

Memorandum

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To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: May 18-19, 2016

Reference No.: 2.2c (5)
Action

From: SUSAN BRANSEN
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE ORANGE TRANSPORTATION
CENTER/METROLINK PARKING STRUCTURE PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-16-29)**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Orange Transportation Center/Metrolink Parking Structure Project (Project) in Orange County and approve the project for future consideration of funding?

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Commission accept the MND and approve the project for future consideration of funding.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Orange (City) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. The project will construct a 600 stall parking structure to meet present and future parking demand at the Orange Transportation Center, providing Metrolink rail and bus service.

On January 12, 2016, the City adopted the final MND for the project and found that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation.

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to less than significant levels relate to biological resources, traffic, cultural resources and noise abatement. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to: requires pre-construction surveys regarding nesting bird species, assessment of pre-construction and post-construction vibration-related damage and the installation of a traffic signal at Gassell and Palm Avenues for traffic management.

On March 29, 2016, the City of Orange confirmed that the preferred alternative set forth in the final environmental document is consistent with the project scope of work and programming by the Commission.

The project is estimated to cost \$27,257,000 and is fully funded through construction with State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Funds (\$13,762,000), Congestion Mitigation and

Air Quality (CMAQ) Funds (\$2,938,000), Measure M Funds (\$1,850,000) and Local Funds (\$8,707,000). Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2015/16.

Attachments

- Resolution E-16-29
- Project Location

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- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Orange has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - Orange Transportation Center/Metrolink Parking Structure
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the City of Orange has certified that the Mitigated Negative Declaration has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines; and
- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, the project will construct a 600 stall parking structure to meet present and future parking demand at the Orange Transportation Center, providing Metrolink rail and bus service; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the project is located at 130 North Lemon Street; and
- 1.5 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, the City of Orange Council found that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation; and
- 1.7 **WHEREAS**, the City of Orange Council approved the Mitigated Negative Declaration.
- 2.1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration and approves the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.