

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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Lead agencies may include 15 hardcopies of this document when submitting electronic copies of Environmental Impact Reports, Negative Declarations, Mitigated Negative Declarations, or Notices of Preparation to the State Clearinghouse (SCH). The SCH also accepts other summaries, such as EIR Executive Summaries prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15123. Please include one copy of the Notice of Completion Form (NOC) with your submission and attach the summary to each electronic copy of the document.

SCH #: _____

2019049006

Project Title: I-5/EI Toro Road Interchange Project

Lead Agency: California Department of Transportation District 12

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Project Location: Laguna Hills, Lake Forest, and Laguna Woods

County of Orange

City

County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

Two Build Alternatives (including Design Option B) and the No Build Alternative are being considered (Alternative 2 - Flyover and Alternative 4 - Southbound Collector Distributor and Hook Ramps [includes Design Option B]). The Build Alternatives are in Orange County at the I-5/EI Toro Road Interchange within the cities of Laguna Hills, Lake Forest, and Laguna Woods. The project limits extend from 0.1 mile south of Los Alisos Boulevard Overcrossing (PM 17.8) to 0.4 mile north of Ridge Route Drive (PM 19.7), and on EI Toro Road from Rockfield Boulevard to Paseo De Valencia. The total length of the project limits is 1.9 miles. The purpose of the proposed project is to improve traffic flow and traffic signal optimization, to reduce traffic congestion at and through adjacent local street intersections, and to reduce freeway ramp queuing.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The Build Alternatives (including Design Option B) would have no effect on agriculture and forest resources, mineral resources, population and housing, tribal cultural resources, and wildfires.

In addition, the Build Alternatives (including Design Option B) would have a less than significant effect on aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, hydrology/water quality, land use and planning, noise, public services, recreation, hazards and hazardous materials, transportation and traffic, utilities and service systems, and mandatory findings of significance.

With the following mitigation measure incorporated, the Build Alternatives (including Design Option B) would have less than significant effects on geology and soils (paleontological resources) (PAL-1).

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

None known

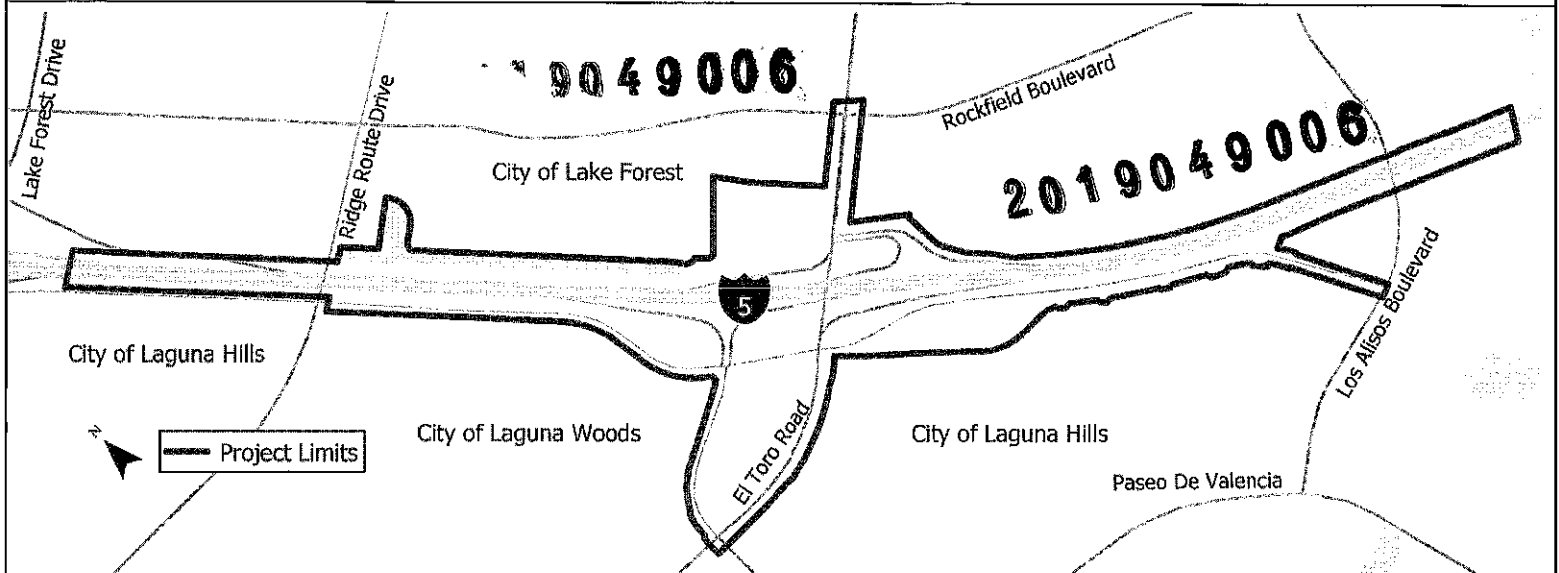
Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

- ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
- CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
 - California Transportation Commission Approval



Public Notice

Interstate 5/El Toro Road Interchange Project
Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated *Negative Declaration*
Notice of Availability of an Initial Study/Environmental Assessment
Study results available
Announcement of Public Hearing (Open House Format)



WHAT'S BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in partnership with the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) proposes to modify the Interstate 5 (I-5)/ El Toro Road Interchange. The purpose of the project is to improve traffic flow, optimize traffic signalization, reduce congestion, and reduce freeway traffic queuing adjacent to the I-5/El Toro Road Interchange. Currently in the environmental document and preliminary engineering process, there are two Build alternatives that are being considered as well as a No-Build Alternative. The Build Alternatives are Build Alternative #2: Flyover and Build Alternative #4: Collector Distributor and Hook Ramps (includes Design Option B).

WHY THIS AD?

Caltrans has studied the effects this project may have on the environment. The studies show it will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The report that explains why is called an Initial Study/Environmental Assessment. This notice is to tell you of the preparation of the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and Initial Study/Environmental Assessment (IS/EA) and of its availability for your review. A public hearing (open house format) will be held to give you an opportunity to talk about certain design features of the project with Caltrans' staff before the final design is selected.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

The Proposed MND and IS/EA is available for review and copying for a fee at the Caltrans District 12 Office, 1750 East 4th Street, Suite 100, Santa Ana, CA 92705, on weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Proposed MND and IS/EA are also available for review at the following locations during normal business hours:

- Laguna Woods Library Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637
- El Toro Library, 24672 Raymond Way, Lake Forest, CA 92630
- Laguna Hills Technology Library, 25555 Alicia Parkway, Laguna Hills, CA 92653

In addition, the documents are available online at: <http://dot.ca.gov/d12/DEA/5/0M980>
(web address is case-sensitive, use capital letters as indicated)

WHERE YOU COME IN?

Do you have any comments about processing the project with a Proposed MND and IS/EA? Do you disagree with the findings of our study as set forth in the Proposed MND? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? If you cannot attend the hearing, please submit your comments in writing no later than May 3, 2019 to Caltrans District 12, Division of Environmental Analysis, 1750 E. 4th Street, Suite 100, Santa Ana, CA 92705 (Attn: Gabriela Duran) or e-mail to D12.ELToro@dot.ca.gov. The date we will begin accepting comments is April 2, 2019. If there are no major comments Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.

WHEN AND WHERE?

DATE: Thursday, April 18, 2019 **TIME:** 4:30-7:30 p.m. **LOCATION:** Holiday Inn, 23131 Lake Center Drive, Lake Forest, CA 92630

Individuals who require special accommodation (American Sign Language interpreter, accessible seating, documentation in alternate formats, etc.) are requested to contact the District 12 Design Division (or Public Affairs Office) at (657) 328-6000 at least 21 days prior to the scheduled hearing date. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1-800-735-2929 or Voice Line at 1-800-735-2922.

CONTACT?

For more information about this study or any transportation matter, call Fernando Chavarria, OCTA Manager of Community Outreach, at (714) 560-5306.