

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: 2019099077

Project Title: Wellsona Safety Improvements

Lead Agency: CA Dept. of Transportation (Caltrans)

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Project Location: Paso Robles San Luis Obispo
City *County*

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

Caltrans proposes to construct an undercrossing near the intersection of Wellsona Road and Highway 101 approximately 5 miles north of Paso Robles and approximately 4 miles south of San Miguel. The proposed undercrossing would be constructed beneath Highway 101 south of the existing intersection, eliminating the need for motorists to make left turns across traffic on Highway 101. This would prevent future broadside and left-turn merge-related collisions at the intersection. The proposed undercrossing would consist of a 112-foot-long bridge on Highway 101 matching the existing roadway geometry. Frontage roads would be constructed to connect the undercrossing with Wellsona Road on either side of Highway 101. Full closure of either Highway 101 or Wellsona Road is not anticipated for the project. The undercrossing would be constructed within the State right-of-way; however, the purchase of right-of-way would be required to construct the frontage roads that connect with Wellsona Road.

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

Caltrans expects the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment. The project would result in temporary and permanent impacts to biological and visual resources that will be avoided and mitigated to less than significant levels. Prior to and during project construction, any identified environmentally sensitive area will be protected and all construction activities will avoid impacting environmentally sensitive areas. A biological monitor will be assigned to the project site during construction activities. The project will implement all protective measures set forth in the Natural Environmental Study, completed in June 2019, which includes protective measures for sensitive species such as the San Joaquin kit fox and American badger. Impacts to vegetation, other than required for the undercrossing construction, shall be minimized to the greatest extent possible. All new constructed materials will be aesthetically treated to match the existing surroundings. Any impacts to vegetation will include aesthetic considerations as well as inherent biological goals. All disturbed construction access, staging areas, and other temporary use areas shall be restored to natural-looking conditions after construction. The project also proposes partial property acquisition from five private properties. Only the minimum amount of property required to complete the project would be acquired. The partial property acquisition for this project is anticipated to be relatively small in scale and is not anticipated to result in the displacement of residents or their housing.

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

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

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