



RIVERSIDE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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Agency Notice of Availability of a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report

DATE: December 16, 2019

TO: Responsible Agencies, Organizations, Interested Parties

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO.: 2014011009

PROJECT CASE NO./TITLE: Project Title: San Gorgonio Crossing/Gateway Center Project

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ALL COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN: 5:00 p.m., January 30, 2020

A DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (Draft Supplemental EIR) No. 534 for the San Gorgonio Crossing Project (PP25337, CZ07799, PM36564, and GPA01079) has been completed and is now available for public review. The Riverside County Board of Supervisors certified the Final EIR for this Project on October 24, 2017. The Final EIR can be found at the following link:

<https://planning.rctlma.org/Home/Planning-Notices/EIR-No-534-San-Gorgonio>

After the Final EIR for this Project was certified, two entities filed legal actions challenging the EIR, which were consolidated and heard by the Riverside Superior Court. On February 7, 2019, in the case titled *Cherry Valley Pass Acres and Neighbors and Environmental Planning Group v. the County of Riverside*, the Court ordered the Respondent County of Riverside (County) to (1) address in its Final EIR the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) recommendation to maximize the use of solar panels and provide an explanation as to why the mitigation measure was not adopted, and (2) include in the Final EIR a further analysis of the Project's projected transportation energy use requirements and, in particular, its overall use of efficient transportation alternatives.

The Court further ordered that (1) the remainder of the Final EIR certified on October 24, 2017, is in full compliance with CEQA and remains certified, and (2) the project approvals are valid and shall remain in place. Therefore, the County has prepared a Draft Supplemental EIR that (1) analyzes the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) recommendation to maximize the use of solar panels and provide an explanation as to why the mitigation measure was not adopted, and (2) provides further analysis of the Project's projected transportation energy use requirements and, in particular, its overall use of efficient transportation alternatives to ensure that the Projects' energy use is not inefficient, wasteful, or unnecessary in accordance with Appendix F. There are no other changes to the project or environmental circumstances that require additional environmental review under CEQA (Public Resources Code Section 21000, et seq.), State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations [CCR] Title 14 § 15000, et seq.), or the County's rules and regulations.

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The Draft Supplemental EIR contains only the information necessary to make the previous Final EIR adequate for the San Gorgonio Project. This meets the requirements for supplemental environmental analysis under Section 15163 of the CEQA Guidelines. **Comments should be limited to only the two issue areas outlined above that are being reviewed within this Draft Supplemental EIR.**

PROJECT LOCATION:

The San Gorgonio Crossing Project (Project) is located in Township 2 South, Range 1 West, Section 30, along the north side of Cherry Valley Boulevard and east of the Interstate 10 Freeway (I-10), between the cities of Calimesa and Beaumont, in the unincorporated area of Riverside County, California.

ISSUES ADDRESSED IN THE DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL EIR:

As described above, the Supplemental EIR (1) analyzes the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) recommendation to maximize the use of solar panels and provide an explanation as to why the mitigation measure was not adopted, and (2) provides further analysis of the Project's projected transportation energy use requirements and, in particular, its overall use of efficient transportation alternatives to ensure that the Projects' energy use is not inefficient, wasteful, or unnecessary in accordance with Appendix F. There are no other changes to the project or environmental circumstances that require additional environmental review under CEQA (Public Resources Code Section 21000, et seq.), State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations [CCR] Title 14 § 15000, et seq.), or the County's rules and regulations.

LOCATION OF PROJECT DOCUMENTS:

Copies of the Draft Supplemental EIR and all pertinent and related project documents and technical appendices are available online at:

<http://Planning.rctlma.org> under "Ongoing Projects"

The Draft Supplemental EIR will also be available at the following locations:

Riverside County Planning Department
4080 Lemon Street, 12th Floor,
Riverside, CA 92502-1409

Calimesa Public Library
974 Calimesa Boulevard
Calimesa CA 92320

Beaumont Public Library
125 E 8th Street
Beaumont CA 92223

HOW TO COMMENT:

Comments on the adequacy of the analysis included in the Draft Supplemental EIR may be made in writing, indicating the section(s) of concern. The project name and number should be noted on all correspondence and the comment should indicate if you would like to be notified of public hearings. Please provide your written response to the Riverside County Planning Department's address shown below by 5:00 pm, January 30, 2020.

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