

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: May 7, 2013

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Action Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR ROUTE ADOPTION**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-13-44.

ISSUE:

06-Fre-180, PM R3.5/R54.2 **RESOLUTION E-13-44**

The attached resolution proposes to approve a route adoption for the following project for which a Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) has been completed:

- State Route 180 (SR-180) in Fresno County. Provide a corridor for future transportation projects to extend SR-180 in and near the cities of Fresno, Kerman, Mendota, and Firebaugh. (PPNO T0930)

This project in Fresno County is a study to identify the most appropriate location for a four-lane expressway for State Route 180 to connect the cities of Fresno, Kerman, Mendota, and Firebaugh, and the unincorporated community of Rolinda. The project is programmed in the Traffic Congestion Relief Program. The project will need an approval for a route adoption from the Commission. The study requires environmental funding only, and the total estimated cost is \$7,000,000. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope programmed in the Traffic Congestion Relief Program.

A copy of the FEIR has been provided to Commission staff. The proposed route adoption in addition to anticipated future projects within the corridor may impact the following resource areas: community impacts including relocations, farmland, cultural resources, hydrology and water quality, biological resources, 4(f) resources, hazardous waste, air quality, and noise. Avoidance and minimization measures would be proposed as part of the environmental compliance for future projects proposed within the corridor. As a result, a FEIR was completed for this project.

Attachments

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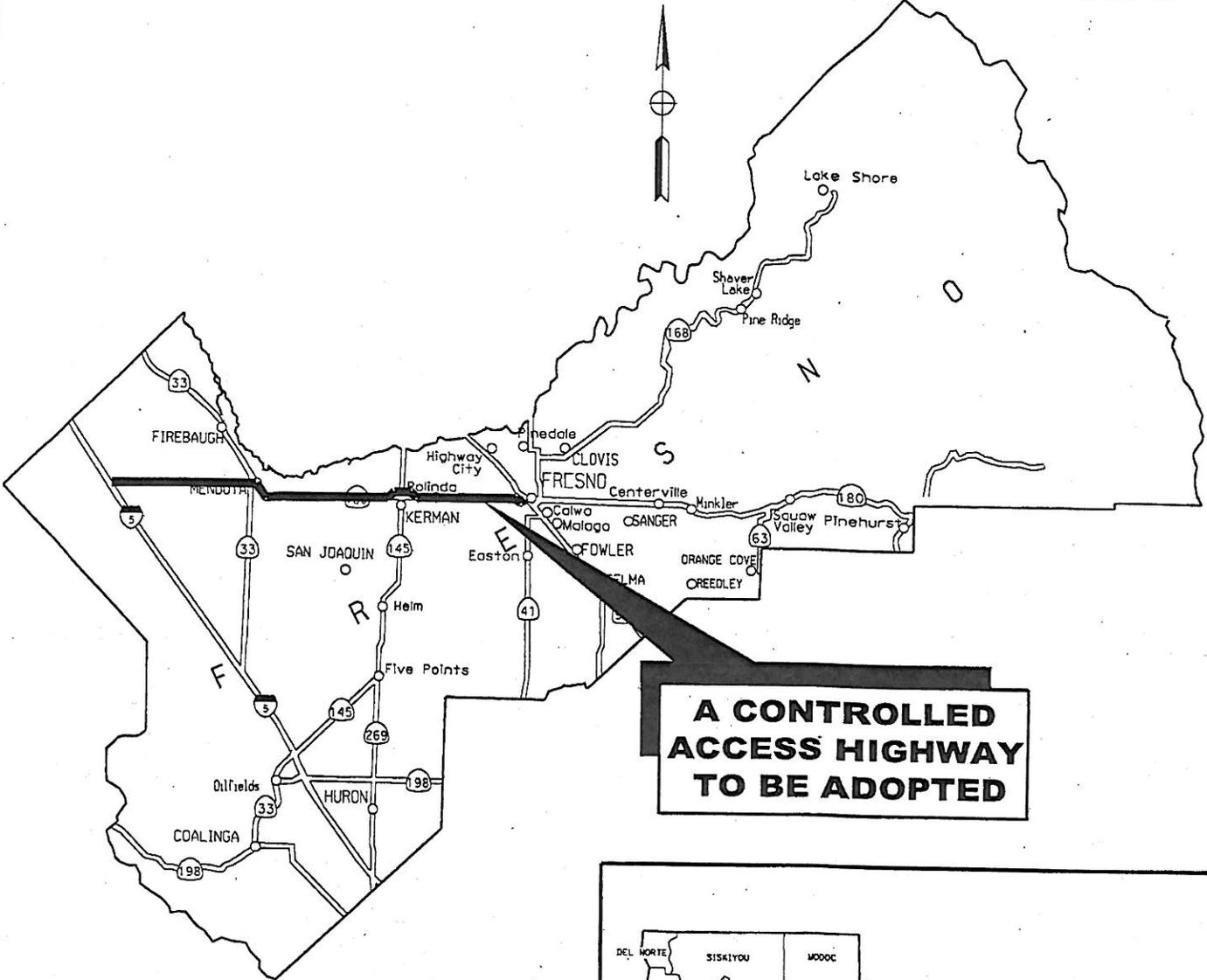
Resolution for Route Adoption

06-Fre-180, PM R3.5/R54.2

Resolution E-13-44

- 1.1** **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed an Environmental Impact Report pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- State Route 180 (SR-180) in Fresno County. Route adoption to provide a corridor for future transportation projects in and near the city of Fresno. (PPNO T0930)
- 1.2** **WHEREAS**, the Department has certified that the Environmental Impact Report has been completed pursuant to 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 Environmental Impact Report.
- 2.1** **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby support approval of the above referenced project to allow for consideration of funding.

VICINITY MAP



**A CONTROLLED
ACCESS HIGHWAY
TO BE ADOPTED**

**A FREEWAY
ROUTE ADOPTION**

**STATE ROUTE 180
06-FRE-180**

LOCATION MAP

