

# Memorandum

**To:** CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

**Date:** June 19, 2009

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Executive Director

**File:** Book Item 2.2c (10)  
Action

**Ref:** Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Mission Boulevard Extension/Broadway Bridge Replacement Project  
(Resolution E-09-61)

**ISSUE:** Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Mission Boulevard Extension/Broadway Bridge Replacement Project (project) and approve the project for future consideration of funding?

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that the Commission accept the MND and approve the project for future consideration of funding.

**BACKGROUND:** The City of Jackson (City) completed the MND pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) on April 21, 2003. The City revalidated the MND on June 16, 2009 and found no changes to the environmental conditions since the original Notice of Determination was filed in 2003. The project is located in Amador County just off State Routes (SR) 49 and 88 on Mission Boulevard in the City of Jackson. The project will provide the final connection of the new Mission Boulevard extension between SR 88 and SR 49 by extending Mission Boulevard from SR 88 to the existing Broadway Street. The project will also replace the existing one-lane bridge over the South Fork of Jackson Creek with a two lane bridge in the City of Jackson. The project will improve local circulation by replacing the structurally deficient and functionally obsolete bridge and by extending Mission Boulevard to the bridge structure to create alternative routing for local Jackson traffic service. This project is needed for safety reasons to prevent the existing bridge structure from collapsing and to enhance local travel through the southeastern portion of the City of Jackson. Although the area does not have a well developed network of pedestrian facilities, the low traffic volume along these roadways enables the local residents to safely walk along the roadway shoulders. The project design is consistent with City roadway standards which consider the safety requirements for pedestrians and bicyclists.

The City found that the proposed project will not have a significant effect upon the environment. Mitigation measures were identified to address impacts to water quality, hydrology, biological resources, and traffic and circulation. Mitigation measures identified include, but were not limited to, implementation of Best Management Practices and adherence to existing regulatory requirements; design of the bridge to improve the creek hydraulics and minimize the increase in water surface elevation during flooding; revegetation of riparian habitat, including trees and

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grasslands at ratios greater than the loss; and, while an increase in traffic volumes is expected, the levels of service will remain within the acceptable policy limits for local roadways.

The bridge replacement portion of this project has already been completed. The roadway connection between the bridge and the existing Mission Blvd connection with Highway 88 (Mission Boulevard Extension) phase of the project is programmed in the Proposition 1B State - Local Partnership Program (SLPP). On June 10, 2009, the City provided written confirmation that the preferred alternative set forth in the final environmental document is consistent with the scope of work programmed by the Commission in the SLPP.

The Mission Boulevard Extension project phase is estimated to cost \$1,955,000 and is fully funded with Proposition 1B SLPP (\$800,000) and Local (\$1,155,000) funds. Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2009/10.

#### Attachments

1. Resolution E-09-61
2. Project Location

# CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding

### 10-AMA

### Resolution E-09-61

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
  - Mission Boulevard Extension/Broadway Bridge Replacement
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson has certified that the Mitigated Negative Declaration has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines for its implementation; and
- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, the project would improve local circulation by replacing a structurally deficient and functionally obsolete bridge and extending Mission Boulevard to the bridge structure to create alternative routing for local traffic service in the City of Jackson; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.5 **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.

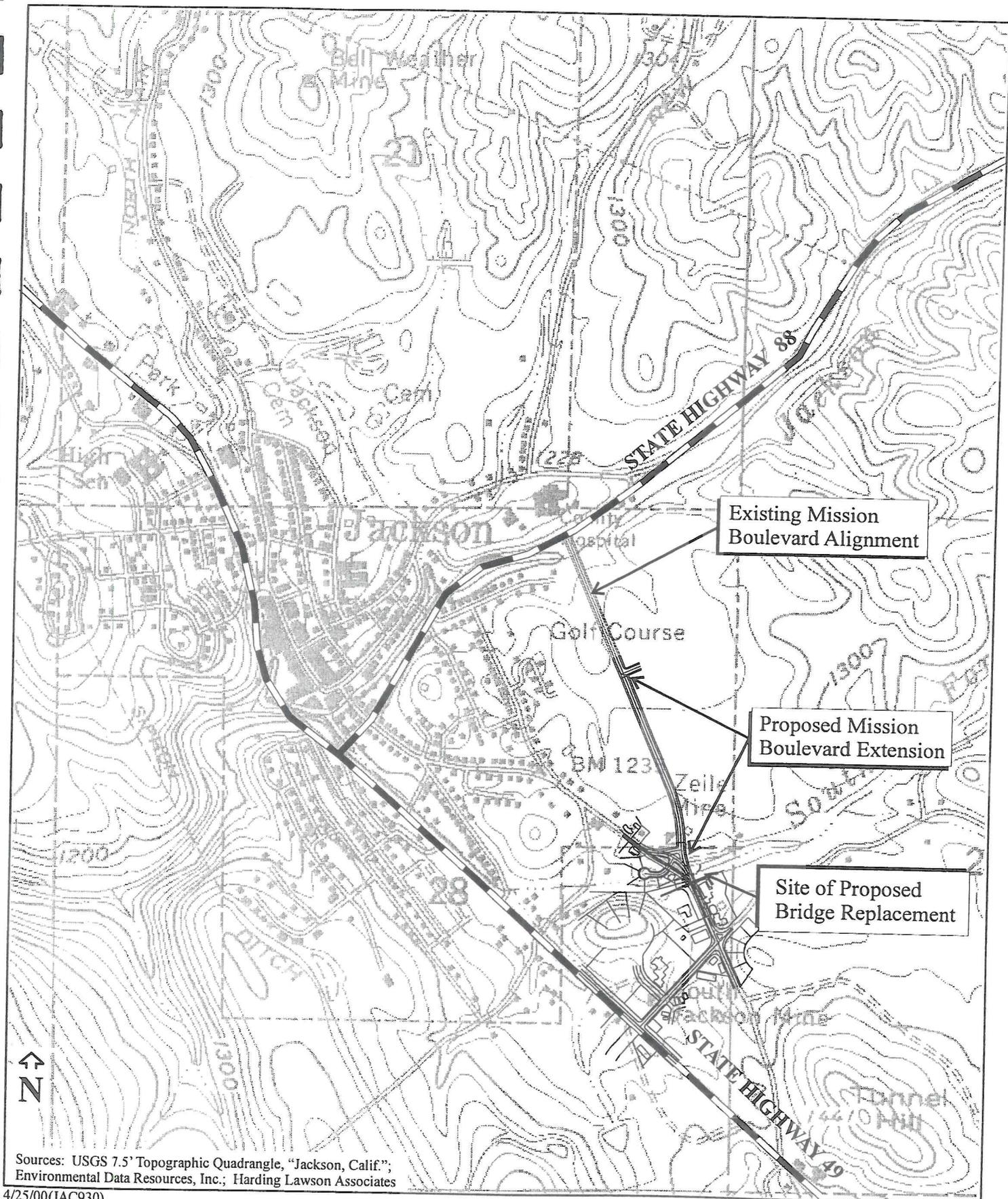


Figure 1.2  
 Project Vicinity  
 Mission Boulevard Extension/  
 Broadway Street Bridge Replacement  
 EA 10-955415L



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