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SCH #: 2019129023

Project Title: Santa Claus Lane Class I Bike Path

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Project Location: City of Carpinteria, Santa Barbara County

City

County

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

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to construct a Class I Bike Path adjacent to the southbound lanes of U.S. 101 between Estero Street, near the Carpinteria Avenue off-ramp in the City of Carpinteria, and Sand Point Road in the County of Santa Barbara. The Class I bike path will be for the exclusive use of bicyclists and pedestrians; the bike path would be approximately 0.8-mile in length and would ultimately be part of the California Coastal Trail. The California Coastal Trail is a network of public trails along the 1,200-mile California coastline. The project area includes the Carpinteria Salt Marsh, which is directly adjacent to and south of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks. The paved bike path would run along the southbound shoulder of U.S. 101. The bike path would be constructed almost entirely within the Caltrans right of way, and no permanent right of way would be required from Union Pacific Railroad; however, a temporary construction easement would be required from Union Pacific Railroad to facilitate construction of the retaining wall.

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

To minimize potential adverse effects on water quality, biological resources, visual resources, and utilities and service systems, the following measures will be implemented:

- Water quality impacts would be reduced by implementing best management practices.
- Biological impacts would be reduced by implementing measures to prevent the spread of invasive species; native species restoration planting; wetland delineation verification and ensuring no net loss of wetlands or riparian habitat; in-kind on-site and off-site replacement for jurisdictional resources; mitigation ratios of at least 3:1 for permanent impacts and 1:1 ratio for temporary impacts; measures to avoid impacts to special-status plant and animal species; measures to prevent any impacts to nesting birds.
- Visual impacts would be reduced by locating staging areas away from public view; minimizing vegetation removal; maximizing views of the Carpinteria Salt Marsh and Pacific Ocean through appropriate signs and barriers; and replacing planting for native oaks.
- Coordination between Caltrans and service providers would strive to ensure that utilities and services are not disrupted.

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

The public and agencies provided the following comments, and Caltrans has responded to these comments and plans to implement measures as outlined in the final Initial Study with Mitigated Negative Declaration:

- Possible visual impacts to views of the Salt Marsh and Pacific Ocean
- Concerns over the use of public funds for this project versus the value and benefit the project would provide
- Possible impacts to wetlands and streams
- Impacts to biological resources
- Impacts to native plant species
- Additional floristic surveys

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

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
California Coastal Commission, Central Coast Region
City of Carpinteria
County of Santa Barbara
Santa Barbara County Association of Governments
State Water Resources Control Board
California Air Resources Board
Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region
Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District
Department of Conservation