

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: February 25-26, 2004

Reference No.: 2.2c.(2)
Action Item

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Ref: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING,
01-Men-01, KP 53.1/54.7 (PM 33.0/34.0)
RESOLUTION E-04-03**

ISSUE:

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

- Replace the Greenwood Creek Bridge near Elk in Mendocino County.

The project is fully funded in the 2002 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) for \$7,224,000 in construction and \$103,000 for right of way capital. The project is currently scheduled for construction in Fiscal Year 2003-2004. The project is on the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 SHOPP Allocation Plan.

In December 2002, the California Department of Transportation (Department) approved a Negative Declaration for this project. The California Transportation Commission (Commission) approved the Negative Declaration at the February 2003 Commission meeting. It was later discovered that the Greenwood Creek Bridge had become eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, which necessitates a Section 106 evaluation under the National Historic Preservation Act. Additional studies were required to determine the potential significant impacts associated with the bridge eligibility determination under Section 106 and to incorporate appropriate mitigation measures as necessary. The Section 106 evaluation has now been completed with concurrence from the State Historic Preservation Office in October 2003. The original project scope, schedule and cost have not changed as a result of this late discovery.

The Supplemental Negative Declaration and supporting Supplemental Initial Study have been transmitted to Commission staff.

The Department has approved the project for construction. This approval and the filing of the Notice of Determination with the Office of Planning and Research will satisfy the environmental requirements for this stage of the project planning process.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department recommends that the Commission, as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-04-03.

Attachments

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding
01-Men-01, KP 53.1/54.7 (PM 33.0/34.0)**

Resolution E-04-03

- 1.1 WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Supplemental Negative Declaration in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- Route 1 in Mendocino County – Replace the Greenwood Creek Bridge near Elk.
- 1.2 WHEREAS**, the Department has certified that the Supplemental Negative Declaration has been completed in compliance with 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 Supplemental 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 future consideration of funding.

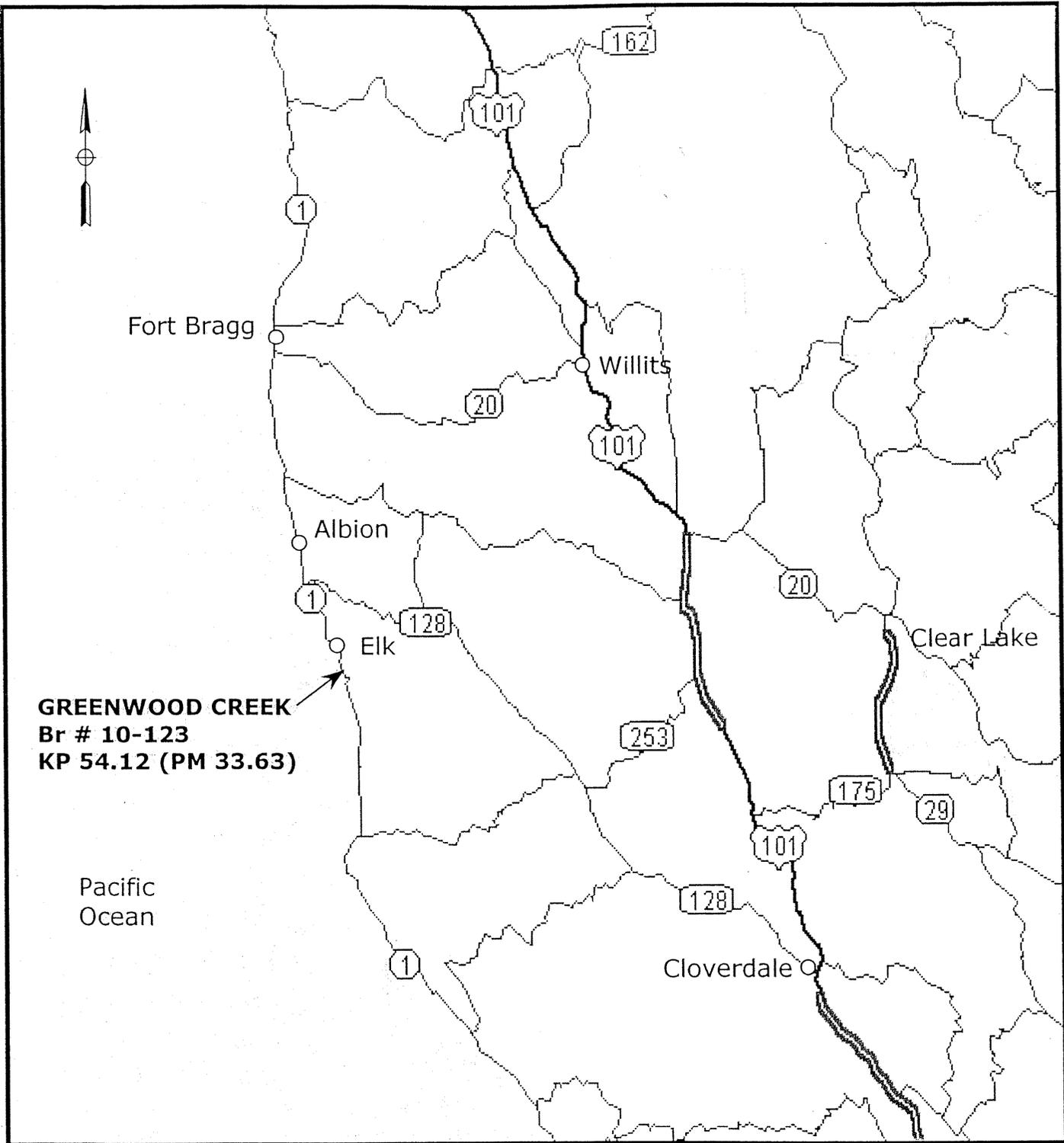


FIGURE 1
PROJECT LOCATION
<i>Greenwood Creek Bridge Replacement</i>

