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To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: January 22, 2015

Reference No.: 2.2c (5)
Action

From: WILL KEMPTON
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE NAPA VALLEY VINE TRAIL OAK KNOLL DISTRICT PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-15-06)**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Napa Valley Vine Trail Oak Knoll District Project (project) in Napa 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 Napa County Transportation & Planning Agency (NCTPA) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. The project is located west of State Route 29 between the Napa Valley Wine Train Right-of-Way and Solano Avenue from Redwood Road in the City of Napa and California Drive in the Town of Yountville in Napa County. The project will construct a new six mile section of the Napa Valley Vine Trail - the Oak Knoll District which will connect two existing segments of the Napa Valley Vine Trail – the Napa Commuter Bike Path and The Yountville Mile. The Napa Valley Vine Trail Oak Knoll District will include construction of an asphalt concrete Class I bicycle/pedestrian path as well as the installation of two new bridges over manmade drainage channels, modifications to the existing Solano Avenue bridge to span Dry Creek, installation of ADA compliance curb ramps, two traffic signals, stop signs, fencing, and pavement markings.

On January 21, 2015 NCTPA adopted the final MND for the project and found that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation. On August 19, 2014 Caltrans determined that this project is categorically excluded from NEPA pursuant to 23 CFR 771.117(c)(3).

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Hazards, Noise, and Recreation.

Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to: measures to reduce and control dust and emissions during construction, pre-construction surveys and measures to avoid and minimize impacts to various plant species including Creeping Rye Grass and animal species such as Steelhead, the Western Pond Turtle, various bat species, the Cliff Swallow and other nesting birds, compensatory tree mitigation and design measures to avoid tree removal, measures to address the inadvertent discovery of cultural or paleontological resources, pre-construction site investigation for hazardous materials and measures to address the discovery of hazardous substances, and preparation and implementation of a Noise Control Plan.

On January 21, 2015 NCTPA 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 $7,727,750 and is funded with Federal ($2,711,000), Local ($230,000), Active Transportation Program ($3,600,000) and Other ($1,186,750) funds. Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2014/15.

Attachments
- Resolution E-15-06
- Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding
04 – Napa County
Resolution E-15-06

1.1 **WHEREAS,** the Napa County Transportation & Planning Agency (NCTPA) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:

- Napa Valley Vine Trail Oak Knoll District Project

1.2 **WHEREAS,** NCTPA has certified that the Mitigated Negative Declaration has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines for its implementation; and

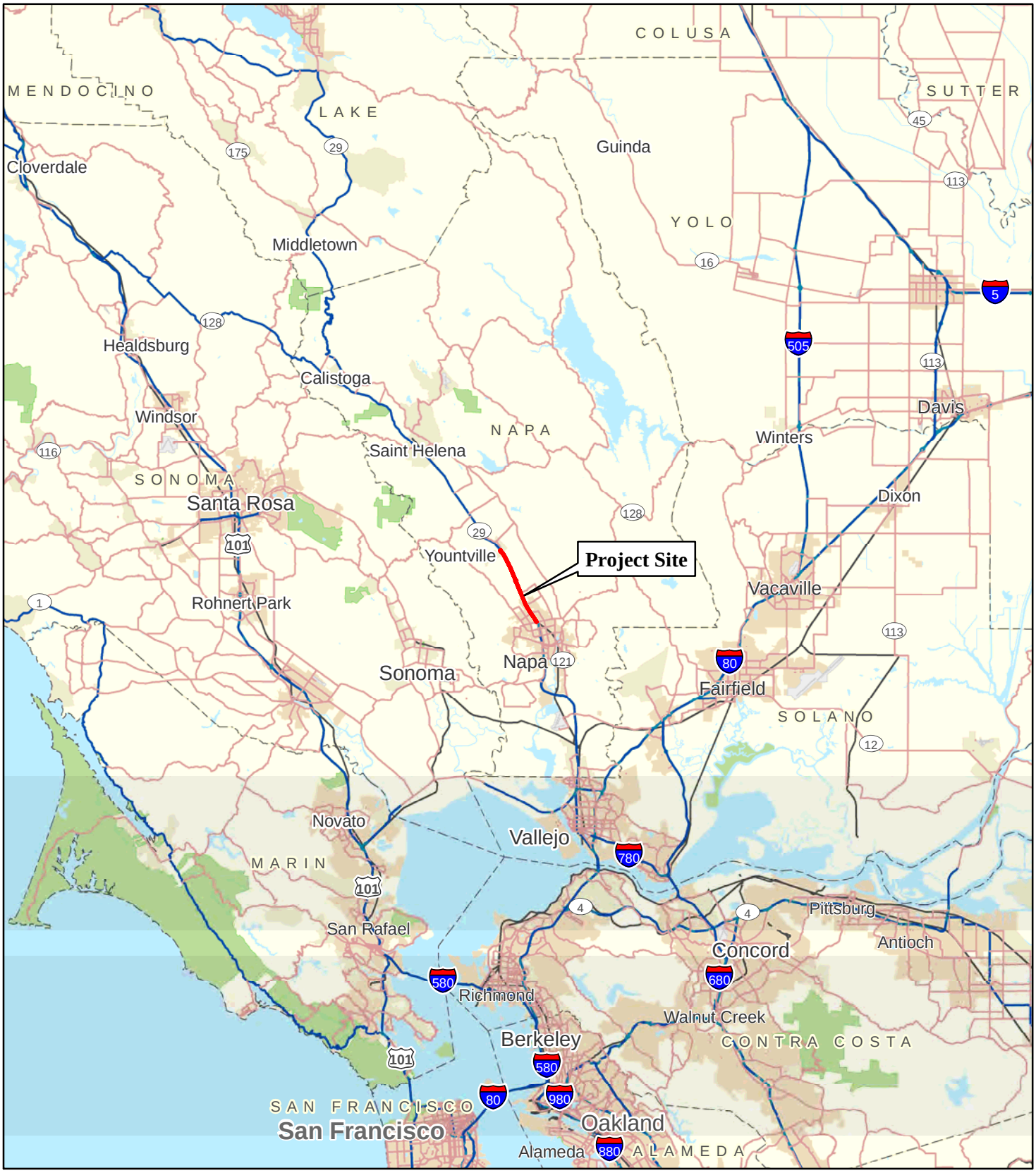
1.3 **WHEREAS,** the project will construct a new six mile section of the Napa Valley Vine Trail - the Oak Knoll District which will connect two existing segments of the Napa Valley Vine Trail – the Napa Commuter Bike Path and The Yountville Mile. The Napa Valley Vine Trail Oak Knoll District will include construction of an asphalt concrete Class I bicycle/pedestrian path as well as the installation of two new bridges over manmade drainage channels, modifications to the existing Solano Avenue bridge to span Dry Creek, installation of ADA compliance curb ramps, two traffic signals, stop signs, fencing, and pavement markings; 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,** NCTPA found that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment; and

1.6 **WHEREAS,** NCTPA 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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Napa Valley Vine Trail Project
Napa County, California

Regional Location