

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: May 7, 2013

Reference No.: 2.2c. (3)
Action

From: ANDRE BOUTROS
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE NELSON LANE BRIDGE
REPLACEMENT AND ROADWAY WIDENING PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-13-22)**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Nelson Lane Bridge Replacement and Roadway Widening Project (project) in Placer 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 Lincoln (City) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. On March 12, 2013 the City adopted the final MND and found that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation. A NEPA categorical exclusion for this project is in process and is expected on or around May 1, 2013.

The project is located in unincorporated Placer County and within the City of Lincoln Sphere of Influence. The project is located on Nelson Lane between Nicolaus Road and State Route (SR) 65. The project proposes to 1.) replace the existing narrow two-lane bridge with two (2), two-lane bridges, 2.) raise the roadway and bridge profile to accommodate the design flood event with required freeboard, 3.) construct a new two-lane northbound roadway, 4.) reconstruct the existing two-lane roadway to create a new southbound two-lane roadway, 5.) bifurcate the northbound and southbound roadways and construct a median bioswale, and 6.) provide turning lanes at Rockwell Lane and Nicolaus Road.

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to Air Quality and Biological Resources. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to: preparation and implementation of a Dust and Emissions Control Program, pre-construction environmental

awareness training, installation of exclusionary fencing and implementation of minimization measures to protect special-status species and sensitive habitat; avoidance, minimization and compensatory mitigation for impacts to vernal pools and wetlands; avoidance and minimization efforts associated with special status plant species; avoidance and minimization efforts associated with special status avian species, migratory birds, and raptors including the Burrowing Owl, Swainson's Hawk, Northern Harrier and White-Tailed Kite; avoidance and minimization measures to preserve oak trees including protective fencing, relocation and replanting; measures to address the proper handling of inadvertent discovery of cultural resources if discovered and/or human remains if discovered; preparation and implementation of a fire control plan; implementation of construction noise control measures such as restricting construction hours to minimize noise disturbance, and utilizing construction equipment furnished with noise control devices.

On March 21, 2013, 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 fully funded through construction and is estimated to cost \$10,705,125. The project is funded with Federal (\$8,287,179), SLPP (\$600,000) and Local (\$1,817,946) funds. Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2013/14.

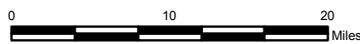
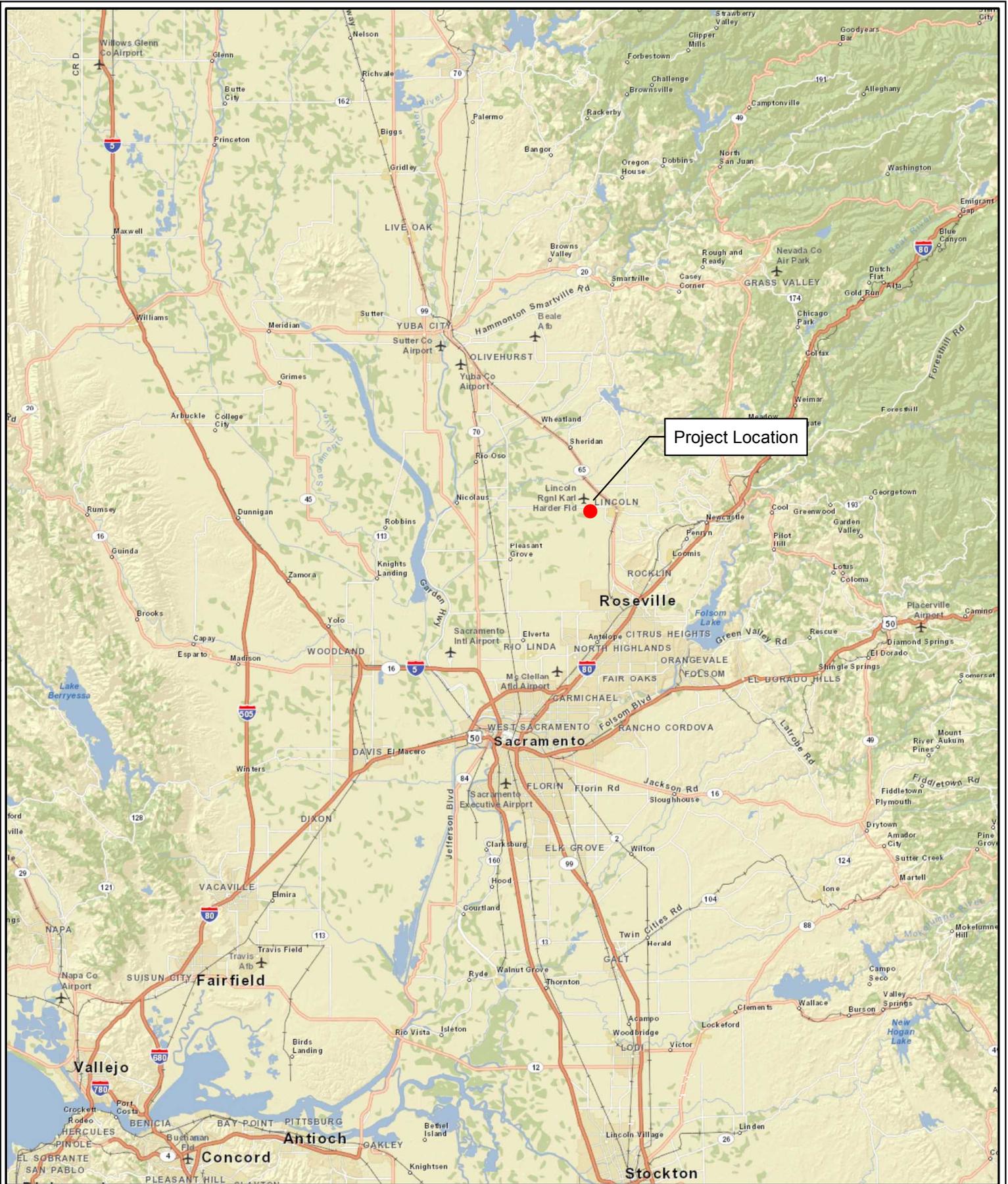
Attachment

- Resolution E-13-22
- Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 03 – Placer County Resolution E-13-22

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Lincoln (City) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- Nelson Lane Bridge Replacement and Roadway Widening Project
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the City 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 proposes to 1.) replace the existing narrow two-lane bridge with two (2), two-lane bridges, 2.) raise the roadway and bridge profile, 3.) construct a new two-lane northbound roadway, 4.) reconstruct the existing two-lane roadway to create a new southbound two-lane roadway, 5.) bifurcate the northbound and southbound roadways and construct a median bioswale, and 6.) provide turning lanes at Rockwell Lane and Nicolaus 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**, the City found that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, the City 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.



Projection: UTM Zone 10
Datum: NAD 83

Date: 11/05/12



Nelson Lane Bridge Replacement Project

Figure 1.1-1
Project Vicinity Map