NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE COUNTY LINE ROAD AND CALIMESA BOULEVARD ROAD IMPROVEM ALIFORNARDII **PROJECT**

PROJECT TITLE: County Line Road and Calimesa Boulevard Road Improvements

LEAD AGENCIES: City of Calimesa and the City of Yucaipa, Co-Lead Agencies for the Project

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed Project, County Line Road and Calimesa Boulevard Road Improvements. is located along the Riverside and San Bernardino County line in the Cities of Calimesa and Yucaipa (Cities) within the southerly border of the City of Yucaipa and the northerly border of the City of Calimesa. Specifically, the proposed Project is located on the intersection of County Line Road and Calimesa Boulevard, between U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Sections 11 and 14 of Township 2 South, Range 2 West, San Bernardino Base and Meridian (SBBM). (see Figure 1 - Vicinity Map and Figure 2 - Aerial Map).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Calimesa and the City of Yucaipa (Project Applicants) are proposing road improvements on the intersection of County Line Road and Calimesa Boulevard Road (Project). The Project entails widening portions of the roads at the intersection of County Line Road and Calimesa Boulevard, removing the existing traffic light signals and replacing them with a roundabout, and completing minor sidewalk and drainage improvements as required. The Project 's preliminary engineering and right of way acquisition is expected to be funded partially through the Federal Highway Administration through the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Act Equity - A legacy for Users and requires coordination with Caltrans, The proposed improvements will dovetail with the improvements further east along County Line Road that are part of the County Line Road Transportation Corridor project, funded through the Local Partnership Program, a Statelevel funding plan. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis and documentation for this Project has been conducted and resulted in a Categorical Exclusion. The Project, which addresses traffic congestion and safety, is within the Counties of Riverside (to the south of County Line Road) and San Bernardino (to the north of County Line Road). The Project's proposed improvements will disturb approximately four (4) acres.

County Line Road and Calimesa Boulevard improvements would include pavement widening, curbs, gutters and sidewalks adjacent to the properties at the southwest corner of the County Line Road/Calimesa Boulevard intersection as necessary to close gaps in the existing curbs, gutters and sidewalks. The proposed roundabout would be approximately 82-feet (FT) in diameter with an inscribed circle diameter of 184-FT and would replace the existing traffic light signals at the County Line Road/Calimesa Boulevard intersection. The Project would also include widening at all adjacent corners of the intersection required for transitioning to curbs, gutters and sidewalks. New pavement stripes and markings would be proposed to achieve four lanes of traffic including the center two-way left-turn lane within Project site.

The Project requires roadway easement acquisitions from three parcels and full or partial takes from three parcels within the Project site. The acquisitions proposed would be used for public right-of-way improvements such as roadways, drainage, gutter, and/or sidewalk features. Easement and property takes will be acquired by each City, respectively.

During construction, detours will be provided for pedestrians and vehicular traffic to travel to and from their destination around the construction area(s).

HAZARDOUS WASTE SITES: The Project alignment is not located on known listed toxic sites pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

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PUBLIC REVIEW AND WRITTEN COMMENTS: The review period for submitting written comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to State *CEQA Guidelines* Section 15105 commences on February 23, 2022 and will close on March 24, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions regarding the project or Mitigated Negative Declaration, please contact Kelly Lucia by e-mail or phone as indicated above.

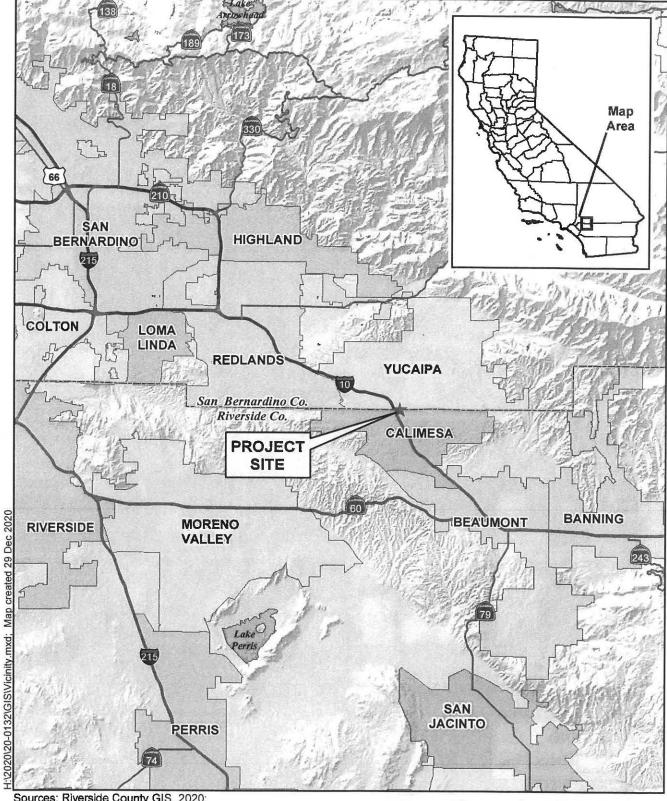
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DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for review at the City of Calimesa, 908 Park Avenue, Calimesa, CA 92320 and the City of Yucaipa, 34272 Yucaipa Blvd, Yucaipa, CA 92399 and may also be accessed on the City of Calimesa's website at: http://www.cityofcalimesa.net/ and on the City of Yucaipa's website at: http://yucaipa.org/development/.

PUBLIC HEARING: The proposed Project, including Mitigated Negative Declaration, will be reviewed and considered for approval at the Cities' Council Meetings at a later date.

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Sources: Riverside County GIS, 2020; San Bernardino Co. GIS, 2020.

Figure 1 – Vicinity Map County Line Rd. and Calimesa Blvd. Road Improvements







Sources: Riverside Co. GIS, 2020; San Bernardino Co. GIS, 2020 (streets and imagery).

Figure 2 - Aerial Map

County Line Rd. and Calimesa Blvd. Road Improvements



