

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

To:

[X] Office of Planning and Research
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[] County Clerk
County of:
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From:

Public Agency: Caltrans, District 5
Address: 50 South Higuera Street San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
Contact: Sunny McBride
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Lead Agency (if different from above):
Address:
Contact:
Phone:

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2019129023

Project Title: Santa Claus Lane Bike Path

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation, District 5

Project Location (include county): Adjacent to US 101 in City of Carpinteria and Santa Barbara County

Project Description:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in cooperation with the Santa Barbara Association of Governments, City of Carpinteria (City), and County of Santa Barbara, proposes to construct a Class I Bike Path adjacent to the southbound lanes of U.S. 101 between Estero Street, near Carpinteria Avenue off-ramp in the City of Carpinteria, and Sand Point Road in the County of Santa Barbara. The bike path would be constructed almost entirely within Caltrans right of way, with a small portion in City's right of way.

This is to advise that the Caltrans has approved the above (X) Lead Agency or () Responsible Agency

described project on 2/14/2020 and has made the following determinations regarding the above (date) described project.

- 1. The project [] will [X] will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. [] An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. [X] A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [X] were [] were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [] was [X] was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [] was [X] was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [] were [X] were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

http://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-5

Signature (Public Agency): Sunny McBride Title: Associate Environmental Planner

Date: 2/14/20 Date Received for filing at OPR:

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

Form F

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 #: 2019129023

Project Title: Santa Claus Lane Class I Bike Path

Lead Agency: State of California Department of Transportation

Contact Name: Sunny McBride

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Phone Number: 805-549-3718

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