

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: June 11, 2013

Reference No.: 2.2c. (6)
Action

From: ANDRE BOUTROS
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE 25TH STREET EAST ALIGNMENT
PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-13-51)**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the 25th Street East Alignment Project (project) in Los Angeles 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 Lancaster (City) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. On November 20, 2012 the City adopted the final MND and found that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation.

The project is located in Los Angeles County on 25th Street East in the City of Lancaster. The proposed project will widen 25th Street East at Avenue J and Lancaster Boulevard to create uniform lanes, eliminate offsets at each intersection, conduct utilities relocation and construct drainage improvements.

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to Biological Resources. The County determined that mitigation measures will reduce the potential impacts to less than significant levels. Mitigation includes preconstruction surveys for burrowing owls on undeveloped areas within the project site, 30 days prior to the start of construction/ground disturbing activities.

On April 11, 2013 the City provided written confirmation that the preferred alternative set forth in the final environmental document is consistent with the project programmed by the Commission.

The project is fully funded through construction and is estimated to cost \$722,052. The project is funded with SLPP (\$361,026) and Local funds (\$361,026). Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2013/14.

Attachment

- Resolution E-13-51
- Project Location

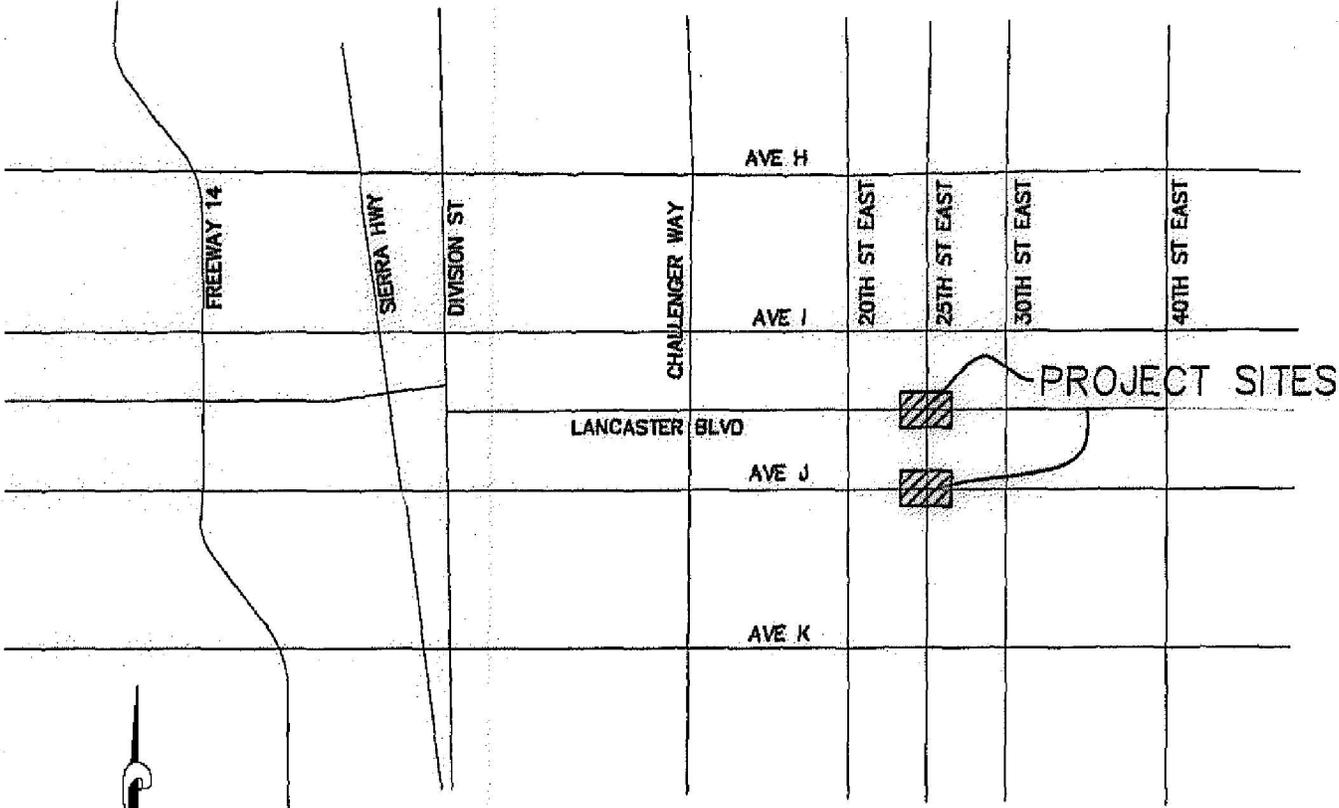
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 07 – Los Angeles County Resolution E-13-51

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Lancaster (City) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - 25th Street East Alignment 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 proposed project will widen 25th Street East at Avenue J and Lancaster Boulevard to create uniform lanes, eliminate offsets at each intersection, conduct utilities relocation and construct drainage improvements; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.5 **WHEREAS**, the City found that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, the City approved the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration.
- 2.1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby accept the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration and approve the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.

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25TH STREET EAST ALIGNMENT AT AVENUE J AND LANCASTER BOULEVARD



SCALE: NONE

VICINITY MAP