

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: October 15-16, 2026

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

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

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
RESOLUTION E-26-73A**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve attached resolution E-26-73A?

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the Commission, as a responsible agency, approve attached resolution E-26-73A.

BACKGROUND:

07-LA-71, PM R0.5/R4.7

08-SBd-71, PM R0.0/R0.2

Resolution E-26-73A

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 71 Freeway Upgrade and Interchange Improvement Project:
State Route (SR) 71 in Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties. This project involves upgrading SR 71 from a combination of 4-lane expressway and 6-lane freeway into an 8-lane freeway, with 3 mixed-flow lanes and 1 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane in each direction between Interstate 10 (I-10) and the Los Angeles/San Bernardino County line in both counties. This will be achieved by widening or restriping to add either one or two lanes depending on the location. Additional improvements include replacing two railroad overhead bridges with raised profiles to meet current vertical clearance standards, replacing an existing pedestrian overcrossing, and eliminating local crossings between

Mission Boulevard (Blvd) and Rio Rancho Road. The project will also repave the roadway, reconstruct on- and off-ramps at Valley and Mission Blvd, as well as the southbound Rio Rancho Road off-ramp. In addition, paving and striping 0.2 miles into San Bernardino County to maintain HOV lane continuity. Furthermore, the project includes constructing soundwalls and retaining walls, installing Permanent Best Management Practices, and shifting the centerline alignment westward from Mission Blvd to Old Pomona Road to minimize right of way impacts. (PPNO 2741)

The project is located on SR 71 in Pomona between I-10 and SR 60, from Post Mile (PM) R0.5 to PM R4.7 in Los Angeles County and PM R0.0 to R0.2 in San Bernardino County. The project proposes to convert the existing expressway to a freeway by adding one mixed-flow lane and one HOV lane in each direction. The project is currently programmed in the 2018 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The total programmed amount is \$7,265,000. The scope, as described for the selected alternative, is consistent with the project scope as programmed by the Commission in the 2018 STIP.

Copies of the MND and Addenda have been provided to Commission staff. The Commission approved the project for future consideration of funding on October 3, 2002, under Resolution E-02-48. Since the approval of the MND, there have been changes to the project and four Addenda were prepared pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Addendum dated March 28, 2013, addresses design refinements, including changing the project design from semi-depressed from Mission Blvd to Old Pomona Road to at-grade throughout the project limits; a change in the design of the overcrossing at 9th Street from usage for vehicles and pedestrians to pedestrians only; reconstruction of Butterfield Road on both east and west sides of SR 71; and, removal of the Mission Blvd interchange improvement from the scope of this project (improvements were completed as part of a separate project). As a result of the design refinements, the 2013 Addendum identified a reduction in the number of right-of-way acquisitions, which were reduced to 6 partial commercial acquisitions, 1 partial governmental recreational acquisition, and 17 full residential acquisitions. All residential acquisitions have been completed. Impacts remained less than significant with the implementation of the Relocation Assistance Program as mitigation. The Addendum dated July 29, 2019, addresses revised PMs to reflect minor pavement work along the county line and the addition of easements to accommodate a Reinforced Concrete Box drainage and Southern California Edison utility relocation. The Addendum dated June 17, 2021, addresses additional slope/grading work west of SR 71 and north of Phillips Drive which required tree removal and additional biological considerations. Lastly, the Addendum dated October 28, 2025, addresses the addition of fence work west of SR 71 and north of Phillips Drive which will require tree removal. Impacts would remain less than significant with mitigation. Mitigation will continue to include: soundwalls, compensatory mitigation for habitat and streambed impacts, and tree replacement. The project changes do not meet the criteria outlined in 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.

Attachments

"Improving lives and communities through transportation."

Attachment 1

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding

07-LA-71, PM R0.5/R4.7

08-SBd-71, PM R0.0/R0.2

Resolution E-26-73A

- 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 71 Freeway Upgrade and Interchange Improvement Project: State Route (SR) 71 in Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties. This project involves upgrading SR 71 from a combination of 4-lane expressway and 6-lane freeway into an 8-lane freeway, with 3 mixed-flow lanes and 1 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane in each direction between Interstate 10 and the Los Angeles/San Bernardino County line in both counties. This will be achieved by widening or restriping to add either one or two lanes depending on the location. Additional improvements include replacing two railroad overhead bridges with raised profiles to meet current vertical clearance standards, replacing an existing pedestrian overcrossing, and eliminating local crossings between Mission Boulevard (Blvd) and Rio Rancho Road. The project will also repave the roadway, reconstruct on- and off-ramps at Valley and Mission Blvd, as well as the southbound Rio Rancho Road off-ramp. In addition, paving and striping 0.2 miles into San Bernardino County to maintain HOV lane continuity. Furthermore, the project includes constructing soundwalls and retaining walls, installing Permanent Best Management Practices, and shifting the centerline alignment westward from Mission Blvd to Old Pomona Road to minimize right of way impacts. (PPNO 2741)
- 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 (Commission) approved Future Consideration of Funding for the State Route 71 Freeway Upgrade and Interchange Improvement Project and adopted Resolution E-02-48 on October 3, 2002, considering the original Mitigated Negative Declaration from 2002; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the Commission, as a responsible agency, has considered the information contained in the Addenda; and
- 2.1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Commission does hereby approve the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.

Attachment 2

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: State Route 71 Freeway Upgrade and Interchange Improvement Project

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State Clearinghouse Number	Lead Agency Contact Person	Area Code/Telephone

Project Location (include county): State Route 71 from post mile (PM) R0.5 to R4.7 in Los Angeles County, and PM R0.0 to R0.2 in San Bernardino County.

Project Description: This project involves upgrading SR 71 from a combination of 4-lane expressway and 6-lane freeway into an 8-lane freeway, with 3 mixed-flow lanes and 1 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane in each direction between Interstate 10 and the Los Angeles/San Bernardino County line in both counties. This will be achieved by widening or restriping to add either one or two lanes depending on the location. Additional improvements include replacing two railroad overhead bridges with raised profiles to meet current vertical clearance standards, replacing an existing pedestrian overcrossing, and eliminating local crossings between Mission Boulevard (Blvd) and Rio Rancho Road. The project will also repave the roadway, reconstruct on- and off-ramps at Valley and Mission Blvd, as well as the southbound Rio Rancho Road off-ramp. In addition, paving and striping 0.2 miles into San Bernardino County to maintain HOV lane continuity. Furthermore, the project includes constructing soundwalls and retaining walls, installing Permanent Best Management Practices, and shifting the centerline alignment westward from Mission Blvd to Old Pomona Road to minimize right of way impacts.

This is to advise that the California Transportation Commission has approved the above described project on _____ (Lead Agency/ X Responsible Agency) October 15-16, 2026, and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

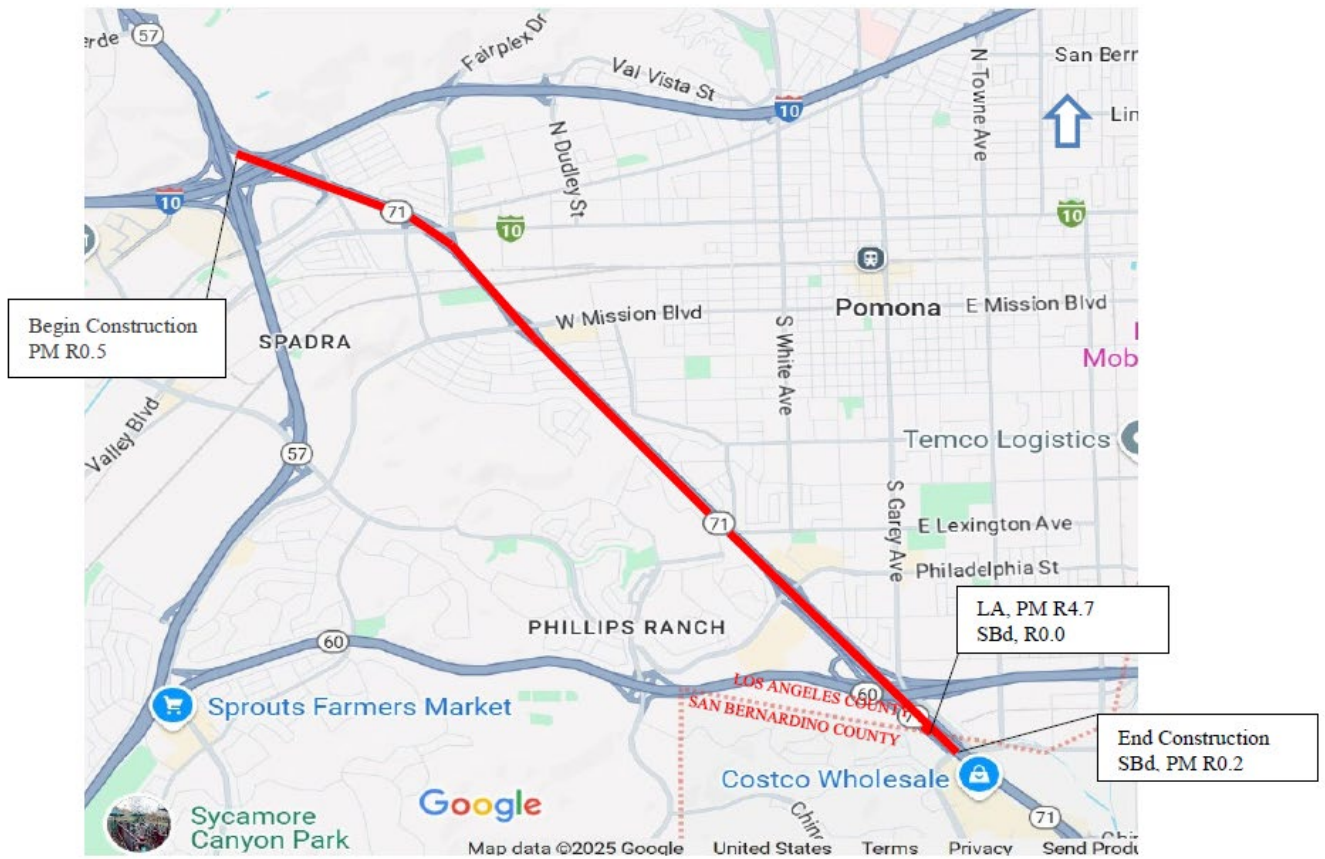
1. The project (will/ X will not) have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
X A Mitigated Negative Declaration and an Addenda were prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures (X were/ were not) made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. Mitigation reporting or monitoring plan (X was / was not) adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations (was / X was not) adopted for this project.
6. Findings (were/ X 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 7, 100 South Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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

Date received for filing at LCI:

Attachment 3



State Route 71 Freeway Upgrade and Interchange Improvement Project