



# RIVERSIDE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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## Agency Notice of Availability of a Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report

**DATE:** March 6, 2020

**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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A Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (Final Supplemental EIR) No. 534 for the San Gorgonio Crossing Project (PP25337, CZ07799, PM36564, and GPA01079) has been completed and is now available. The Final Supplemental EIR is a supplement to the Final EIR for this Project, certified by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors on October 24, 2017. The Final Supplemental EIR addresses comments submitted in response to the Draft Supplemental EIR during the comment period (December 16, 2019, to January 30, 2020).

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.

In compliance with the Court order, the County prepared a Draft Supplemental EIR. On December 16, 2019, an NOA was made available and the Draft Supplemental EIR was published by the County. The Draft Supplemental EIR (1) analyzed 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) provided 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 were no other changes to the project or environmental circumstances that required 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

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regulations. Comments on the Draft Supplemental EIR were accepted from December 16, 2019, to January 20, 2020; comments related to the two issue areas outlined above are addressed in the Final Supplemental EIR.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside will consider certifying the Final Supplemental EIR at a public hearing in regular session at the County Administrative Center Board Chambers, 4080 Lemon Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Riverside, CA, on Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

**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 FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL EIR:**

As described above, the Draft Supplemental EIR (1) analyzed the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) recommendation to maximize the use of solar panels and provided an explanation as to why the mitigation measure was not adopted, and (2) provided 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. Comments on the Draft Supplemental EIR were accepted between December 16, 2019, and January 20, 2020. These comments were addressed in the Final Supplemental EIR. There were no revisions to the Draft Supplemental EIR that were requested or that were necessary as a result of public comments.

**LOCATION OF PROJECT DOCUMENTS:**

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

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

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

Riverside County Planning Department  
4080 Lemon Street, 12th Floor,  
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Calimesa Public Library  
974 Calimesa Boulevard  
Calimesa CA 92320

Beaumont Public Library  
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