

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: August 22, 2012

Reference No.: 2.2c.(2)
Action Item

From: NORMA ORTEGA
Chief Financial Officer

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Environmental Analysis

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolutions E-12-52, E-12-53, E-12-54, and E-12-60.

ISSUE:

06-KER-14, PM 39.8/40.3 **RESOLUTION E-12-52**

The attached resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding the following project for which a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been completed:

- State Route 14 (SR-14) in Kern County. Replace existing bridge on SR 14 near the town of Cantil. (PPNO 6330)

This project in Kern County will remove and replace the existing Red Rock Canyon Bridge (Bridge Number 50-0178) on SR-14 within Red Rock Canyon State Park. The project is programmed in the 2012 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP). The total estimated cost is \$19,485,000 for capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2013-14. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope programmed by the Commission in the 2012 SHOPP.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will mitigate potential impacts to biological and aesthetic resources to a less than significant level. Proposed mitigation measures include protective fencing and best management practices for the desert tortoise, a special status species. Color and texture features incorporated into the final design will mitigate aesthetic issues. As a result, a MND was completed for this project.

Attachment 1

ISSUE:

07-LA-47, PM 0.0/0.72, 07-LA-110, PM 0.92/2.02
RESOLUTION E-12-53

The attached resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding the following project for which a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been completed:

- State Route 47 (SR-47) and Interstate 110 (I-110) in Los Angeles County. Roadway improvements including ramp and connector replacements on a portion of I-110 in the city of Los Angeles. (PPNO TC19)

This project in Los Angeles County will widen the SR-47/I-110 connector from one to two lanes, extend the additional through lane on the northbound I-110 past the John S. Gibson Boulevard off-ramp, modify the northbound ramps at the I-110/John S. Gibson Boulevard interchange, and improve the intersection of John S. Gibson Boulevard and the northbound I-110 ramps. The project is programmed in the Trade Corridor Improvement Fund. The total estimated cost is \$39,068,000 for capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2012-13. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope programmed in the Trade Corridor Improvement Fund.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will result in no significant impacts to the environment. Avoidance and minimization measures would reduce any potential effects on land use, community character and cohesion, utilities and public services, traffic and transportation, visual resources, cultural resources, biological resources, noise, hazardous materials, paleontological resources, and air quality. As a result, a MND was completed for this project.

Attachment 2

ISSUE:

07-LA-110, PM 2.5/3.0
RESOLUTION E-12-54

The attached resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding the following project for which a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been completed:

- Interstate 110 (I-110) in Los Angeles County. Roadway improvements including interchange reconfigurations on I-110 and C Street in the city of Los Angeles. (PPNO TC20)

This project in Los Angeles County will construct a northbound off-ramp for access to Harry Bridges Boulevard, modify the northbound on-ramp from C Street, realign Harry Bridges Boulevard, and combine the I-110 ramp terminal/C Street/Figueroa Street intersection with the John S. Gibson Boulevard/Harry Bridges Boulevard intersection. The project is programmed in the Trade Corridor Improvement Fund. The total estimated cost

is \$34,176,000 for capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2012-13. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope programmed in the Trade Corridor Improvement Fund.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will result in no significant impacts to the environment. Avoidance and minimization measures would reduce any potential effects on community resources, traffic, and emergency services through extensive public outreach and education programs and the preparation of traffic management plans. As a result, a MND was completed for this project.

Attachment 3

ISSUE:

10-STA-99, PM 21.0/22.4
RESOLUTION E-12-60

The attached resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding the following project for which a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been completed:

- State Route 99 (SR-99) in Stanislaus County. Roadway Improvements including the reconstruction of an existing interchange on a portion of SR-99 in the city of Modesto. (PPNO 9460)

This project in Stanislaus County will reconstruct the SR-99/Pelandale Avenue Interchange in the city of Modesto. The project is not fully funded. The project is programmed in the 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program for Right of Way only. The project is anticipated to be programmed with SR-99 bond program savings for Construction and Construction Support. The total estimated cost is \$57,356,000 for capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2012-13. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope programmed in the 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program.

A copy of the MND has been provided to Commission staff. The project will result in no significant impacts to the environment. Avoidance and minimization measures would reduce any potential effects on noise and paleontological resources. These measures include noise abatement along SR-99 south of Pelandale Avenue and the preparation of a paleontological Mitigation Plan. As a result, a MND was completed for this project.

Attachment 4

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding

06-KER-14, PM 39.8/40.3

Resolution E-12-52

- 1.1** **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- State Route 14 (SR-14) in Kern County. Replace existing bridge on SR-14 near the town of Cantil. (PPNO 6330)
- 1.2** **WHEREAS**, The Department 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 California Transportation Commission, as a responsible agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.4** **WHEREAS**, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2.1** **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby approve the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.

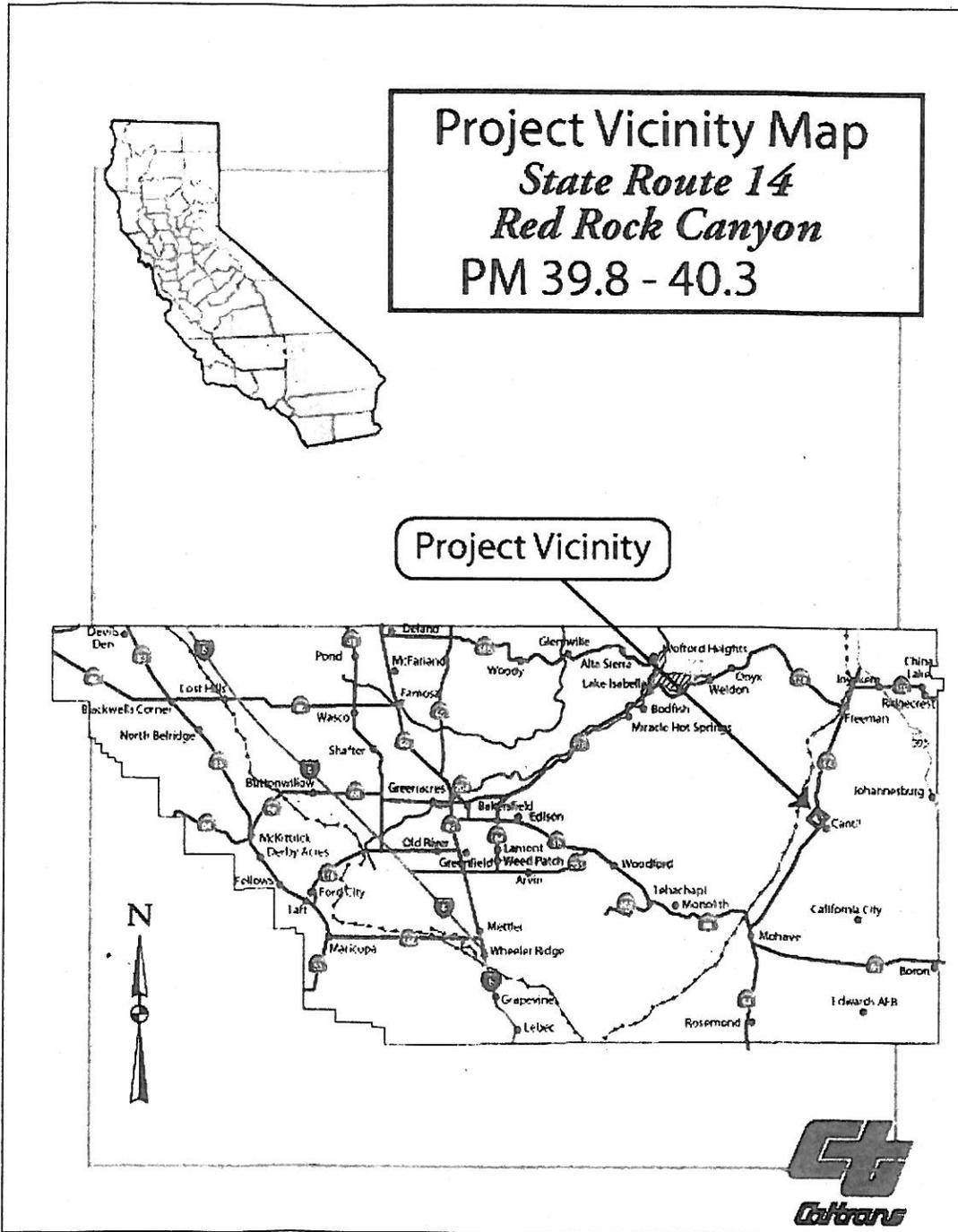


Figure 1-2 Project Vicinity Map

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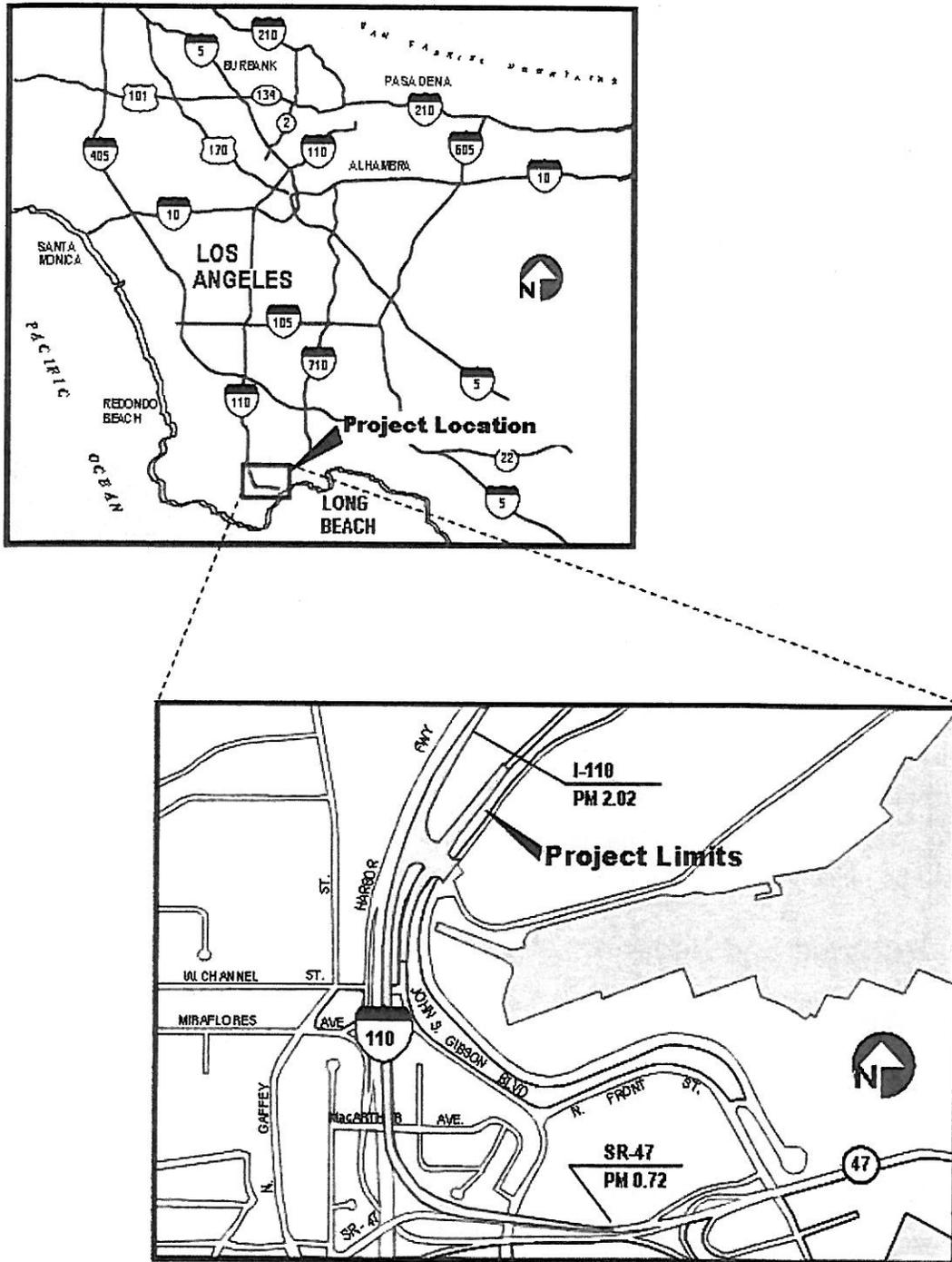


Figure 1-1 Project Location Map

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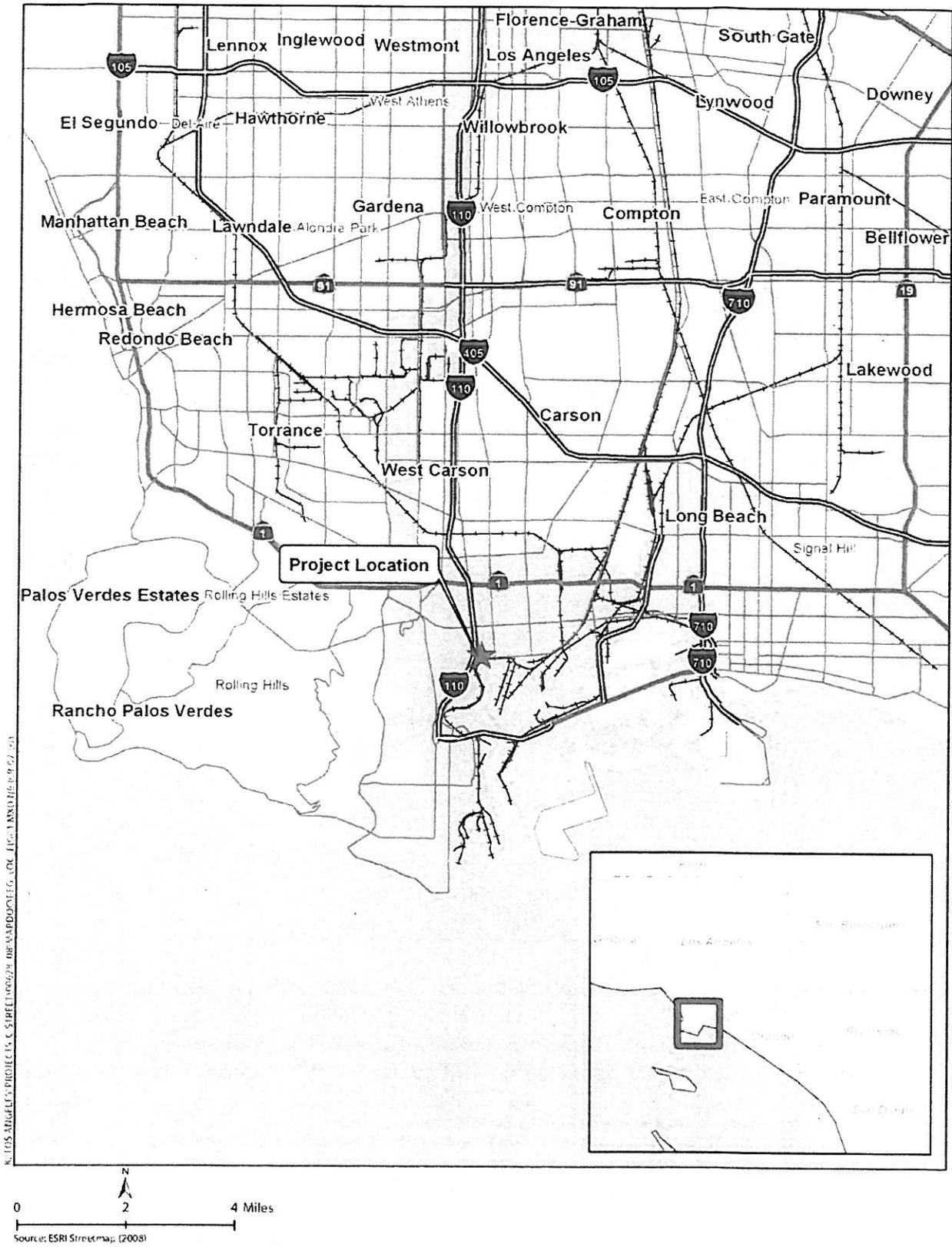
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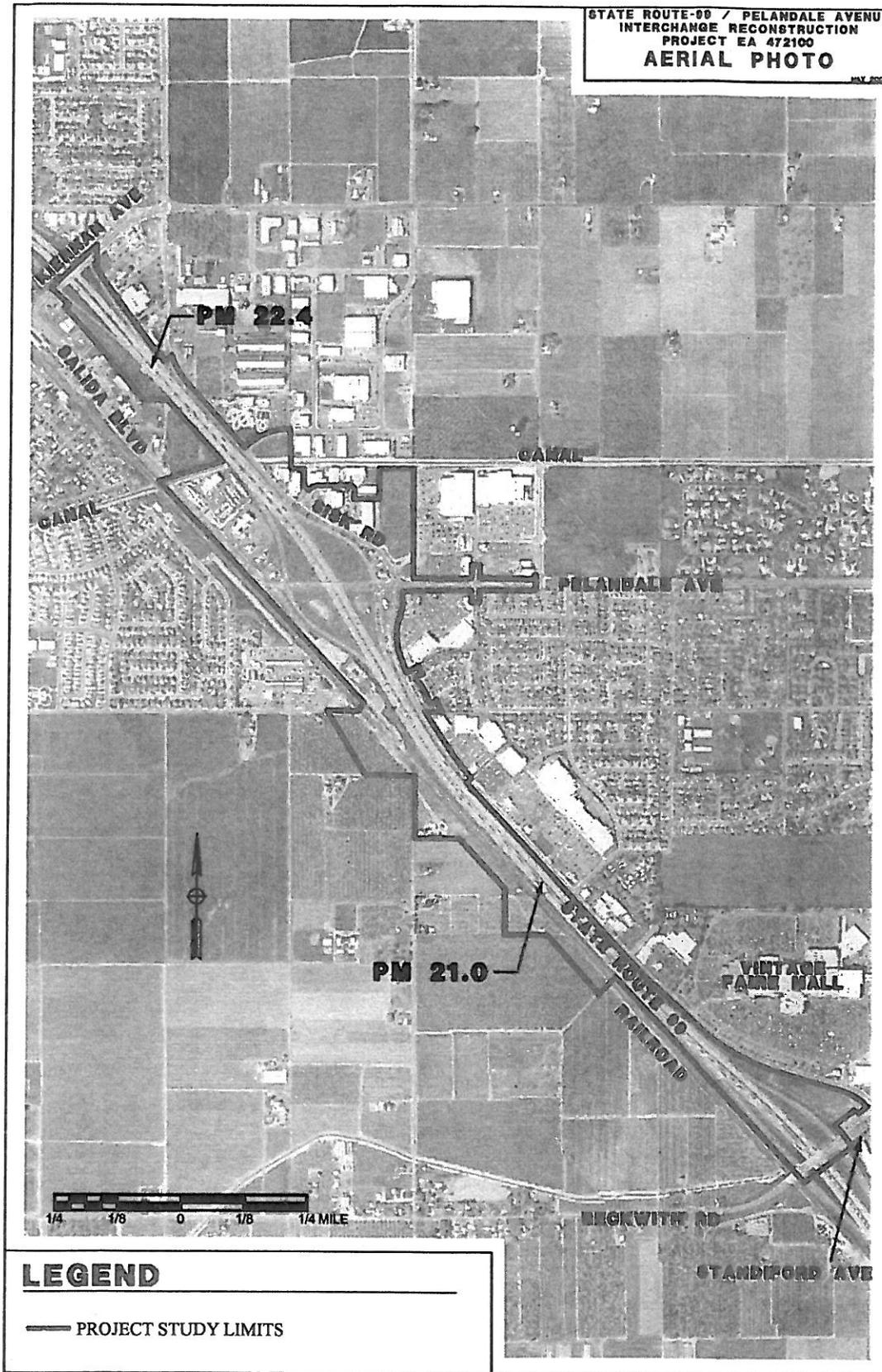


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