

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: February 22-23, 2012

Reference No.: 2.2c.(1)
Action Item

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Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING**
12-ORA-5, PM 3.0/8.7
RESOLUTION E-12-06

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-12-06.

ISSUE:

The attached resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding the following project for which a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been completed:

- Route 5 in Orange County. Construct roadway improvements including a High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane and auxiliary lanes on Route 5 in the cities of San Clemente, Dana Point and San Juan Capistrano.

This project in Orange County will widen Interstate 5; adding one HOV lane in each direction and re-establishing and constructing auxiliary lanes between Avenida Pico and San Juan Creek Road; in the cities of San Clemente, Dana Point, and San Juan Capistrano. The project is not fully funded, however, the project is entirely funded through the environmental, planning, design, and right of way phases with federal and local dollars. The total estimated project cost is \$275,000,000 for capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2012-13.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will mitigate potential impacts to biological resources, aesthetics, noise, and water quality to a less than significant level. Proposed mitigation measures include pre-construction surveys for rare and endangered species, establishment of fenced Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA), incorporation of sound control features in final project design, landscaping, and adherence to Best Management Practices (BMP) for erosion and water quality. As a result, an MND was completed for this project.

Attachments

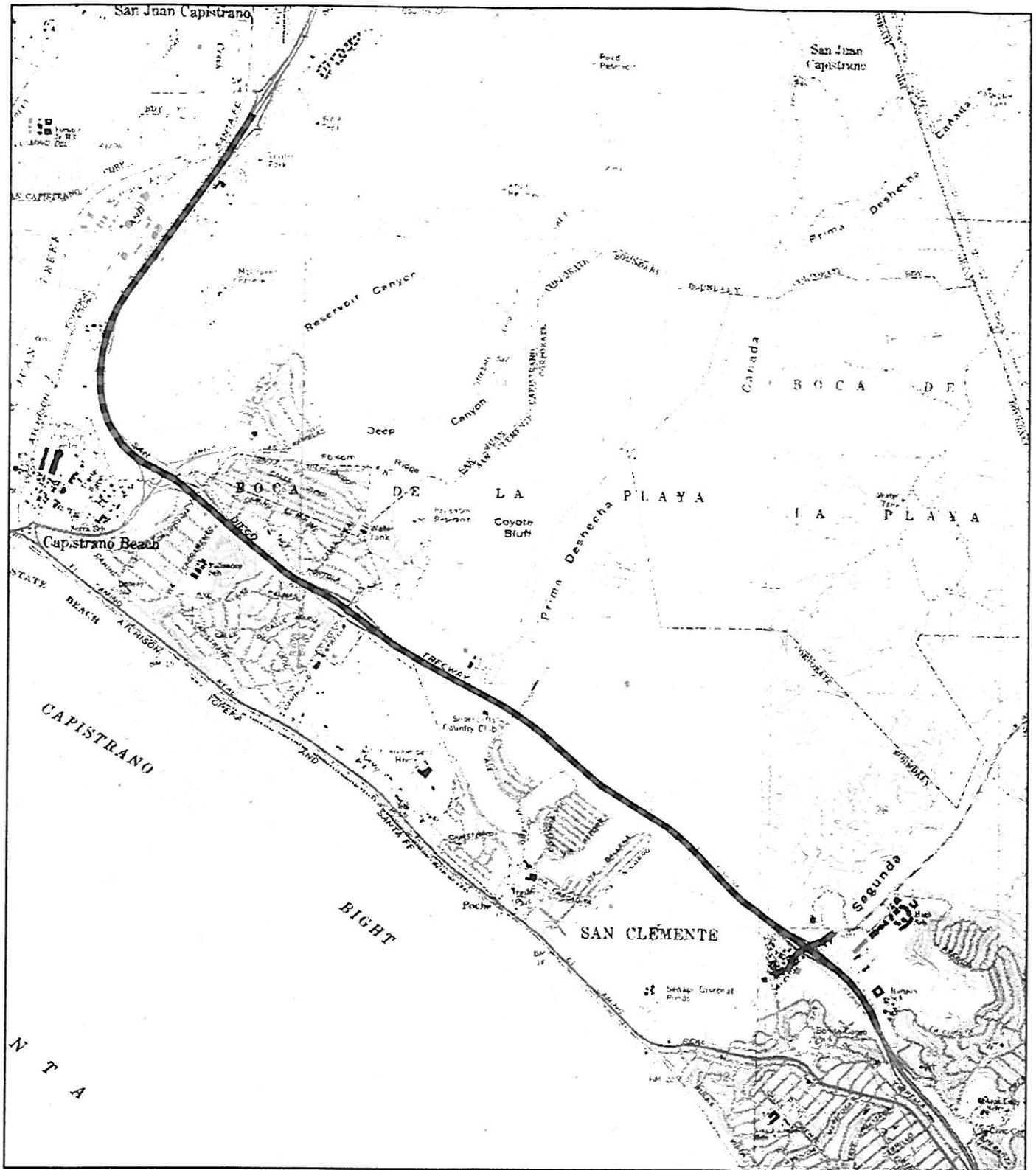
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Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding

12-ORA-5, PM 3.0/8.7

Resolution E-12-06

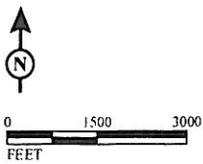
- 1.1** **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- Route 5 in Orange County. Construct roadway improvements including a HOV Lane and auxiliary lanes on Route 5 in the cities of San Clemente, Dana Point and San Juan Capistrano.
- 1.2** **WHEREAS**, the Department 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 California Transportation Commission, as a responsible agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.4** **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.



LEGEND

— Project Location

FIGURE I-2



I-5 HOV Lane Extension Project
Project Location

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