

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: May 23-24, 2012

Reference No.: 2.2c. (5)
Action



From: BIMLA G. RHINEHART
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE CALABASAS ROAD
IMPROVEMENTS-BRADFORD ROAD TO BUENA VISTA DRIVE PROJECT
(RESOLUTION E-12-30)**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Calabasas Road Improvements-Bradford Road to Buena Vista Drive Project (project) in Santa Cruz 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 Watsonville (City) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. On June 3, 2005 the City adopted the MND and found that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation.

The project is located in the City of Watsonville in Santa Cruz County. The project will construct a storm drain outfall pipe, headwall, and 130 linear feet of grading of an existing drainage ditch of the City of Watsonville Airport Property.

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to biological resources, hydrology/water quality, and hazardous waste. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to, conducting a pre-construction survey in late June-early July, concurrent with the blooming of the Santa Cruz tarplant and prior to site work; complying with the City of Watsonville's Storm Water Development and Land Standards; clearly delineating project limits to prevent potential impacts for work on the drainage swell; and thoroughly rinsing all seeding equipment at least three times offsite prior to commencement of seeding work.

On April 9, 2012 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 \$1,911,914 and is programmed with State (\$1,050,000) funds, Federal (\$550,000) funds, and Local (\$622.927) funds. Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2012/13.

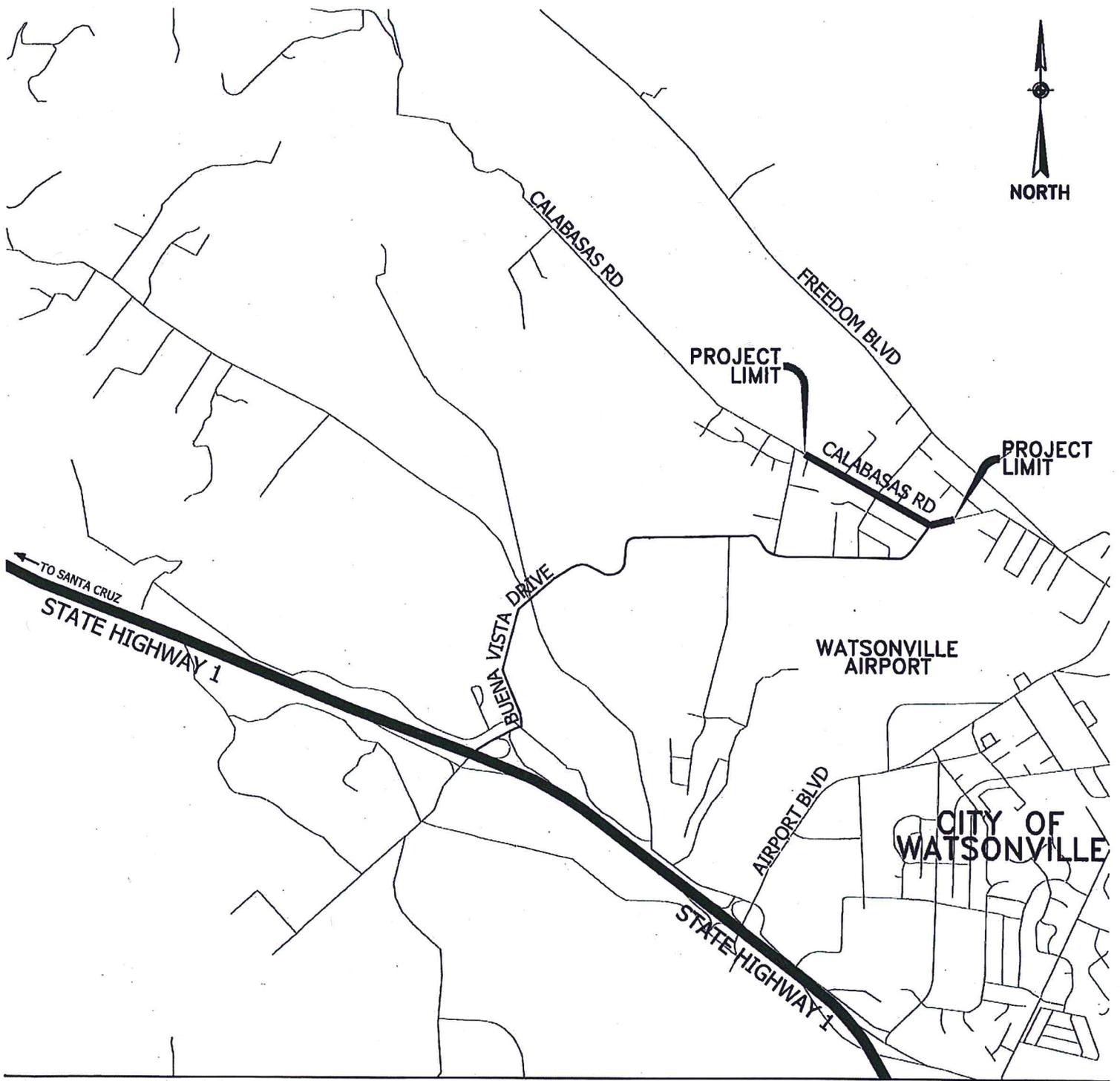
Attachment

- Resolution E-12-30
- Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 05 – Santa Cruz County Resolution E-12-30

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Watsonville (City) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - Calabasas Road Improvements-Bradford Road to Buena Vista Drive 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 will construct a storm drain outfall pipe, headwall, and grading of existing drainage ditch in the City of Watsonville, Santa Cruz 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**, the City found that all significant or potentially significant impacts can be reduced by mitigation measures to a less than significant level; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, the City adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.7 **WHEREAS**, the City 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.



Directions:

From Ocean Street in Santa Cruz,
Travel South on State Highway 1 approx. 12.8 miles
Take the Buena Vista Drive Exit and turn left onto Buena Vista Drive,
Continue on Buena Vista Drive approx. 1.9 miles,
Turn left onto Calabasas Road.

Vicinity Map

Scale: 1" = 2000'