

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: December 10, 2014

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 BUTTE REGIONAL TRANSIT  
OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FACILITY PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-14-65)**

**ISSUE:**

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Butte Regional Transit Operations and Maintenance Facility Project (project) in Sacramento County and approve the project for future consideration of funding?

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**BACKGROUND:**

The Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. The project is located at the southwest corner of Huss Lane and Aztec Lane in the City of Chico in Butte County. The project will expand the BCAG regional transit (B-Line) Operations and Maintenance Facility. The project includes remodeling of the existing facility, construction of new transit maintenance facilities, bus equipment and storage yard, an associated operations building, and BCAG administrative office space. The project will also construct parking, drainage and utility improvements, as well as street and intersection improvements including an extension of Aztec Road.

On February 28, 2013 BCAG adopted the final MND for the project and found that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation. On April 16, 2013 the Federal Transit Administration determined that this project is categorically excluded from NEPA pursuant to 23 CFR 771.118 (a) and (d).

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology & Soils, and Hydrology & Water Quality. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to: best management practices to minimize

construction and operational air quality impacts; avoidance and other measures to minimize impacts to the Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle, migratory birds and raptors, the Swainson's Hawk, the Western Burrowing Owl, the Giant Garter Snake, the Western Red Bat and measures to minimize the spread of invasive plant species; monitoring efforts for archaeological and paleontological artifacts during construction including measures to address the inadvertent discovery of cultural or paleontological resources; and implementation of erosion control and stormwater pollution prevention measures.

On November 3, 2014 BCAG 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 approximately \$30,670,581 and is fully funded through construction with STIP (\$2,000,000), other State (\$8,670,581), Federal (\$19,800,000), and Local (\$200,000) funding. The project scheduled to be completed during fiscal year 2015/16.

**Attachments**

- Resolution E-14-65
- Project Location

**CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

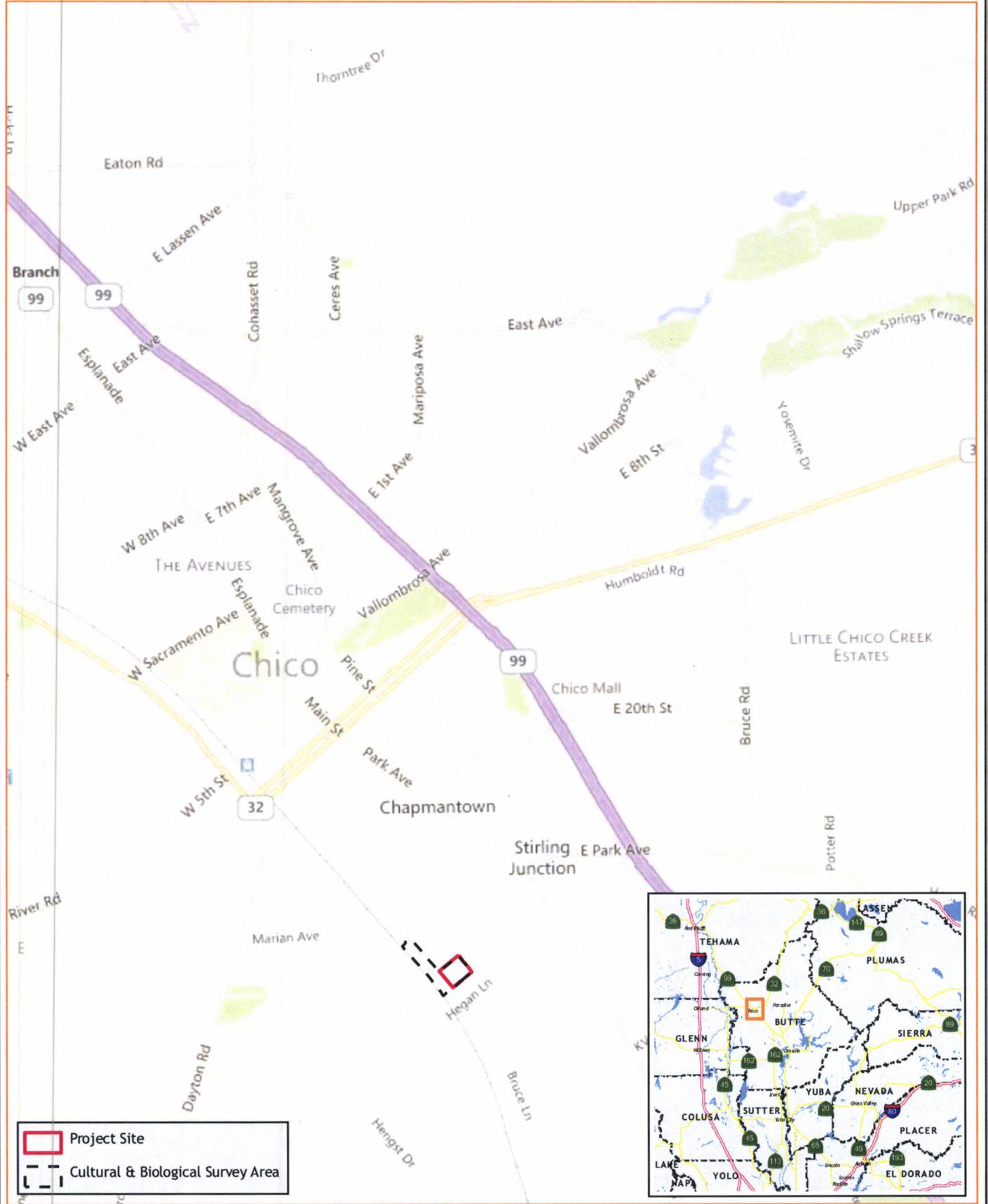
**Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding  
03 – Butte County  
Resolution E-14-65**



- 1.1 WHEREAS**, the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- Butte Regional Transit Operations and Maintenance Project
- 1.2 WHEREAS**, BCAG 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 expand the BCAG regional transit (B-Line) Operations and Maintenance Facility. The project includes remodeling of the existing facility, construction of new transit maintenance facilities, bus equipment and storage yard, an associated operations building, and BCAG administrative office space. The project will also construct parking, drainage and utility improvements, as well as street and intersection improvements including an extension of Aztec Road; 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**, BCAG found that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment; and
- 1.6 WHEREAS**, BCAG 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.

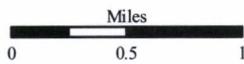
**BCAG Transit Facility**

**Location**



 Project Site  
 Cultural & Biological Survey Area

 Within Section 1 of T21N, R1E Butte County, CA. Chico USGS 7.5' Quad. Map Date: 10/17/2011



**Figure 1**

**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION**

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

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Attn: Laura Pennebaker  
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**Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code.**

Butte Regional Transit Operations and Maintenance Facility Project  
**Project Title**

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<b>State Clearinghouse Number</b>	<b>Lead Agency Contact Person</b>	<b>Area Code/Telephone</b>

**Project Location** (include county): The project is located at the southwest corner of Huss Lane and Aztec Lane in the City of Chico in Butte County.

**Project Description:** The project will expand the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) regional transit (B-Line) Operations and Maintenance Facility. The project includes remodeling of the existing facility, construction of new transit maintenance facilities, bus equipment and storage yard, an associated operations building, and BCAG administrative office space. The project will also construct parking, drainage and utility improvements, as well as street and intersection improvements including an extension of Aztec Road.

This is to advise that the California Transportation Commission has approved the above described project on ( Lead Agency/  Responsible Agency)

December 10, 2014 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project (  will/  will not) have a significant effect on the environment.
2.  An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.  A Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum were prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures (  were/  were not) made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. Mitigation reporting or monitoring plan (  was /  was not) adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations (  was /  was not) adopted for this project.
6. Findings (  were/  were not) made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The above identified document with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at: BCAG, 2580 Sierra Sunrise Terrace, Suite 100 Chico, CA 95928

  
ANDRE BOUTROS  
Signature (Public Agency)

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