

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: June 27-28, 2012

Reference No.: 2.2c. (6)
Action



From: BIMLA G. RHINEHART
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE NICOLAUS ROAD WIDENING
PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-12-39)**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Nicolaus Road Widening Project (project) in Placer County 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 Lincoln (City) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. On May 31, 2012 the City adopted the MND and found that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation.

The project is located in the City of Lincoln in Placer County. The project will upgrade a one mile section of Nicolaus Road.

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, hazards and hazardous materials, and noise. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to, preparing and implementing a Construction Emissions and Dust Control Program; installing exclusion fencing adjacent to sensitive areas and implementing sensitive area impact minimization measures; ensuring a qualified biologist conducts preconstruction surveys; and limiting construction to daytime hours.

On April 25, 2012 the City confirmed that the preferred alternative set forth in the final environmental document is consistent with the project scope of work programmed by the Commission.

The project is estimated to cost \$1,694,000 and is programmed with SLPP (\$758,000) funds and Local (\$936,000) funds. Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2012/13.

Attachment

- Resolution E-12-39
- Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 03 – Placer County Resolution E-12-39

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Lincoln (City) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - Nicolaus Road Widening Project
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the City 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 will upgrade a one mile section of Nicolaus Road in the City of Lincoln, Placer County; 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 City found that all significant or potentially significant impacts can be reduced by mitigation measures to a less than significant level; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, the City adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.7 **WHEREAS**, the City adopted a Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program for the project.
- 2.1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration and approve the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.

