

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: October 21-22, 2015

Reference No.: 2.2c (4)
Action

From: WILL KEMPTON
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PERRIS VALLEY STORM CHANNEL
TRAIL PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-15-59)**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Perris Valley Storm Channel Trail Project (project) in Riverside 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 City of Perris (City) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. The project will replace an existing decomposed granite and dirt maintenance road along the Perris Valley Storm Channel with a 10-foot wide asphalt pathway for bicycling and a five-foot wide decomposed granite pathway for pedestrian use.

On July 28, 2015, the City of Perris Development Services Department approved 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 a less than significant level relate to biological resources and noise. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to: design the trail alignment to avoid disturbance of occupied burrowing owls; conduct preconstruction surveys by qualified biologists; remove vegetation and conduct initial ground activities outside the typical bird breeding season; operate diesel equipment with closed engine doors and with factory recommended mufflers; install temporary noise barriers in construction areas; notify residents of construction activities 24 hours in advance.

On August 28, 2015, the City 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 \$3,827,141 and is fully funded through construction with Local Funds (\$2,626,029) and ATP Funds (\$1,201,112). Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2015/16.

Attachments

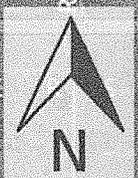
- Resolution E-15-59
- Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 08 – Riverside County Resolution E-15-59

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Perris has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- Perris Valley Storm Channel Trail Project
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the City of Perris 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 replace an existing decomposed granite and dirt maintenance road along the Perris Valley Storm Channel with a 10-foot wide asphalt pathway for bicycling and a five-foot wide decomposed granite pathway for pedestrian use; 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**, the City of Perris found that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, the City of Perris 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 approves the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.

City of Perris Perris Valley Storm Drain Channel Trail Vicinity Map



Project Location

SCALE
5000 feet 1 km

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