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To All Interested Individuals, Agencies, Organizations and/or Businesses:

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FINAL INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE  
DECLARATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT/FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT  
IMPACT (AND SECTION 4(F) DE MINIMIS DETERMINATION)**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the City of San Diego have prepared a joint Final Initial Study with Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment and Section 4(f) De Minimis Determination (IS/MND and EA/FONSI) for the Interstate 805/Palm Avenue Interchange Improvements Project. The City of San Diego proposes to improve the interchange at Interstate 805 and Palm Avenue located in the community of Otay Mesa in the City of San Diego within San Diego County. Palm Avenue is classified as a four-lane collector and is a prime arterial between I-805 and Denney Road. The project would widen the existing overcrossing, add an eastbound through-lane on the bridge, and widen and realign the highway ramps and roadways. This project would increase capacity to address the increase in local traffic that has occurred and is expected to increase in the future.

The Final IS/MND and EA/FONSI includes responses to comments received during the public comment period and analysis of the Preferred Alternative. The Preferred Alternative is Alternative 2 + IV, the Spread Diamond with Class IV Separated Bikeway. A Notice of Determination will be filed with the State Clearinghouse pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Enclosed are the following for your review:

- FONSI Notice of Availability
- Compact Disc of the Final IS/MND and EA/FONSI

A hardcopy of the Final IS/MND and EA/FONSI is also available for review at the following locations:

- Caltrans District 11 Office, 4050 Taylor Street, San Diego, CA 92110
- Otay Mesa-Nestor Branch Library, 3003 Coronado Avenue, San Diego, CA 92154

Individuals who require special accommodation (such as American Sign Language, foreign language interpreters, accessible seating, and/or documentation in alternative formats) should contact the District 11 Public Information Office at (619) 688-6670. Telephone typewriter (TTY)

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users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 [TTY and Voice] or 711.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed project, please contact Negin Afagh at [NAfagh@sandiego.gov](mailto:NAfagh@sandiego.gov). If you have any questions regarding the Final IS/MND and EA/FONSI or the environmental review process, please contact San Li at [san.li@dot.ca.gov](mailto:san.li@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



SONNIER FRANCISCO  
Acting Senior Environmental Planner  
Caltrans District 11

Enclosure

FONSI NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

TO: State Clearinghouse  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA, 95814

Date: 6/28/19

FROM: California Department of  
Transportation  
District 11  
4050 Taylor Street  
San Diego, CA 92110

SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of Finding of No Significant Impact  
(Pursuant to: U. S. D. O. T. Order 5610. 1C, Paragraph 5. b)

SCH #: 2018101025

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The City of San Diego proposes to improve the interchange at Interstate 805 and Palm Avenue located in the community of Otay Mesa in the City of San Diego within San Diego County. Palm Avenue is classified as a four-lane collector and is a prime arterial between I-805 and Dennery Road. The project would widen the existing overcrossing, add an eastbound through-lane on the bridge, and widen and realign the highway ramps and roadways. This project would increase capacity to address the increase in local traffic that has occurred and is expected to increase in the future.

This is to advise you that a finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been made for this project by the California Department of Transportation as assigned by the Federal Highway Administration pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327. A copy of the FONSI and the attached Environmental Assessment can be obtained from the California Department of Transportation office located at the above address.