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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Acrata 101 Merge Improvement Project

Lead Agency: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

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Project Location: City of Arcata in Humboldt County
City *County*

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

The California Department of Transportation proposes to extend the State Route (SR) 299 entrance ramp to Giuntoli Lane exit on northbound U.S. 101 from post mile 88.3 to post mile 88.6 in Humboldt County. The purpose of the project is to improve merging movements from westbound SR 299 to northbound US 101. The project is needed because the existing on ramp approach curve radius of 200 feet and acceleration lane length of 720 feet do not allow merging vehicles to obtain speeds similar to or compatible with US 101 northbound traffic nor does it provide the distance needed to plan and execute smooth merges. Sight distance between both merging and through motorists is limited. Observations indicate that these conditions often lead to abrupt lane changing and braking by motorists on northbound US 101 to avoid potential conflict. The proposed project would extend the entrance ramp by constructing a 12-foot lane with a 10-foot shoulder. A cantilevered soldier pile retaining wall with timber lagging would be built to allow the project to be constructed within existing right of way. The wall would be 464 feet long with a maximum height of 14 feet. A safety barrier rail will be constructed along the wall. Existing right of way fence along the east side of the project would be removed and replaced with an eight foot tall security fence.

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

The proposed project would have less than significant impacts to aesthetics and greenhouse gas emissions. There are currently no identified significant or potentially significant effects. Therefore, no mitigation measures have been proposed.

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

N/A

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

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
U.S Army Corps of Engineers
U.S Fish and Wildlife Service