

Sample Summary for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH # _____

Lead Agency: County of San Bernardino


Project Title: Sunburst Avenue Class I Bike Path and Class II Bike Lanes Project

Project Location: Community of Joshua Tree San Bernardino
City *County*

Please provide a Project Description (Proposed Actions, location, and/or consequences).

The Proposed Project is located in the unincorporated community of Joshua Tree, San Bernardino County, California. The project site begins at the intersection of Sunburst Avenue and State Route 62 (SR-62; Twentynine Palms Highway) and continues north for approximately two miles to the intersection of Sunburst Avenue and Calle Los Amigos .

The Proposed Project would include the following improvements: rehabilitate the existing Class I bike path located along the east side of Sunburst Avenue from SR-62 north to Oleander Avenue (approximately 0.5 miles); construct a new Class II bike lane on the east side of Sunburst Avenue from the termination of the existing Class I bike path (Oleander Avenue) north to Calle Los Amigos (approximately 1.5 miles); and construct a new Class II bike lane on the west side of Sunburst from State Route 62 north to Calle Los Amigos (approximately 2.0 miles).

The rehabilitation of the existing Class I bike path on the east side of Sunburst Avenue would include a 6.5-foot shoulder between the Sunburst Avenue and the bike path, an 8-foot paved concrete bike path, and a two-foot shoulder along the eastern edge of the bike path. The new Class II bike lanes would be approximately four to five feet wide with two-foot shoulders on each side. All improvements would occur within the existing Right-of-Way (ROW) of Sunburst Avenue. Construction of the Proposed Project would include: earthwork, including minor excavation and grading; installation of signage; and painting of pavement striping and pavement markings. Construction staging would occur at the former Joshua Tree Elementary School parking lot, located at 6051 Sunburst Street, and adjacent to the new Joshua Tree Elementary School within Sunburst Avenue near the intersection with Cowan Lane. 

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

See attachment.

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

None.

Please provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Region 6), Regional Water Quality Control Board (Colorado River - R7)

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Biological Resources

The Proposed Project may result in potentially significant impact to biological resources, including burrowing owl, desert tortoise, and nesting birds. Mitigation measures requiring pre-construction surveys for burrowing owl, desert tortoise, and nesting birds have been included to reduce impacts to a less than significant level.

Cultural Resources

Although the archaeological sensitivity of the project site is considered to be low, there always remains some potential for ground-disturbing activities to expose previously unrecorded cultural resources. With the implementation of Mitigation Measure CUL-1, potential impacts to unanticipated cultural resources found during project construction would be less than significant. No known human remains are present on the project site. If human remains are inadvertently uncovered during project activities, adherence to Mitigation Measure CUL-2 would reduce impacts to less than significant.

Geology and Soils

Based on the project location in sediments listed as Pleistocene age and the results of the records search indicating fossils have been recorded in the project vicinity in Pleistocene age sediments, the Proposed Project may encounter paleontological resources during ground disturbing construction activities. The County of San Bernardino Conservation Element lists several programs for Cultural/Paleontological Resources including requiring paleontological monitoring of projects located in areas of known fossil occurrences and that would have rough grading with cuts greater than three feet. Excavation associated with the Proposed Project is not anticipated to exceed three feet. However, if excavation exceeds three feet potentially significant impacts to unique paleontological resources or sites or unique geologic features may occur if disturbed during construction activities. With the implementation of Mitigation Measure GEO-1 impacts would be less than significant.

Tribal Cultural Resources

No TCRs were identified within the project area during AB 52 consultation. The Proposed Project would not result in significant impacts to known TCRs. However, as a result of AB 52 consultation the Tribes identified a potential for the discovery of unknown TCRs during construction, which may result in a significant impact if such resources are found and affected. Impacts to unknown TCRs would be less than significant with the implementation of Mitigation Measures TCR-1 through TCR-5.