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OVERVIEW	To improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety and address traffic congestion, the City of Santa Ana, in conjunction with Caltrans District 12, proposes to replace and widen the Fairview Street bridge crossing over the Santa Ana River in Santa Ana, California, to provide new sidewalks, bike lanes and an additional third lane in each direction. To be consistent with the Orange County Master Plan of Arterial Highways and the City's General Plan Circulation Element, these proposed improvements require the widening of the adjacent roadway segment along Fairview Street between 9th Street and 16th Street in order to extend these proposed features north of 9 th Street.
WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?	To enhance safety, mobility, and overall quality of life in the neighborhood, the City proposes to replace and widen Fairview Street bridge crossing Santa Ana River and the adjacent roadway segment to accommodate the addition of a bike lane and a third lane in each direction. The new bridge will include a complete bridge deck with barrier rails, sidewalks, bicycle lanes, a raised median, and lighting.
POTENTIAL ENVIRON- MENTAL IMPACTS	The City of Santa Ana (City), which is the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) lead agency, has prepared a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) in accordance with the CEQA guidelines for the proposed improvement of Fairview Street between 19 th Street to 16 th Street in the City of Santa Ana. The IS/MND analyzed the following environmental resource areas: air quality, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use, noise, population and housing, transportation and traffic, and utilities and service systems. The Draft IS/MND analysis identified that the proposed project would result in minimal environmental impacts related to noise, air quality and traffic during construction. All impacts were found to be less than significant with mitigation measures incorporated. The City will assist impacted property owners to relocate pursuant to the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 during the right-of-way phase.
WHERE TO REVIEW AND GET INFO?	Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, all City municipal government buildings are closed to the public effective March 18, 2020. As such, the Draft IS/MND and the project's PowerPoint presentation are available on the City's website at the following link: <u>https://www.santa-ana.org/pw/fairview-street-improvements</u> .
WHEN AND HOW TO COMMENT?	The Draft IS/MND is available for public review/comment commencing April 6, 2020. The purpose of the public review and comment period is to afford interested parties the opportunity to provide their input on the adequacy of the environmental document. Comments will be accepted until 5 PM on May 6, 2020. Comments may be submitted to: Kenny Nguyen, City of Santa Ana, 20 Civic Center Plaza M-36, Santa Ana, CA 92702 Email: <u>Fairview@santa-ana.org</u>
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