

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: June 27-28, 2012

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Action


From: BIMLA G. RHINEHART
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE COASTAL RAIL TRAIL-OCEANSIDE
2B PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-12-40)**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and Addendum for the Coastal Rail Trail-Oceanside 2B Project (project) in San Diego County and approve the project for future consideration of funding?

RECOMMENDATION:

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

BACKGROUND:

San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. On May 4, 2012 SANDAG adopted the MND and Addendum and found that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation. SANDAG adopted the prior Final MND that was originally prepared and approved by the City of Carlsbad who at the time was the Lead Agency. The prior MND addressed 24-miles of Coastal Rail Trail (CRT) from Oceanside to Del Mar. SANDAG is now the Lead Agency carrying out the design and construction of the CRT-Oceanside 2B project. Therefore, SANDAG adopted the prior MND and an Addendum in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

The project is located in the City of Oceanside in San Diego County. The project will construct a Class I bike path on the Coastal Rail Trail. The project will also include a paved bike surface, striping, lighting, drainage, grading, fencing and modifying two street medians.

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to aesthetics, cultural resources, and hazards and hazardous waste. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to, each city addressing wall color, materials, style, and associated landscaping to

ensure it is consistent with the Coastal Rail Trail Project Study Report, and any public art opportunities; provide clear signage for trail users to help reduce potential public safety impacts; and monitoring any grubbing and/or earthmoving activities in conjunction with construction of the trail by a qualified archaeologist.

On April 27, 2012 SANDAG 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 \$1,848,000 and is programmed with State (\$1,517,000) funds and Local (\$331,000) funds. Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2012/13.

Attachment

- Resolution E-12-40
- Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 11 – San Diego County Resolution E-12-40

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - Coastal Rail Trail-Oceanside 2B Project
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, SANDAG 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 construct a Class I bike path on the Coastal Rail Trail, in the City of Oceanside, San Diego 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**, SANDAG found that all significant or potentially significant impacts can be reduced by mitigation measures to a less than significant level; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, SANDAG adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.7 **WHEREAS**, SANDAG 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.



Project Vicinity Map

Figure 2