

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: August 20-21, 2026

From: TANISHA TAYLOR, Executive Director

Reference Number: 2.2c.(3), Action

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Associate Deputy Director

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Subject: Approval of Project for Future Consideration of Funding – Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addenda #1 and 2 for the Vasco Road Safety Improvement Project – Phase 2, Resolution E-26-55

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addenda #1 and 2 for the Vasco Road Safety Improvement Project – Phase 2 (Project) in Contra Costa County and approve the Project for future consideration of funding.

Issue:

Contra Costa County (County) is the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) lead agency for the Project. The Project is located on Vasco Road approximately four miles north of the Alameda/Contra Costa line in Contra Costa County. The Project would install a concrete median barrier, widen the roadway (no new lanes) by adding additional pavement, and install safety features on approximately 1.5 miles of Vasco Road.

For all projects that are seeking funding through a program under the purview of the Commission, full compliance with CEQA 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 August 25, 2009, the County adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration and found that the Project would not have a significant impact on the environment with the implementation of mitigation measures.

Resources that are utilizing mitigation to reduce impacts to less than significant levels include biological and cultural (specifically, paleontological) resources.

Mitigation measures include salvaging plants and collecting seeds from San Joaquin Spearscale; paying the rural road development and wetland fees toward the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan; conducting post-construction studies to determine optimal wildlife crossing spacing; implementing a Paleontological Resources Monitoring and Mitigation Plan; and temporarily halting work if there is a paleontological discovery during construction.

On April 24, 2012, the County adopted Addendum #1 to address a minor technical change to implement a full road closure on a limited number of weekends to allow for installation of culvert crossings, installation of a concrete barrier, and placement of asphalt paving.

Addendum #1 concluded the updated Project would not lead to significant physical changes in the project, nor would it alter the adequacy or the completeness of the environmental impacts and mitigation measures in the Mitigated Negative Declaration.

On July 14, 2026, the County adopted Addendum #2 to address updates to the design, including redesigned wildlife undercrossings, minor changes to the bridge design over Brushy Creek, addition of stormwater treatment facilities, changes to grading and excavated material volumes, changes to the location of wildlife exclusion fencing, and relocation of the East Bay Regional Parks District access easement to the north. The Addendum concluded that the Project would not result in new significant environmental effects, nor would it substantially increase the severity of previously identified significant effects previously analyzed in the 2009 Mitigated Negative Declaration.

On July 20, 2026, the County confirmed that the environmental documentation remains valid, there are no newly identified impacts or substantial increase in the severity of an impact requiring mitigation, and the environmental documentation is consistent with the Project scope of work programmed by the Commission.

The Project is estimated to cost \$40,000,000 and is funded through the construction phase with Regional Measure 3 – bridge tolls (\$15,000,000), Local Partnership Program – Formulaic (\$4,883,000), and East Contra Costa Fee and Financing Authority developer fee (\$20,117,000) funds.

Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2026-27.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Resolution E-26-55
- Attachment B: Notice of Determination
- Attachment C: Project Location Map

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding

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Resolution E-26-55

- 1.1 WHEREAS, Contra Costa County has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addenda #1 and 2 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the Vasco Road Safety Improvement Project – Phase 2 (Project) in Contra Costa County; and
- 1.2 WHEREAS, the County has certified that the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addenda have been completed pursuant to CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines; and
- 1.3 WHEREAS, the Project is located on Vasco Road approximately four miles north of the Alameda/Contra Costa line in Contra Costa County; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS, the Project would install a concrete median barrier, widen the roadway (no new lanes) by adding additional pavement, and install safety features on approximately 1.5 miles of Vasco Road; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS, the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum; and
- 1.6 WHEREAS, resources that are utilizing mitigation to reduce impacts to less than significant levels include biological and cultural (specifically, paleontological) resources, and certain measures were adopted to address these impacts; and
- 1.7 WHEREAS, on August 25, 2009, the County adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration and found that the Project would not have a significant effect on the environment with implementation of mitigation measures; and
- 1.8 WHEREAS, on April 24, 2012, the County adopted Addendum #1 concluding the Project, as updated, would not lead to significant physical changes in the project, nor would it alter the adequacy or the completeness of the environmental impacts and mitigation measures in the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.9 WHEREAS, on July 14, 2026, the County adopted Addendum #2 concluding the Project as updated would not result in new significant environmental effects, nor would it substantially increase the severity of previously identified significant effects previously analyzed in the 2009 Mitigated Negative Declaration; and

- 1.10 WHEREAS, on July 20, 2026, the County confirmed that the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum remain valid, there are no newly identified impacts or substantial increase in the severity of an impact requiring mitigation, and the environmental document is consistent with the Project scope of work programmed by the Commission; and
- 1.11 WHEREAS, the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addenda.
- 2.1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission does hereby accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addenda and approves the above-referenced Project for future consideration of funding.

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

Project Title: Vasco Road Safety Improvement Project – Phase 2

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State Clearinghouse Number	Lead Agency Contact Person	Area Code/Telephone

Project Location (include county): The project is located on Vasco Road approximately four miles north of the Alameda/Contra Costa line in Contra Costa County.

Project Description: The project would install a concrete median barrier, widen the roadway (no new lanes) by adding additional pavement, and install safety features on approximately 1.5 miles of Vasco Road.

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

(☐ Lead Agency / ☒ Responsible Agency)

project on August 20-21, 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. ☐ A Final Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
☒ A Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addenda 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.

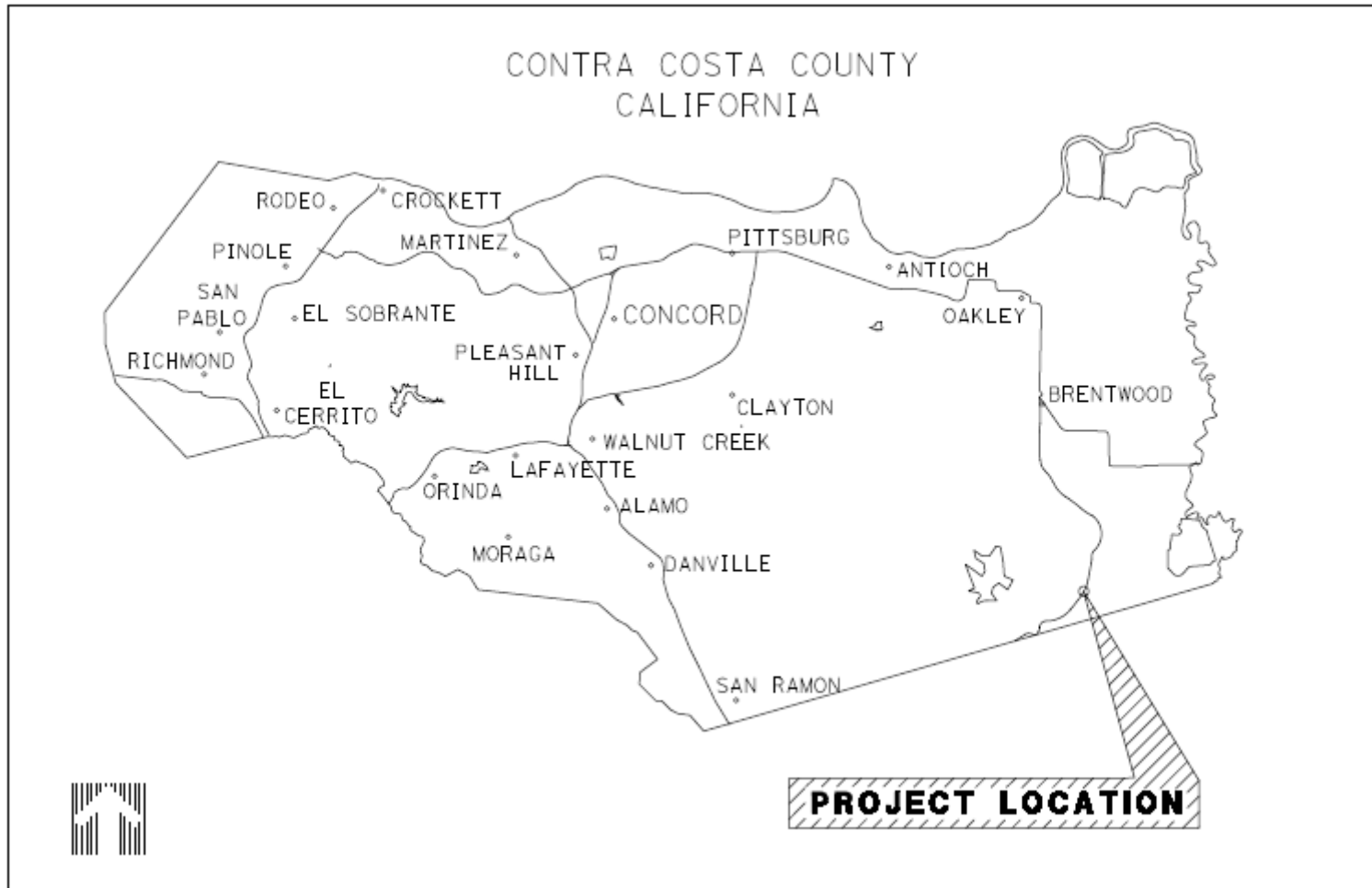
The above-identified document with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at: Contra Costa County Public Works Department, 255 Glacier Drive, Martinez, CA 94553.

PAUL GOLASZEWSKI		Chief Deputy Director California Transportation Commission
<i>Signature (Public Agency)</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Title</i>

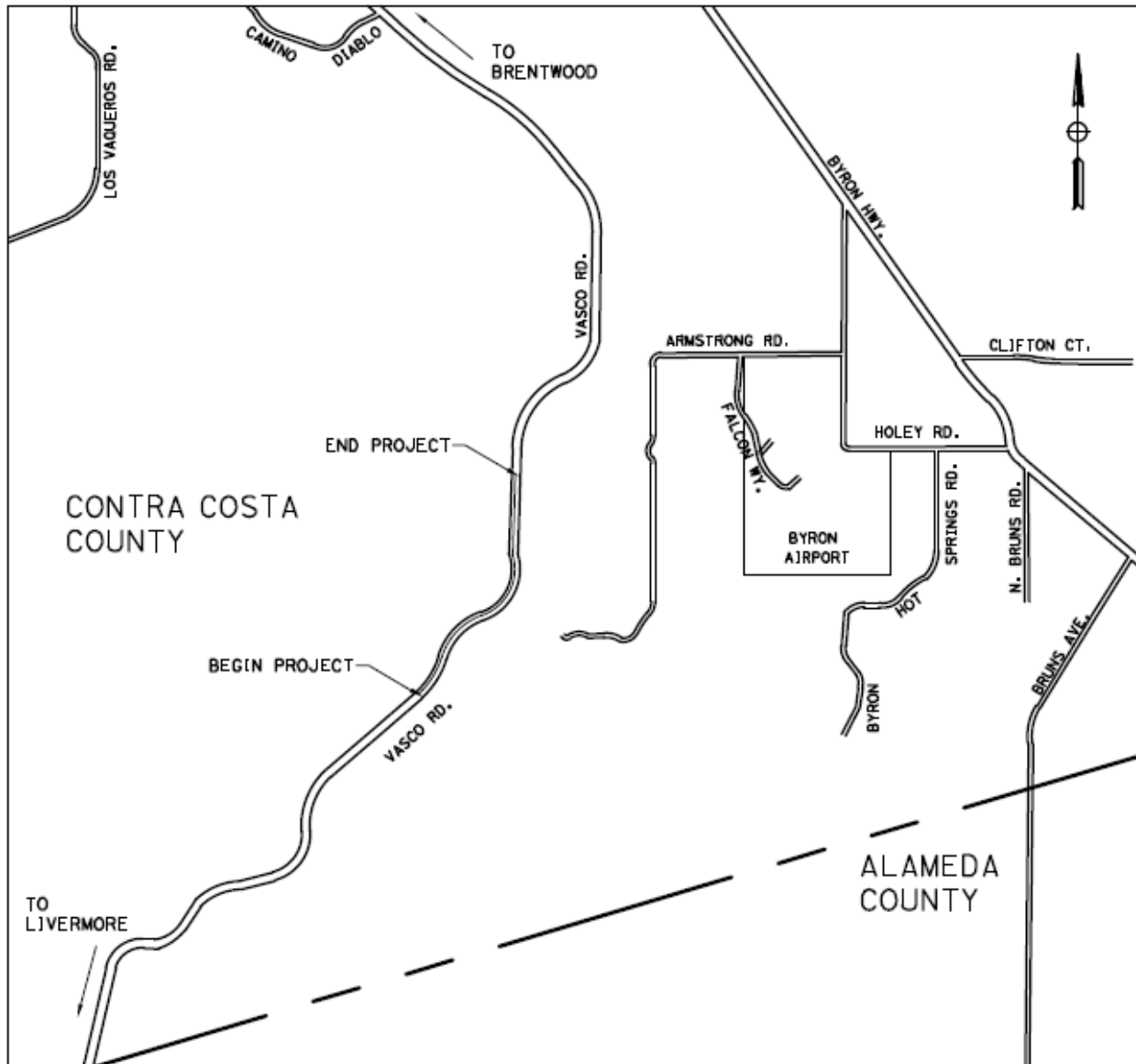
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Project Location Map

Vasco Road Safety Improvement Project – Phase 2
Contra Costa County



Project Location Map (continued)
Vasco Road Safety Improvement Project – Phase 2
Contra Costa County



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NO SCALE