

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: August 22, 2012

Reference No.: 2.2c.(7)  
Action

From: BIMLA G. RHINEHART  
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING  
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE MONROE STREET  
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-12-59)**

## **ISSUE:**

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and Addendum for the Monroe Street Improvements Project (project) in Riverside County and approve the project for future consideration of funding?

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Commission accept the MND and Addendum and approve the project for future consideration of funding.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The City of Indio (City) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. On August 20, 2008 the City adopted the MND and on June 6, 2012 adopted the Addendum and found that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation.

The project is located in the City of Indio in Riverside County. The project will widen approximately 7,800 linear feet of Monroe Street to accommodate a painted median, two travel lanes in each direction, a bike lane, and sidewalk.

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to air quality, cultural resources, and noise. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to, prohibiting all trucks and equipment from idling onsite in excess of five minutes at any one hour; performing a pre-construction clearance survey of the project site, focusing on locations where utilities and infrastructure will be placed underground; and locating staging areas far as practical from existing residential dwellings and other noise sensitive land uses.

On July 16, 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 \$2,750,000 and is programmed with SLPP (\$1,375,000) funds and Local (\$1,375,000) funds. Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2012/13.

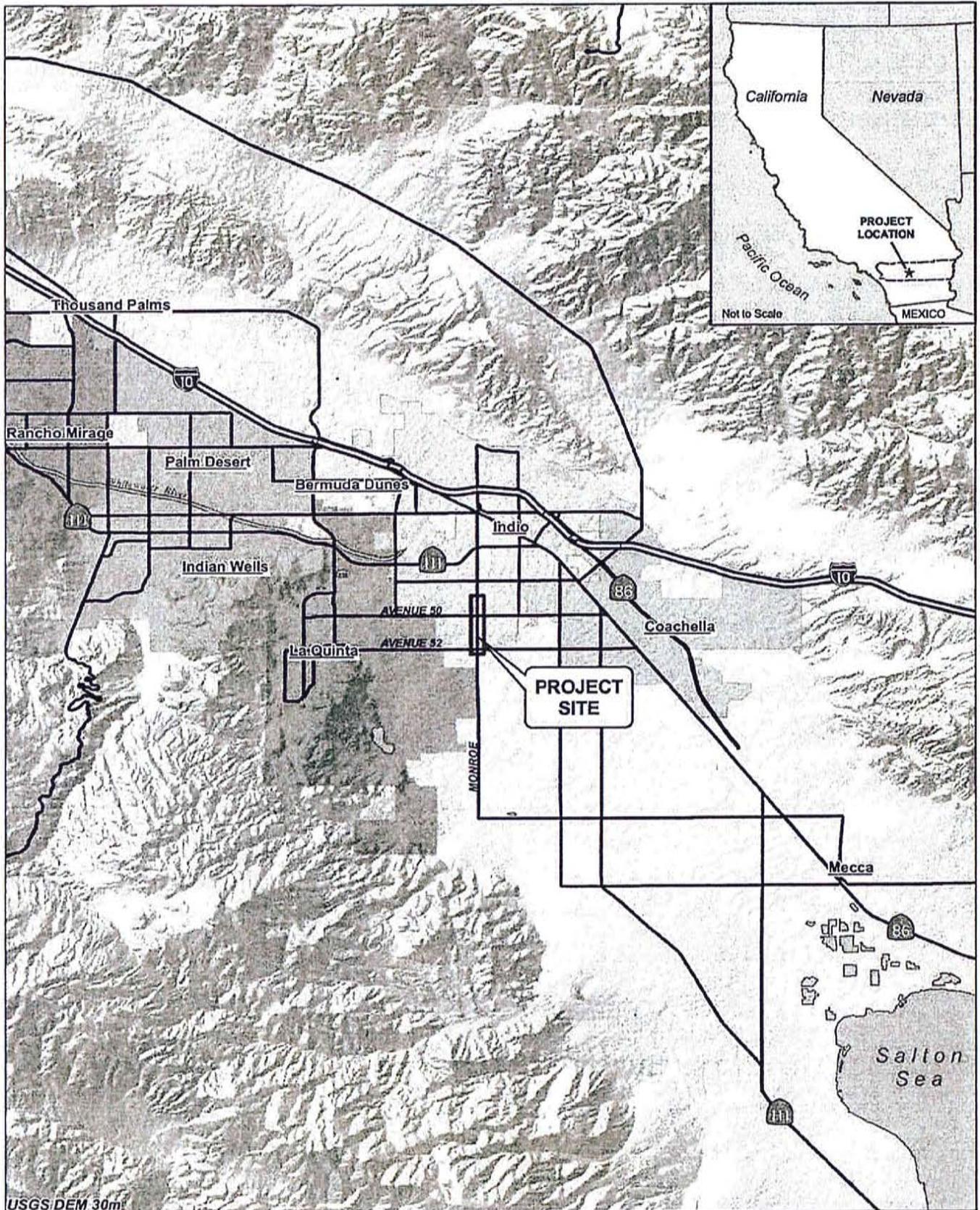
Attachment

- Resolution E-12-59
- Project Location

# CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 08 – Riverside County Resolution E-12-59

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Indio (City) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
  - Monroe Streets Improvements Project
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the City has certified that the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines for its implementation; and
- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, the project will widen Monroe Street to accommodate two travel lanes in each direction, a painted median, bike lane, and sidewalk in the City of Indio, Riverside County; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum; 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 Addendum; 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 Addendum and approve the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.



USGS DEM 30m  
 Source: MBA GIS, 2007.



# Exhibit 1 Regional Location Map