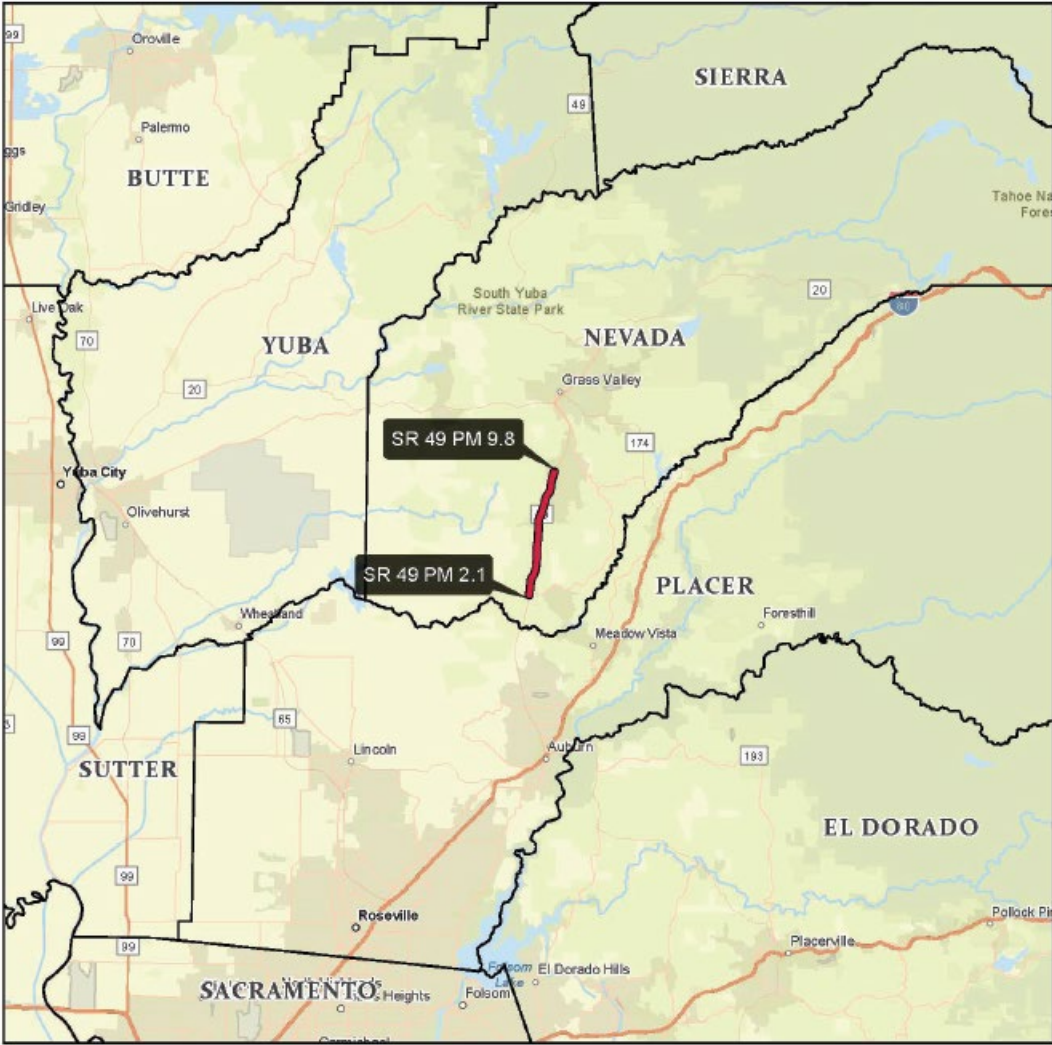
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<p>GRASS VALLEY WILDFIRE EVACUATION ROUTE 03-NEV-49 PM 2.1 TO PM 9.8 EA: 03-4J110 EFIS: 0323000087</p>	<p> PROJECT EXTENT  COUNTIES</p>	<p>0 4 8 MILES </p> <p>CONTACT: JASON AMMERMAN SOURCES: CALTRANS, ESRI DATE EXPORTED: 10/1/2025</p> 
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Grass Valley Wildfire Evacuation Route Project

Attachment 3

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding

04-Son-116, PM 21.6/R22.6

Resolution E-26-13

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - State Route (SR) 116 Green Valley Road Safety Improvements Project: SR 116 in Sonoma County. Improve safety at the intersection of SR 116 and Green Valley Road, in Sonoma County. Specifically, construct a 130-foot-diameter roundabout at the existing intersection to reduce the potential and severity of collisions at the intersection. (PPNO 2029L)
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the Department has certified that a Negative Declaration 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 Negative Declaration; 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 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 (SR) 116 Green Valley Road Safety Improvements Project

2025110306

John Gretsch-Seal

(510) 549-6091

State Clearinghouse Number

Lead Agency Contact Person

Area Code/Telephone

Project Location (include county): SR 116 from Post Mile (PM) 21.6 to R22.6 in Sonoma County.

Project Description: Improve safety at the intersection of SR 116 and Green Valley Road, in Sonoma County. Specifically, construct a 130-foot-diameter roundabout at the existing intersection to reduce the potential and severity of collisions at the intersection.

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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 4, 111 Grand Ave, Oakland, CA 94614.

TANISHA TAYLOR

Signature (Public Agency)

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Attachment 3



State Route (SR) 116 Green Valley Road Safety Improvements Project
PM 21.6 to R22.6, in Sonoma County

Attachment 4

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding

05-Mon-1, PM 27.76/70.87

Resolution E-26-14

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- Big Creek to Carmel Drainage Restoration: SR 1 in Monterey County. Replace or rehabilitate drainage culverts on SR 1 from PM 27.76 to 70.87 in Monterey County. (EA 1N360)
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the Department has certified that a Mitigated Negative Declaration 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
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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: Big Creek to Carmel Drainage Restoration

2022110242	Dianna Beck	(805) 459-9406
State Clearinghouse Number	Lead Agency Contact Person	Area Code/Telephone

Project Location (include county): State Route (SR) 1 from Post Mile (PM) 27.76 to 70.87 in Monterey County.

Project Description: Replace or rehabilitate drainage culverts on SR 1 from PM 27.76 to 70.87 in Monterey County.

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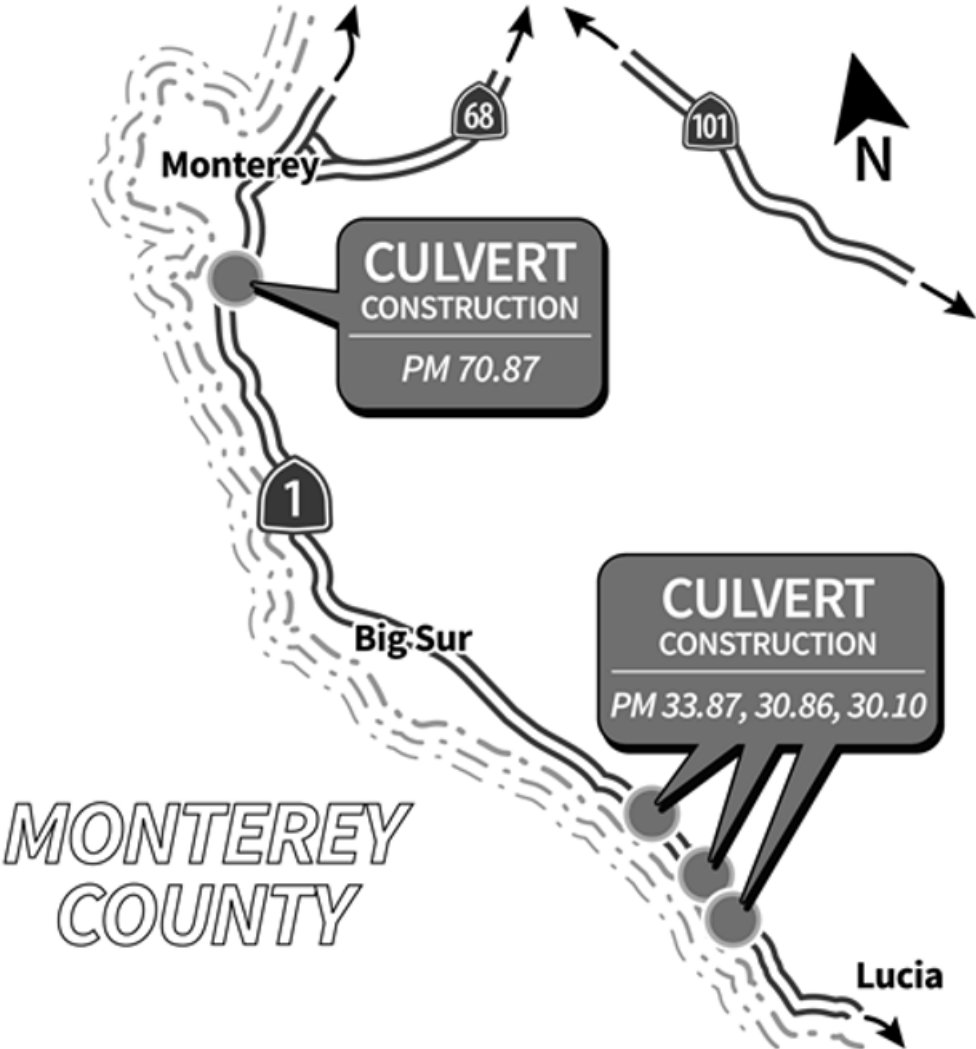
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