State Route 66 and Interstate 215 Roadway Rehabilitation, and Pedestrian Facilities and Bridge Upgrading

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The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has prepared this Initial Study with Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed project located in San Bernardino County, California. Caltrans is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The document tells you why the project is being proposed, what alternatives we have considered for the project, how the existing environment could be affected by the project, the potential impacts of each of the alternatives, and the proposed avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation measures. The Draft Initial Study circulated to the public for 30 days between April 15, 2022, and May 16, 2022. Comments received during this period are included in Chapter 4. Elsewhere throughout this document, a vertical line in the margin indicates a change made since the draft document circulation. Minor editorial changes and clarifications have not been so indicated. Additional copies of this document and the related technical studies are available for review by contacting Shawn Oriaz, Senior Environmental Planner, at the California Department of Transportation,464 West 4th Street, MS 827, San Bernardino, CA, 92401, or via phone or email, respectively, at 909-501-5743 or shawn.oriaz@dot.ca.gov. This document may also be downloaded at the following website: https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2022040328.

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Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to rehabilitate the roadway, and upgrade the pedestrian facilities and bridges along State Route 66 (SR-66) from Pepper Ave. (postmile [PM] 20.1) to H Street (PM S23.2) and Interstate 215 at Little League Drive Overcrossing (PM 14.9) in San Bernardino County.

The purpose of this project is to rehabilitate the roadway, upgrade and expand pedestrian facilities, and widen and upgrade bridges.

Determination

Caltrans has prepared an Initial Study for this project and, following public review, has determined from this study that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment for the following reasons:

The proposed project would have no effect on agriculture and forest resources, energy, land use planning, population and housing, public services, and tribal cultural resources.

In addition, the proposed project would have less than significant effects to aesthetics, air quality, cultural resources, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous material, mineral resources, noise, recreation, transportation, utilities and service systems, and wildlfire.

With the following mitigation measures incorporated, the proposed project would have less than significant effects to geology and soils, hydrology and water quality, and biological resources.

Bio-General-PSM-14: Lake and Streambed Alteration. Prior to construction and issuance of any grading permit, Caltrans shall obtain written correspondence from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) stating that notification under section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code is not required for the project, or Caltrans shall obtain a CDFW-executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement, authorizing impacts to Fish and Game Code section 1602 resources associated with the project.

GEO-1: Subsurface Investigations. Subsurface investigations shall be performed during the design phase of the project to determine if additional foundation options for the bridges and/or mitigation strategies would be required to stabilize the material on the project site.

HYDRO-2: Stormwater Treatment. Permanent treatment of stormwater runoff will be implemented to the maximum extent practicable in accordance with the Caltrans National

Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit (NPDES No. CAS000002) and Caltrans Construction General Permit (NPDES No. CAS000003).

Project impacts to jurisdictional areas shall be mitigated and all permit conditions for these impacts shall be coordinated with the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), and deemed appropriate by the respective resource agencies.

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This section describes the proposed action and the project alternatives developed to meet the purpose and need of the project, while avoiding or minimizing environmental impacts.

Introduction

Historically, State Route (SR-66) was a transcontinental highway called US-66 that extended from Chicago, Illinois, to Los Angeles, California. Currently in San Bernardino County, SR-66 primarily functions as a local principal arterial road serving local commercial and residential traffic, and no longer functions as a major travel corridor. Most of the jurisdiction of SR-66 in San Bernardino County has been relinquished by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to local jurisdictions.

The remaining portion of SR-66 under Caltrans jurisdiction in San Bernardino County is an east-west oriented four-lane conventional highway, beginning at its intersection with Pepper Ave. (postmile [PM] 20.1) and terminating at its intersection with H St. (PM 23.2), just east of Interstate 215. The route is approximately 3.1 miles in length with its western section also known as Foothill Blvd. and its eastern section also known as West 5th Ave. The route lies entirely within the City of San Bernardino and traverses areas zoned for residential, commercial, and open space areas.

Interstate 215 (I-215) is 55.0 miles long and begins at the southerly junction of Interstate 15 (I-15) in the City of Murrieta in Riverside County and terminates at the northerly junction with I-15 in the City of Devore in San Bernardino County. The entire route is constructed to full freeway standards and varies from two to five lanes in each direction. I-215 traverses urbanized areas of Riverside and San Bernardino counties including the cities of Temecula, Sun City, Perris, Moreno Valley, Riverside, Grand Terrace, Colton, and San Bernardino. The route also traverses undeveloped rural areas in southern Riverside County.

Caltrans is currently proposing a project that would rehabilitate the roadway, and upgrade the pedestrian facilities and bridges along State Route 66 (SR-66) from Pepper Ave. (PM 20.1) to H Street (PM S23.2), and on Interstate 215 at Little League Drive Overcrossing (PM 14.9) in San Bernardino County. This project is needed because the proposed project area has the following: a severely damaged roadway, limited pedestrian facilities that are not up to current accessibility standards, and bridges that do not meet current crash and safety standards.

The proposed project is located within the San Bernardino South and San Bernardino North, California, United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute quadrangles. The elevation in the project area ranges from approximately 340 to 550 meters (1,110 to 1,800 feet) above mean sea level.

The proposed project is in an urban area of San Bernardino County with a well-developed road and street network. The project areas are mainly residential, with some light industrial and commercial buildings. The portion of the project on I-215 at PM 14.9 is in a more rural area that is becoming increasingly filled with new residential developments.

The proposed project has a cost estimate of $35,199,000 and is expected to receive both state and federal funding. The project is currently programmed to receive state funding through Senate Bill 1 and the 2020 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) under

the 201.121/HA22 Minor Pavement Rehabilitation Program and 201.112/HA21 Bridge Rail Replacement and Upgrade Program for delivery in the 2023/2024 fiscal year. This project is also eligible for federal aid funding and is included in the 2021 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) for federal funding as two previously separate projects, 1G660 and 1F400 (Appendix F).

Construction on the proposed project is expected to begin in the winter of 2025 and end in the spring of 2028.

Figure 1-1. Location of San Bernardino County in California

Figure 1-2. Limits of The Proposed Project along State Route 66 (San Bernardino-66 [SBD-66]) and on Interstate 215 (San Bernardino-215 [SBD-215])

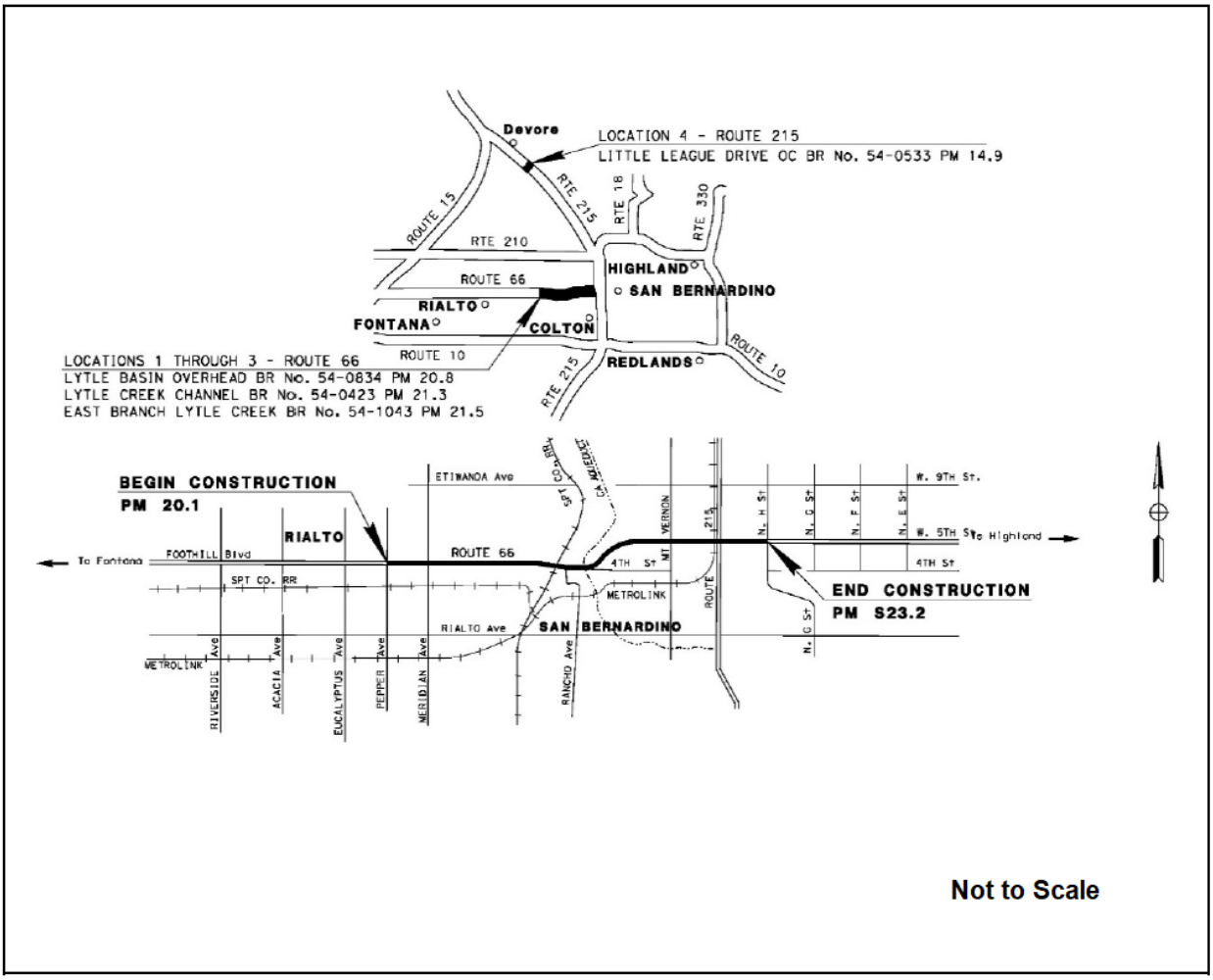

Figure 1-3. Proposed Project Vicinity Maps: Bridge Locations (top) and State Route 66 Construction Limits (bottom).

Purpose and Need

The project 'purpose' is a set of objectives that the proposed project intends to meet. The project 'need' is the transportation deficiency for which the proposed project was initiated to address.

Purpose

The purpose of the proposed project is to complete the following work:

- Repair damaged pavement to improve ride quality, and to preserve and extend the life of the current pavement.

- Upgrade and expand pedestrian facilities to meet several goals of Caltrans' Complete Street policies to provide safe and accessible options for people walking and taking public transit, and to meet current standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Caltrans' 2017 Design Information Bulletin (DIB) 82-06, Pedestrian Accessibility Guidelines for Highway Projects.

- Upgrade bridge rails and widen bridges to meet current crash and safety standards, and pedestrian accessibility standards.

Need

The needs in the proposed project area are as follows:

- The pavement within the project limits is showing severe damage and unacceptable ride quality, which if left uncorrected will deteriorate further and require more major repair work than what is currently planned in the proposed project.

- Along SR-66, large gaps exist between the stretches of current sidewalk, and the current curb ramps do not meet current standards of the ADA and Caltrans' 2017 DIB 82-06 for pedestrian accessibility for highway projects.

- The following bridges do not have standard shoulders and sidewalks: Lytle Creek Basin Overhead (bridge no. 54-0834), Lytle Creek Channel Bridge (bridge no. 54-0423), East Branch Lytle Creek Bridge (bridge no. 54-1043), and Little League Drive Overcrossing (bridge no. 54-0533).

- The following bridges have rails that are degraded and do not meet current crash and safety standards: Lytle Creek Channel Bridge (bridge no. 54-0423) and Little League Drive Overcrossing (bridge no. 54-0533). According to a Caltrans March 2014 Replacement and Improvement Needs Report, the bridge railings on both of these bridges show cracks in their balusters and on the tops of their railings and are subject to active deterioration.

Project Description

Build Alternative

The proposed Build Alternative is the project being proposed by Caltrans to rehabilitate the roadway, and upgrade the pedestrian facilities and bridges along State Route 66 (SR-66) from Pepper Ave. (PM 20.1) to H Street (PM S23.2), and on Interstate 215 at Little League Drive Overcrossing (PM 14.9) in San Bernardino County.

Additions to the project scope have been made since the approval of the draft of this environmental document on March 24, 2024. These changes include additional areas of restriping within the project limits, and updates to the proposed limits of right of way acquisition and temporary construction easements.

This proposed project includes the following roadway, pedestrian facility, and bridge improvements.

Roadway and Pedestrian Facility Improvements Along SR-66

- Removal (cold planning) of the main lanes pavement, including the median and shoulder, to a 0.20-foot depth, and placement of a new asphalt overlay to a 0.20-foot depth.

- Repair of severely damaged areas of the main lanes pavement with localized digouts in which a particular spot in the road is repaired to a 0.4-foot depth.

- Narrow widening of the roadway to accommodate sidewalks and other pedestrian facilities.

- Construction of sidewalk along the north side of SR-66 where sidewalk does not currently exist.

- Installation of a retaining wall to allow for the construction of part of the new sidewalk along the north side of SR-66.

- Upgrade of curb ramps to meet current ADA and Caltrans 2017 DIB 82-06 standards, such as placing detectable warning surfaces.

- Installation of accessible pedestrian signals, which are signals that communicate information about the “walk” and “don’t walk” intervals at signalized intersections in non-visuals formats, such as audible tones.

- Construction of new bus pads, which are highly durable areas of roadway surface at bus stops.

- Upgrade of guardrails.

- Relocation of overhead utilities between Macy Street and Flores Street.

- Improve impacted drainage facilities.

- Restriping within the project limits, including the SR-66/I-215 Separation and Overhead Bridge, and I-215 under the Little League Overcrossing Bridge.

Roadway Improvements Along I-215

- Improvement on the I-215 median drainage inlet under the Little League Drive Overcrossing Bridge.

- Restriping along I-215 under the Little League Drive Overcrossing Bridge

Bridge Improvements

Lytle Creek Basin Overhead (bridge no. 54-0834)

- Removal of the existing asphalt concrete and subsequent placement of a polyester concrete overlay, with methacrylate treatment, on the deck.

- Installation of a sidewalk with a barrier separation on the north side of the bridge.

- Upgrade of a bridge rail on the north side of the bridge.

Lytle Creek Channel Bridge (bridge no. 54-0423)

- Removal of the existing asphalt concrete and subsequent placement of an asphalt concrete overlay on the deck.

- Treatment of the bridge deck with methacrylate.

- Widening of both sides of the bridge to provide a sidewalk, shoulder, and median.

- Upgrade of the bridge rail on both sides of the bridge.

East Branch Lytle Creek Bridge (bridge no. 54-1043)

- Widening of the north side of the bridge to provide a sidewalk and shoulder.

- Upgrade of the bridge rail on the north side of the bridge.

Little League Drive Overcrossing (bridge no. 54-0533)

- Treatment of the bridge deck with methacrylate.

- Widening of both sides of the bridge to provide shoulders on both sides and a sidewalk on the south side.

- Upgrade of the bridge rail on both sides of the bridge.

The proposed Build Alternative would require notices to utility owners and utility agreements. The following utility companies/agencies and facilities are within the proposed project limits:

Utility Companies/Agencies

Southern California Edison
Southern California Gas
Verizon
San Bernardino Municipal Water Department
Charter Communications
Sprint
City of San Bernardino Sewer
Riverside Highland Water
California Department of Water Resources
Terrace Water Company
Time Warner Cable
A&T - Transmission

Utility Facilities

Electric (underground and overhead)
Gas (underground)
Telephone
Cable TV
Fiber Optic
Water
Sewer

The proposed Build Alternative includes construction work on the Lytle Basin Overhead (bridge no. 54-0834) which crosses over a set of railroad tracks operated by the Union Pacific Railroad. Thus, Caltrans expects that the proposed project would require a right of entry to the railroad property, and a construction and maintenance agreement with UPRR prior to the beginning of any proposed construction work on this bridge.

Most of the work for the proposed Build Alternative would occur within the Caltrans right of way; however, about 44 private parcels would be partially impacted by pedestrian facility installations or upgrades. As a result, Caltrans would need to obtain a temporary construction easement for all of these parcels and right of way acquisition for about 32 of these parcels

No-Build Alternative

The No-Build Alternative proposes no rehabilitative activities to improve the roadway, pedestrian facilities, or bridges along State Route 66 (SR-66) from Pepper Ave. (postmile 20.1) to H Street (postmile S23.2), or on Interstate 215 at Little League Drive Overcrossing (postmile 14.9) in San Bernardino County. This alternative does not meet the purpose and need, and thus is not a practical alternative.

Preferred Alternative

After the public circulation period ended on May 16, 2022, Caltrans considered all of the comments received and has selected the Build Alternative as the preferred alternative since it will meet the stated purpose and need, and have no unmitigatable significant adverse impacts on the environment.

Permits and Approvals Needed

The following permits, licenses, agreements, and certifications (PLACs) would be expected for the proposed project construction:

Agency	PLAC	Status
United States Army Corps of Engineers	Rivers and Harbors Section 408 Permit, Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 404 Permit, & Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination (PJD), and CWA Section 401 Permit	Applications for Sections 408 and 404 permits expected after final environmental document (FED) approval. PJD may be requested after final environmental document (FED) approval. Caltrans will coordinate with the San Bernardino County Flood Control District (SBCFCD) to obtain the 408 permit.
California Department of Fish and Wildlife	1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement	Application for permit expected after FED approval.
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board	Waste Discharge Requirements and Water Quality Certification	Application for permit expected after FED approval.
California State Water Resources Control Board	Clean Water Act Section 402 Permits (Current Caltrans Permits)	Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) will be completed prior to project construction. Storm Water Data Report (SWDR) has been prepared and updated for approval of the FED and at each subsequent phase of the project.

Chapter 2 – California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Evaluation

This chapter is used to document and discuss Caltrans' significance determinations under CEQA. According to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15064(b), "the determination of whether a project may have a significant effect on the environment calls for careful judgment on the part of the public agency involved, based to the extent possible on scientific and factual data. An ironclad definition of significant effect is not always possible because the significance of an activity may vary with the setting. For example, an activity which may not be significant in an urban area may be significant in a rural area."

CEQA Environmental Checklist

This checklist identifies physical, biological, social, and economic factors that might be affected by the proposed project. In many cases, background studies performed in connection with the projects will indicate that there are no impacts to a particular resource. A NO IMPACT answer in the last column reflects this determination. The words "significant" and "significance" used throughout the following checklist are related to CEQA impacts. The questions in this form are intended to encourage the thoughtful assessment of impacts and do not represent thresholds of significance.

Project features, which can include both design elements of the project, and standardized measures that are applied to all or most Caltrans projects such as Best Management Practices (BMPs) and measures included in the Standard Plans and Specifications or as Standard Special Provisions, are considered to be an integral part of the project and have been considered prior to any significance determinations documented below.

AESTHETICS

Except as provided in Public Resources Code Section 21099, would the project:	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?	☐	☐	☐	☒
b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?	☐	☐	☐	☒
c) In non-urbanized areas, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings? (Public views are those that are experienced from a publicly accessible vantage point). If the project is in an urbanized area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality?	☐	☐	☒	☐
d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?	☐	☐	☐	☒

Regulatory Setting

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) establishes that it is the policy of the state to take all action necessary to provide the people of the state "with…enjoyment of aesthetic, natural, scenic and historic environmental qualities" (CA Public Resources Code [PRC] Section 21001[b]).

CEQA Significance Determinations for Aesthetics

a) No Impact

The proposed project would not have a substantial adverse impact on a scenic vista because the project area does not include any scenic vistas.

b) No Impact

SR-66 are I-215 are both not designated as state scenic highways and are not noted in the County of San Bernardino 2006 General Plan Program as a county-designated scenic route.

c) Less Than Significant

According to the June 2, 2022, Caltrans District 8 Scenic Resource Evaluation Memorandum for the proposed project, the proposed project would only impact the visual environment of the project site by removing existing vegetation, such large oaks trees, and by adding a retaining

wall. However, the proposed project would minimize its visual impacts by including the replacement of trees at a ratio of 3:1 (visual impact [VIS] measure VIS-1) and other revegetation in the project area (VIS-5), as well as aesthetic treatments on the retaining wall to diminish its perceived height (VIS-2). Thus, the impacts of the proposed project are anticipated to be less than significant.

d) No Impact

The project would not implement or create any new sources of light or glare that would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area.

Avoidance, Minimization, and/or Mitigation Measures

Caltrans Standard Best Management Practices (BMPs), the BMPs in the stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP), and 2018 Caltrans Standard Specifications (or latest version) will be implemented to minimize effects during construction.

VIS-1: Tree Replacement. Any trees removed shall be replaced in kind at a minimum ratio of 3:1 with a 5-gallon container, and replaced trees shall be maintained and monitored for three (3) years. At year three, all trees shall have a 100 percent survival rate. Nonnative, invasive vegetation shall be no more than 5 percent within a radius of 15 feet of plantings and watering shall have been discontinued at least one year prior to completion of the maintenance and monitoring period.

VIS-2: Wall Aesthetics. Wall aesthetics shall be provided to diminish the perceived height of the retaining wall and improve compatibility with pedestrians.

VIS-3: Erosion Control. Erosion control shall be provided for all disturbed soil areas per water board guidelines.

VIS-4: Invasive Plant Species Removal. All invasive plant species found within the project limits shall be removed.

VIS-5: Revegetation. Revegetation shall be maximized to provide biologically appropriate habitats for the regional ecology.

VIS-6: Minimization of Vegetation Removal and Ground Work. Vegetation and tree removal (especially for larger trees), trenching, and impacts caused by grading and sloping shall be minimized.

AGRICULTURE AND FOREST RESOURCES

In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state's inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment Project; and the forest carbon measurement methodology provided in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board.				
Would the project:	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?	☐	☐	☐	☒
b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?	☐	☐	☐	☒
c) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))?	☐	☐	☐	☒
d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?	☐	☐	☐	☒
e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?	☐	☐	☐	☒

Regulatory Setting

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires the review of projects that would convert Williamson Act contract land to non-agricultural uses. The main purposes of the Williamson Act are to preserve agricultural land and to encourage open space preservation and efficient urban growth. The Williamson Act provides incentives to landowners through reduced property taxes to discourage the early conversion of agricultural and open space lands to other uses.

CEQA Significance Determinations for Agriculture and Forest Resources

a) No Impact

According to the California Department of Conservation's Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program (FMMP) (accessed February 12, 2022) pursuant to Section 65570 of the California Government Code, there are no farmlands or vacant lands that are designated as Prime Farmlands, Unique Farmlands, Farmlands of Statewide Importance, or Farmlands of Local Importance within the vicinity of the proposed project. The FMMP indicates that the project impact area only incudes land designated as urban and built-up land, grazing land, and other land. Due to the absence of farmlands, farmland conversion would not occur; therefore no impact related to this issue would result from the proposed project.

b) No Impact

According to the City pf San Bernardino (2005), there are no parcels under a Williamson Act contract within the proposed project limits.

c & d) No Impact

There are no forest or timberlands within the proposed project limits.

e) No Impact

There are no other changes anticipated to farmland or forest land.

Avoidance, Minimization, and/or Mitigation Measures
None

AIR QUALITY

Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management district or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations.				
Would the project:	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?	☐	☐	☐	☒
b) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non- attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard?	☐	☐	☐	☒
c) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?	☐	☐	☐	☒
d) Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?	☐	☐	☒	☐

Regulatory Setting

The Federal Clean Air Act as amended, is the primary federal law that governs air quality while the California Clean Air Act is its companion state law. These laws, and related regulations by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the California Air Resources Board, set standards for the concentration of pollutants in the air. At the federal level, these standards are called National Ambient Air Quality Standards. NAAQS and state ambient air quality standards have been established for six transportation-related criteria pollutants that have been linked to potential health concerns: carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide (NO2), ozone (O3), particulate matter (PM)—which is broken down for regulatory purposes into particles of 10 micrometers or smaller (PM10) and particles of 2.5 micrometers and smaller (PM2.5)—and sulfur dioxide (SO2). In addition, national and state standards exist for lead (Pb), and state standards exist for visibility reducing particles, sulfates, hydrogen sulfide (H2S), and vinyl chloride. The NAAQS and state standards are set at levels that protect public health with a margin of safety, and are subject to periodic review and revision. Both state and federal regulatory schemes also cover toxic air contaminants (air toxics); some criteria pollutants are also air toxics or may include certain air toxics in their general definition. Regulatory Setting

CEQA Significance Determinations for Air Quality

The Caltrans District 8 Environmental Engineering Studies May 10, 2022 Air Quality Memorandum and June 16, 2022, Transportation Air Quality Conformity Findings Checklist for the proposed project were used to make the following CEQA significance determinations.

a, b, & c) No Impact

The proposed project location is in the South Coast Air Basin, within the jurisdiction of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) and the California Air Resources Board (CARB). The SCAQMD is the primary agency responsible for writing the Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) in cooperation with the Southern California Association of

Governments (SCAG), local governments, and the private sector. The AQMP provides the blueprint for meeting state and federal ambient air quality standards.

This proposed project is not a capacity-increasing transportation project; therefore, it will have no impact on traffic volumes and would generate a less than significant amount of pollutants during construction due to the very short duration of project construction. According to the table 1 of the Caltrans Carbon Monoxide Protocol and table 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 93.126, this project is also exempt from all emissions analysis. Thus, the proposed project would not conflict with the AQMP, violate any air quality standard, result in a net increase of any criteria pollutant, or expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations. Impacts would be less than significant.

d) Less Than Significant

Temporary construction activities could generate fugitive dust from the operation of construction equipment. The project will comply with construction standards adopted by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) as well as Caltrans standardized procedures for minimizing air pollutants during construction (air quality [AQ] measure AQ-1). Impacts would be less than significant.

Avoidance, Minimization, and/or Mitigation Measures

Caltrans Standard Best Management Practices (BMPs), the BMPs in the stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP), and 2018 Caltrans Standard Specifications (or latest version) will be implemented to minimize effects during construction.

AQ-1: Air Quality. The proposed project shall comply with Caltrans Standard Specifications Section 14-9, Air Quality, which requires contractors to comply with all federal, state, regional, and local rules, regulations, and ordinances related to air quality.

BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

Would the project:	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, or NOAA Fisheries?	☐	☐	☒	☐
b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?	☐	☒	☐	☐
c) Have a substantial adverse effect on state or federally protected wetlands (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?	☐	☒	☐	☐
d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?	☐	☐	☒	☐
e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?	☐	☐	☐	☒
f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?	☐	☐	☐	☒

Regulatory Setting

Wetlands and Other Waters

Wetlands and other waters are protected under a number of laws and regulations. At the federal level, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, more commonly referred to as the Clean Water Act (CWA) (33 United States Code [USC] 1344), is the primary law regulating wetlands and surface waters. One purpose of the CWA is to regulate the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the US, including wetlands. Waters of the US include navigable waters, interstate waters, territorial seas, and other waters that may be used in interstate or foreign commerce. The lateral limits of jurisdiction over non-tidal water bodies extend to the ordinary high water mark (OHWM), in the absence of adjacent wetlands. When adjacent wetlands are present, CWA jurisdiction extends beyond the OHWM to the limits of the adjacent wetlands. To

classify wetlands for the purposes of the CWA, a three-parameter approach is used that includes the presence of hydrophytic (water-loving) vegetation, wetland hydrology, and hydric soils (soils formed during saturation/inundation). All three parameters must be present, under normal circumstances, for an area to be designated as a jurisdictional wetland under the CWA.

Section 404 of the CWA establishes a regulatory program that provides that discharge of dredged or fill material cannot be permitted if a practicable alternative exists that is less damaging to the aquatic environment or if the nation's waters would be significantly degraded. The Section 404 permit program is run by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) with oversight by the US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA).

The USACE issues two types of 404 permits: General and Individual. There are two types of General permits: Regional and Nationwide. Regional permits are issued for a general category of activities when they are similar in nature and cause minimal environmental effect. Nationwide permits are issued to allow a variety of minor project activities with no more than minimal effects.

Ordinarily, projects that do not meet the criteria for a Regional or Nationwide Permit may be permitted under one of USACE's Individual permits. There are two types of Individual permits: Standard permits and Letters of Permission. For Individual permits, the USACE decision to approve is based on compliance with US EPA's Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 230), and whether permit approval is in the public interest. The Section 404 (b)(1) Guidelines (Guidelines) were developed by the US EPA in conjunction with the USACE, and allow the discharge of dredged or fill material into the aquatic system (waters of the US) only if there is no practicable alternative which would have less adverse effects. The Guidelines state that the USACE may not issue a permit if there is a "least environmentally damaging practicable alternative" (LEDPA) to the proposed discharge that would have lesser effects on waters of the US, and not have any other significant adverse environmental consequences.

The Executive Order for the Protection of Wetlands (EO 11990) also regulates the activities of federal agencies with regard to wetlands. Essentially, EO 11990 states that a federal agency, such as FHWA and/or the Caltrans, as assigned, cannot undertake or provide assistance for new construction located in wetlands unless the head of the agency finds: (1) that there is no practicable alternative to the construction and (2) the proposed project includes all practicable measures to minimize harm. A Wetlands Only Practicable Alternative Finding must be made.

At the state level, wetlands and waters are regulated primarily by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), the Regional Water Quality Control Boards (RWQCBs) and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). In certain circumstances, the Coastal Commission (or Bay Conservation and Development Commission or the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency) may also be involved. Sections 1600-1607 of the California Fish and Game Code require any agency that proposes a project that will substantially divert or obstruct the natural flow of or substantially change the bed or bank of a river, stream, or lake to notify CDFW before beginning construction. If CDFW determines that the project may substantially and adversely affect fish or wildlife resources, a Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement will be required. CDFW jurisdictional limits are usually defined by the tops of the stream or lake banks, or the outer edge of riparian vegetation, whichever is wider. Wetlands under jurisdiction of the USACE may or may not be included in the area covered by a Streambed Alteration Agreement obtained from the CDFW.

The RWQCBs were established under the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act to oversee water quality. Discharges under the Porter-Cologne Act are permitted by Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and may be required even when the discharge is already permitted or exempt under the CWA. In compliance with Section 401 of the CWA, the RWQCBs also issue water quality certifications for activities which may result in a discharge to waters of the US. This is most frequently required in tandem with a Section 404 of the CWA permit request.

Plant Species

The US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) have regulatory responsibility for the protection of special-status plant species. "Special-status" species are selected for protection because they are rare and/or subject to population and habitat declines. Special status is a general term for species that are provided varying levels of regulatory protection. The highest level of protection is given to threatened and endangered species; these are species that are formally listed or proposed for listing as endangered or threatened under the Federal Endangered Species Act (FESA) and/or the California Endangered Species Act (CESA).

This section of the document discusses all other special-status plant species, California Native Plant Society (CNPS) rare plants.

The regulatory requirements for FESA can be found at 16 United States Code (USC) Section 1531, et seq. See also 50 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 402. The regulatory requirements for CESA can be found at California Fish and Game Code, Section 2050, et seq. Caltrans projects are also subject to the Native Plant Protection Act, found at California Fish and Game Code, Section 1900-1913, and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), found at California Public Resources Code, Sections 21000-21177.

Animal Species

Many state and federal laws regulate impacts to wildlife. The US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries Service), and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) are responsible for implementing these laws. This section discusses potential impacts and permit requirements associated with animals not listed or proposed for listing under the federal or state Endangered Species Act. Species listed or proposed for listing as threatened or endangered are discussed in the following sections. All other special-status animal species are also discussed here.

Federal laws and regulations relevant to wildlife include the following:

- National Environmental Policy Act
- Migratory Bird Treaty Act
- Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act

State laws and regulations relevant to wildlife include the following:

- California Environmental Quality Act

- Sections 1600 – 1603 of the California Fish and Game Code
- Sections 3503 and 3503.5 of the California Fish and Game Code
- Sections 4150 and 4152 of the California Fish and Game Code

Threatened and Endangered Species

The primary federal law protecting threatened and endangered species is the Federal Endangered Species Act (FESA): 16 United States Code (USC) Section 1531, et seq. See also 50 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 402. This act and later amendments provide for the conservation of endangered and threatened species and the ecosystems upon which they depend. Under Section 7 of this act, federal agencies, such as the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) (and Caltrans, as assigned), are required to consult with the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries Service) to ensure that they are not undertaking, funding, permitting, or authorizing actions likely to jeopardize the continued existence of listed species or destroy or adversely modify designated critical habitat. Critical habitat is defined as geographic locations critical to the existence of a threatened or endangered species. The outcome of consultation under Section 7 may include a Biological Opinion with an Incidental Take statement or a Letter of Concurrence. Section 3 of FESA defines take as "harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture or collect or any attempt at such conduct."

California has enacted a similar law at the state level, the California Endangered Species Act (CESA), California Fish and Game Code Section 2050, et seq. CESA emphasizes early consultation to avoid potential impacts to rare, endangered, and threatened species and to develop appropriate planning to offset project-caused losses of listed species populations and their essential habitats. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is the agency responsible for implementing CESA. Section 2080 of the California Fish and Game Code prohibits "take" of any species determined to be an endangered species or a threatened species. Take is defined in Section 86 of the California Fish and Game Code as "hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill, or attempt to hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill." CESA allows for take incidental to otherwise lawful development projects; for these actions an incidental take permit is issued by CDFW. For species listed under both FESA and CESA requiring a Biological Opinion under Section 7 of FESA, the CDFW may also authorize impacts to CESA species by issuing a Consistency Determination under Section 2080.1 of the California Fish and Game Code.

Invasive Species

On February 3, 1999, President William J. Clinton signed Executive Order (EO) 13112 requiring federal agencies to combat the introduction or spread of invasive species in the United States. The order defines invasive species as "any species, including its seeds, eggs, spores, or other biological material capable of propagating that species, that is not native to that ecosystem whose introduction does or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health." Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) guidance issued August 10, 1999 directs the use of the State's invasive species list, maintained by the California Invasive Species Council to define the invasive species that must be considered as part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis for a proposed project.

Biological Setting

The June 13, 2022, Caltrans District 8 Natural Environment Study (Minimal Impacts) [NESMI] for the proposed project includes the following information and was used to make the following CEQA significance determinations. Modifications to the NESMI, and thus this IS-MND, have been made in response to the recent additions to the project scope and to the May 6, 2022, public comment letter regarding the draft of this environmental document from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The proposed project lies within the San Bernardino South and San Bernardino North, California United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute quadrangles. The surrounding terrain along SR-66 is relatively flat, with elevation ranging from approximately 1,061 feet above mean sea level (AMSL) to 1,215 feet AMSL, with a gradual ascent in a westerly direction, and the feet AMSL is 1,800 at the I-215 Little League Overcrossing. The average winter low temperature in the vicinity is 42 degrees Fahrenheit (˚F) and the average summer high temperature is 96˚F.

The proposed project is located within the San Bernardino Mountains region of the Southwestern California Province. The natural vegetation of the region is characterized primarily of Riversidian alluvial fan sage scrub alliances, consisting of scattered shrubs with large inter-shrub spaces, and nonnative annual grassland. Jurisdictional waters that cross the project limits are Lytle Creek and East Branch Lytle Creek.

Three (3) sensitive natural communities, forty-three (43) special-status plant species, and forty (40) special-status animal species could potentially be found within the proposed project vicinity, a two-mile radius of the project site (Appendix A, Table 1). These species and natural communities were compiled from the USFWS Information Planning and Conservation (IPaC) system (2021) (see Chapter 4, Public Agency Consultation section), CDFW California Natural Diversity Database (2021), and California Native Plant Society botanical records (2021).

A variety of surveys were conducted to access the biological resources within the biological study area (BSA), which consists of the project limits and a 500-feet buffer area. A Google Earth Pro virtual ‘windshield survey’ was conducted on December 20, 2020. The following field surveys were conducted during 2021 under fair weather conditions. Caltrans qualified staff conducted a general habitat assessment and bat habitat suitability assessment surveys at Lytle Creek Basin Overhead, Lytle Creek Channel, and East Branch Lytle Creek bridges on February 12, 2021, and at Little League Drive Overcrossing Bridge on May 13, 2021. Subsequent bat habitat suitability assessment survey were conducted on October 27, 2021, by an ECORP Consulting, Inc. bat biologist, along with Caltrans qualified staff, at Lytle Creek Basin Overhead, Lytle Creek Channel, East Branch Lytle Creek, and Little League Drive Overcrossing bridges. On November 28, 2021, Caltrans qualified staff also conducted a general habitat assessment survey on an old and open agricultural property on the northwest corner of SR-66 and Terrace Road.

The biological conditions of the BSA primarily consist of development and remaining natural communities of perennial scrub associated with Lytle Creek Wash and Channel. Habitat types found in the BSA include disturbed/developed habitat, ruderal habitat, coastal scrub, and Riversidian alluvial fan sage scrub habitat.

A total of seventeen (17) animal species were either directly observed or detected through the presence of signs within the BSA. These included the following fourteen (14) bird species: red-tailed hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*), killdeer (*Charadrius vociferus*), mourning dove (*Zenaida*

macroura), Anna's hummingbird (*Calypte anna*) , California scrub jay (*Aphelocoma californica*), cliff swallow (*Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*), ruby-crowned kinglet (*Regulus calendula*), northern mockingbird (*Mimus polyglottos*), European starling* (*Sturnus vulgaris*), yellow-rumped warbler (*Setophaga coronate*), white-crowned sparrow (*Zonotrichia leucophrys*), house finch (*Haemorhous mexicanus*), lesser goldfinch (*Spinus psaltria*), and house sparrow* (*Passer domesticus*). These also included the following three (3) mammal species: unidentified bat species (suborder Microchiroptera), Botta's pocket gopher (*Thomomys bottae*), and California ground squirrel (*Otospermophilus beecheyi*).

A total of twenty-three (23) plant species were observed within the BSA and included the following plant species: elderberry spp. (*Sambucus* spp.) white goosefoot (*Chenopodium album*), Peruvian pepper tree* (*Schinus molle*), Mexican fan palm* (*Washingtonia robusta*), rubber rabbitbrush (*Ericameria nauseosa*), telegraph weed (*Heterotheca grandiflora*), Russian thistle* (*Salsola tragus*), deerweed (*Acmispon glaber*), Bauhinia tree* (*Buahinia* spp.), coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*), vinegar weed (*Trichostema lanceolatum*), avocado tree* (*Persea americana*), red gum* (*Eucalyptus* species), Aleppo pine (*Pinus halepensis*), stone pine (*Pinus pinea*), western sycamore (*Platanus racemosa*), slender wild oat* (*Avena fatua*), ripgut grass* (*Bromus diandrus*), foxtail chess* (*Bromus madritensis* ssp*. rubens*), California buckwheat (*Eriogonum fasciculatum*), puncture vine (*Tribulus terrestris*), Bermuda grass (*Cynodon dactylon*), and fountain grass* (*Pennisetum setaceum*).

*Non-native species

CEQA Significance Determinations for Biological Resources

a) Less Than Significant Impact

Special-Status Plant Species

Fourteen (14) special-status plants have suitable habitat in the biological study area (Appendix A, Table 1) consisting of Riversidian alluvial fan sage scrub habitat, coastal scrub habitat, sandy and gravelly soils, and an ephemeral wash (Lytle Creek) that are capable of supporting these species. Although no special-status plants were observed in the biological study area (BSA) during the general habitat assessment survey, at least 115 plants of Santa Ana River woolly-star were observed in the BSA in 2012.

The proposed project impact area itself would be confined to the paved travel way with disturbed soils void of suitable habitat for these special-status plant species. However, avoidance and minimization measures would still be implemented and include rare plant preconstruction surveys and fencing to avoid impacts to adjacent potential habitat (environmental commitment measure Bio-Plant-PSM-1, Bio-General-7, Bio-General-8, Bio-General-9, and Bio-General 11). Thus, the proposed project would have a less than significant impact on these special-status plant species.

Special-Status Animal Species

Twenty-two (22) special-status animal species have suitable or marginal habitat in the BSA (Appendix A, Table 1). These special-status species, including one (1) insect species, five (5) reptile species, six (6) bird species, and ten (10) mammal species, could exist in one or more of the habitats that exist in the BSA. The potential habitats of these special-status species include

fallow fields, annual grassland, coastal scrub, Riversidian alluvial fan sage scrub, trees, and man-made structures like bridges. In particular, some of the Riversidian alluvial fan sage scrub within the BSA includes USFWS-designated critical habitat for the San Bernardino kangaroo rat.

Previous small mammal trapping efforts in the Riversidian alluvial fan sage scrub within the BSA yielded thirty-five (35) Los Angeles pocket mice in 2002, and nine (9) San Bernardino Kangaroo rats in 2016. The Los Angeles pocket mouse is a state-designated species of special concern, and the San Bernardino kangaroo rat is a federally-listed endangered species and a candidate for state endangered species status. Although no trapping efforts were made and no special-status rodents were observed more recently in the BSA during the biological resources review for this project, avoidance and minimization measures would be implemented to protect San Bernardino kangaroo rats and all other special-status species that could be found in this Riversidian alluvial fan sage scrub habitat (environmental commitment measures Bio-Plant-PSM-1, Bio-General-7, Bio-General-8, Bio-General-9, Bio-General-11, Bio-General-PSM-17, and Bio-General PSM-19).

The project impact area itself would be confined to the paved travel way with disturbed soils void of suitable habitat for many of these special-status animal species. However, avoidance and minimization measures (such as bird and bat preconstruction surveys, and protective fencing) would be implemented to avoid impacts to the species themselves and their potential habitat (environmental commitment measures Bio-Avian-PSM-1, Bio-Avian-PSM-2, Bio-General-1, Bio-General-2, Bio-General-7, Bio-General-8, Bio-General 9, Bio-General-PSM-17, Bio-General-PSM-18, Bio-General-PSM-19, Bio-Bat-PSM-2, Bio-Bat-PSM-3, and Bio-Plant-PSM-1).

With these avoidance and minimization measures in place, Caltrans has made the following determinations. Pursuant to Section 7(a)(2) of the Federal Endangered Species Act (FESA), the proposed project would have ‘no effect’ on federally-listed species or their designated critical habitats. Pursuant to the California Endangered Species Act (CESA), the proposed project would result in ‘no take’ to state-listed or candidate species, and would not cause species of special concern and rare species to trend towards becoming listed. Thus, the project will not require a Section 2081(b) incidental take permit from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW).

The proposed project would have a less than significant impact on these special-status animal species.

Fisheries

Although the proposed project is located within a National Marine Fisheries Service jurisdictional area, the proposed project would have ‘no effect’ on National Marine Fisheries Service listed species or ‘essential fish habitat.’ Thus, ‘essential fish habitat’ consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service would not be required and the proposed project would have no impact on fisheries.

b) Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated

The BSA has minimal riparian habitat, with only a few shrubs and trees, and contains only one sensitive natural community, Riversidian alluvial fan sage scrub, which is located in Lytle Creek. Riversidian alluvial fan sage scrub habitat has a state rank of S1.1, which means it is at ‘high risk of extinction or elimination,’ and it has a ‘very threatened status.’ The project impact area

itself would be confined to the paved travel way with disturbed soils void of this sensitive natural community. However, avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures would still be implemented to avoid impacts to any Riversidian alluvial fan sage scrub or other sensitive natural communities (biological resource [Bio] measures Bio-Plant-1, Bio-General-7, Bio-General-PSM-14). Thus, the proposed project would have a less than significant impact with mitigation incorporated on riparian habitat or other sensitive natural communities.

c) Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated

The biological study area (BSA) of the proposed project is under jurisdiction of the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (SARWQCB). The BSA is located within the Santa Ana River Watershed and the Upper Santa Ana River sub-watershed.

According to the December 20, 2021 Jurisdictional Delineation Report completed as part of the 2022 NESMI for this project, the proposed project would have 1.0009 acres of temporary impact and 0.038 acres of permanent impact on both Waters of the State and Waters of the U.S. The BSA and project impact area contain two (2) jurisdictional drainages pursuant to the Porter Cologne Water Quality Control Act, Section 1602 of the California Fish and Game Code, and Clean Water Act (CWA) Sections 401, 404, and 408. These drainages include Lytle Creek and East Branch Lytle Creek, which are channelized intermittent streams that cross underneath two bridges along SR-66 at postmiles (PM) 21.3 and 21.5 respectively. This evaluation is considered preliminary and would not be considered final until concurrence has been obtained by the agencies with jurisdiction over the resources which include the following: USACE, CDFW, and SARWQCB. For the proposed project work, the following permits are anticipated: Waste Discharge Requirements from the SARWQCB, a Section 1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement from CDFW, and a CWA Section 401 Water Quality Certification from SARWQCB. A Preliminary Jurisdictional Delineation (PJD) from the USACE may be requested during the project's design phase.

The drainage facility improvements on I-215 near the Little League Drive Overcrossing would not require USACE 404, RWQCB 401, and CDFW 1602 permits. However, according to the preliminary evaluation in the 2022 NESMI, this drainage facility is a potential Waters of the State and could be subject to SARWQCB Waste Discharge Requirements.

Project impacts to Waters of the State and Waters of the US shall be mitigated; all permit conditions for these impacts shall be coordinated with the USACE, SARWQCB, and CDFW (measure Bio-General-PSM-14), and deemed appropriate by the respective resource agencies. Thus, the proposed project would have a less than significant impact with mitigation incorporated on state or federally protected wetlands.

d) Less Than Significant Impact

Transportation facilities, particularly freeways and roadways, pose an inherent barrier to wildlife and habitat connectivity. However, the proposed project would occur on the existing interstate and state route alignments, and thus would pose no risk of reducing or worsening the existing levels of habitat connectivity. Although the project work would be occurring in the Lytle Creek Channel and the East Branch Lytle Creek, and both of these water are potential wildlife movement corridors, the channels themselves would not be significantly affected by the proposed project. Thus, the proposed project would not affect any migratory wildlife corridors or the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species.

The proposed project would include work on four bridges, all of which have potential to house nesting birds or bat maternity colonies. Avoidance and minimization measures would be implemented and include bird and bat preconstruction surveys to avoid impacts to nesting birds and bat maternity colonies (environmental commitment measures Bio-Avian-PSM-1, Bio-Avian-PSM-2, Bio-General-2, Bio-General-7, Bio-General-PSM-17, Bio-Bat-PSM-2, Bio-Bat-PSM-3, and Bio-General-PSM-18). Thus, the proposed project would have a less than significant impact on wildlife nursery sites.

e) No Impact

The proposed project would include the removal of several native trees, including several mature coast live oaks and an elderberry tree. To minimize the loss of trees being removed due to the project, Caltrans would be replacing these trees in kind at a 3:1 ratio with a tree in a 5-gallon container (measures Bio-Plant-PSM-2 and VIS-1).

Tree removal at the scale required by this project is permissible in the City of San Bernardino. However, if tree removal exceeds five (5) trees on more than one acre within a 36-month period, Caltrans would apply for a tree removal permit from the city per San Bernardino Municipal Code Section 19.28.100 (measure Bio-General-12).

The proposed project would not conflict with local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources.

f) No Impact

The proposed project would not conflict with the provisions of an adopted habitat conservation plan, natural community conservation plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan.

Avoidance, Minimization, and/or Mitigation Measures

Caltrans Standard Best Management Practices (BMPs), the BMPs in the stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP), and 2018 Caltrans Standard Specifications (or latest version) will be implemented to minimize effects during construction.

Project impacts to jurisdictional areas shall be mitigated and all permit conditions for these impacts shall be coordinated with the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), and deemed appropriate by the respective resource agencies.

Bio-Avian-Project Specific Measure (PSM)-1: Preconstruction Nesting Bird Survey. All project activities on-site shall be conducted outside of the nesting bird season (generally, raptor nesting season is January 1 through September 15; and passerine bird nesting season is February 1 through September 1) to the maximum extent feasible. If project activities begin during the non-nesting season (non-nesting season is typically from September 16 through December 31), a pre-construction survey shall be performed by a qualified biologist to verify the absence of nesting birds. A qualified biologist shall conduct the pre-activity survey within the project area (including access routes) and a 300- foot buffer surrounding the project area, no more than two hours prior to initiating project activities.

If project activities cannot avoid the nesting season, then preconstruction nesting bird surveys must be conducted within 3-days prior to of the start of Project activities construction by a qualified biologist to locate and avoid nesting birds. Pre-construction nesting bird surveys shall focus on both direct and indirect evidence of nesting, including nest locations and nesting behavior. The qualified avian biologist will make every effort to avoid potential nest predation as a result of survey and monitoring efforts. If an active avian nest containing eggs or young is located during the pre-construction nesting bird surveys, a no-construction buffer shall be established, marked on the ground, and monitored by the qualified biologist until the young have fledged or the nest is no longer active.

Nest buffers are species-specific and shall be at least 100 feet for passerines and 300 feet for raptors. A smaller or larger buffer may be determined by the qualified biologist familiar with the nesting phenology of the nesting species and based on nest and buffer monitoring results. Established buffers shall remain on site until a qualified biologist determines the young have fledged or the nest is no longer active. Active nests and adequacy of the established buffer distance shall be monitored daily by the qualified biologist until the qualified biologist has determined the young have fledged or the Project has been completed. The qualified biologist has the authority to stop work if nesting pairs exhibit signs of disturbance.

Bio-Avian-PSM-2: Pre-Construction Burrowing Owl Survey. Two burrowing owl preconstruction surveys shall be performed: one survey 14 days prior to project activities, and one survey 24 hours prior to project activities within and adjacent to suitable habitat areas (e.g. staging areas, fallow fields, annual grassland).

No less than 14 days and 24 hours prior to the initiation of any Project activities within suitable and adjacent suitable habitat, a qualified biologist shall conduct take avoidance surveys in accordance with the Staff Report on Burrowing Owl Mitigation (Department of Fish and Game, March 2012). If no burrowing owl(s) are observed onsite during the take avoidance survey, a letter shall be prepared by the qualified biologist documenting the results of the survey. The letter shall be submitted to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW).

If burrowing owl(s) are observed on site during the take avoidance survey, areas occupied by burrowing owls shall be avoided. If burrowing owls cannot be avoided by the Project, then the qualified biologist shall prepare and submit a passive relocation program in accordance with Appendix E (i.e., Example Components for Burrowing Owl Artificial Burrow and Exclusion Plans) of the 2012 Staff Report on Burrowing Owl Mitigation (CDFG 2012) to CDFW for review/approval prior to the commencement of disturbance activities on site and propose mitigation at no less than a 2:1 ratio for permanent loss of occupied burrow(s) and habitat consistent with the 2012 Staff Report on Burrowing Owl Mitigation. Survey results shall be submitted to CDFW within 30 days of completion of surveys following the guidelines provided in Appendix D of the Staff Report on Burrowing Owl Mitigation (Department of Fish and Game, March 2012).

Bio-General-1: Equipment Staging, Storing & Borrow Sites. All equipment staging, storing, and borrow sites require the approval of the Caltrans biologist.

Bio-General-2: Temporary Artificial Lighting Restrictions. Artificial lighting must be directed at the work site to minimize light spillover outside of the construction footprint if project activities occur at night.

Bio-General-7: Worker Environmental Awareness Program (WEAP). A qualified biologist must present a biological resource information program/WEAP for Riversidian alluvial fan sage scrub habitat and special-status species found within the BSA prior to project activities to all personnel that will be present within the project limits for longer than 30 minutes at any given time.

Bio-General-8: Biological Monitor. The qualified biologist must monitor project activities weekly to ensure that measures are being implemented and documented at the following location: Lytle Creek Channel Bridge (SBD-66-PM 21.5), East Branch Lytle Creek Channel Bridge (SBD-66-PM 21.3), and Little League Drive Overcrossing Bridge (SBD-215-PM 14.9).

Bio-General-9: Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA). To address impacts to Riversidian alluvial fan sage scrub habitat, San Bernardino Kangaroo Rat designated critical habitat, and special-status species, delineate the construction access road as shown on the plans and/or described in the specifications at the following location: Lytle Creek Bridge Access Road (SBD-66-PM 21.5).

Bio-General-11: Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) Fence Removal. All fencing must be removed as a last order of work. During removal, a qualified biologist must be present.

Bio-General-12: Tree Removal Permit. If tree removal exceeds five (5) trees on more than one acre within a 36-month period, Caltrans shall apply for a tree removal permit from the city per San Bernardino Municipal Code Section 19.28.100.

Bio-General- Project Specific Measure (PSM-14): Lake and Streambed Alteration. Prior to construction and issuance of any grading permit, the Caltrans shall obtain written correspondence from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) stating that notification under section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code is not required for the project, or Caltrans shall obtain a CDFW-executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement, authorizing impacts to Fish and Game Code section 1602 resources associated with the project.

Bio-General-PSM-17: Night Access Restriction. To avoid impacts to San Bernardino kangaroo rat and its designated critical habitat, work is only allowed two hours after sunrise to two hours before sunset at the following location: Lytle Creek Bridge Access Road (SBD-66-PM 21.5). If work within the no-work exclusionary timeframe is necessary, a stop-work order will be enforced until such time as Caltrans can work with the US Fish and Wildlife Service to identify whether a section 7 permit is necessary. This stop-work order may last for 135 calendar days or more, with the contractor responsible for all standby costs in the interim period.

Bio-General-PSM-18: Removal of Nest Prior to Nesting Season. Weekly inspection of the project site for swallow nest building activity shall begin by February 15. If swallows begin colonizing the bridges prior to beginning bridge work, all nest precursors (mud placed by swallows for construction of nests) shall be washed down at least once daily until swallow's cease trying to construct nests. This activity shall not result in harm or death to swallows (adult, juvenile, nestling or eggs). If intact swallow nests must be removed, they shall be removed prior to nesting season, when the nest is completely inactive (approximately September or October but shall be confirmed by a qualified bat biologist) and prior to potential use by overwintering bats, and in such a way that the nest is left in place and kept intact and not dropped to the ground and inspected by the qualified bat biologist for eggs, hatchlings or juvenile swallows as well as bat occupation prior to removal, and under the direct supervision of a qualified bat biologist with a Memorandum of Understanding from CDFW to handle bats. If the nest is occupied by eggs, hatchlings, juvenile birds, or bats, the nests shall be left undisturbed until,

either the birds have fledged, the nest is no longer active, or if bats are occupying, the bats have left for the season, as confirmed by a qualified bat biologist. If bats must be relocated outside of the breeding season, a Bat Avoidance and Minimization plan shall be submitted to CDFW for review and approval. A qualified bat biologist is required for removal of swallow nests due to documented occurrences of bat roosting behavior within swallow nests.

Bio-General-PSM-19: Special-Status Small Mammal Avoidance. Caltrans shall provide to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) a set of avoidance and minimization measures aimed at avoiding special-status small mammals, including San Bernardino kangaroo rat (SBKR) and Los Angeles pocket mouse (LAPM) from Project-related impacts. The proposed avoidance and minimization measures shall be provided to CDFW for review and approval no fewer than 30 days prior to the initiation of Project activities. If complete avoidance of LAPM, SBKR, or any other special-status small mammal cannot be achieved, mitigation of no less than 2:1 will be required for LAPM and other non-state-listed special-status small mammals. If complete avoidance of state-listed SBKR cannot be achieved, a California Endangered Species Act (CESA) Incidental Take Permit (ITP) and mitigation at no less than a 5:1 (replacement to impact) ratio for loss of habitat is recommended. Project activities should not begin until a CESA ITP is obtained for SBKR.

Bio-General-PSM-20: Litter Control and Disposal. The pick up and removal of litter, trash, and debris shall occur daily.

Bio-Bat-PSM-2: Preconstruction Bat Emergence Surveys. To avoid impacts to special-status and regulatory bat species, preconstruction bat night-time emergence surveys must be conducted fourteen (14) days prior to construction by a qualified bat biologist to locate and avoid roosting bats at the following locations: Lytle Creek Basin OH Bridge, Lytle Creek Channel Bridge, East Branch Lytle Creek Channel Bridge, Little League Drive OC Bridge, I-215 drainage facility near the Little League Drive OC. Surveys shall be conducted by a qualified bat biologist on a warm night when nighttime lows are no less than 45°F and during dry weather conditions. Surveys should be conducted from approximately 15 minutes before sunset to 1 hour after sunset. Project activities may proceed as planned if no evidence of bat occupation (e.g., guano, urine staining, or vocalizations) at a given structure is identified during the surveys. Project activities at a given structure must begin within 14 days of the nighttime survey or the survey will need to be repeated. The project qualified bat biologist will identify the bats to the species level and evaluate the colony to determine its size and significance and presence of a maternal colony. If evidence of bat occupation is identified during surveys, the qualified bat biologist shall then provide additional measures to avoid impacts to roosting bats as recommended by CDFW which may include replacing existing bat roosts with new roosting habitat in conjunction with a three (3) year monitoring period by a CDFW approved bat biologist. Measures provided shall be specific to the individual roost, species present, and proposed construction activities, and shall include, but not be limited to the following:

a) postponement of project activities to outside of the bat maternity season (typically, maternity season is April 1 through August 31) if a maternity colony is identified to be occupying a given structure, and b) monitoring of project activities by a qualified bat biologist. Project activities that do not produce noise or vibrations substantially higher than ambient conditions may be conducted if a non-maternal roosting colony is present, at the qualified bat biologist's discretion if recommended by CDFW. If the qualified bat biologist determines that non-maternal colony roosting bats are disturbed by construction activities, construction activities in the vicinity shall cease immediately and additional avoidance measures (e.g., installation of a noise shroud or

sound curtain) and coordination with CDFW shall be required before activities within the vicinity resume.

Bio-Bat-PSM-3: Tree Removal. If impacts to trees are unavoidable the following steps shall be required. Caltrans shall identify specific trees to be modified or removed and notify the qualified bat biologist. The qualified bat biologist shall assess the potential of each tree to house a maternity colony. If crevice and/or cavity features are present, summer night-time surveys shall be conducted to determine if a maternity colony is present. If a maternity colony is present, tree removal and/or modification shall occur outside the bat maternity season (typically April 1 through August 31) in the fall (after flightless young have become volant) and under the supervision of a qualified bat biologist. If no crevice and/or cavity features are present, the qualified bat biologist shall supervise the following two-step process of tree removal that shall occur over a 2-day period to avoid direct mortality of foliage-roosting species:

(1) On Day 1, branches and limbs that do not contain crevices or cavities shall be removed using hand tools or chainsaws. The goal is to create a disturbance sufficient to cause any bats roosting in the tree to leave that night and not return, but not at a level of intensity that will cause bats to fly out of the tree during the disturbance itself (i.e., during the daytime, when leaving the roost will likely result in predation).

(2) On Day 2, the remainder of the tree may be removed.

Bio-Plant-PSM-1: Special-Status Plants. Impacts to Riversidian alluvial fan sage scrub (RAFSS) and special-status plants, including state-listed Santa Ana River woolly star (SAWS), shall be avoided by establishing an appropriate avoidance buffer established by a California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)-approved botanist and marked in the field (i.e., fencing or flagging). If complete avoidance cannot be achieved, loss of RAFSS and special-status plants, including SAWS should be mitigated through the purchase of mitigation credits from a CDFW-approved bank, or by land acquisition and conservation at a minimum 3:1 (replacement-to-impact) ratio. Note that a higher ratio may be warranted if the proposed mitigation lands are located far from the Project site (i.e., within a separate watershed). If the Project has the potential to impact a state-listed plant species, such as SAWS, Caltrans should apply for a California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit with CDFW.

Bio-Plant-PSM-2: Oak Tree Replacement Plan. Any removed native oaks (*Quercus* spp.) shall be replaced in kind at a minimum ratio of 3:1 with a 5-gallon container, and replaced trees shall be maintained and monitored for three (3) years. At year three, all trees shall have 100 percent survival rate. Nonnative, invasive vegetation shall be no more than 5 percent within a radius of 15 feet of plantings and watering shall have been discontinued at least one year prior to completion of the maintenance and monitoring period.

CULTURAL RESOURCES

Would the project:	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to §15064.5?	☐	☐	☒	☐
b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?	☐	☐	☒	☐
c) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of dedicated cemeteries?	☐	☐	☐	☒

Regulatory Setting

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires the consideration of cultural resources that are historical resources and tribal cultural resources, as well as "unique" archaeological resources. California Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 5024.1 established the California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR) and outlined the necessary criteria for a cultural resource to be considered eligible for listing in the CRHR and, therefore, a historical resource. Historical resources are defined in PRC Section 5020.1(j). In 2014, Assembly Bill 52 (AB 52) added the term "tribal cultural resources" to CEQA, and AB 52 is commonly referenced instead of CEQA when discussing the process to identify tribal cultural resources (as well as identifying measures to avoid, preserve, or mitigate effects to them). Defined in PRC Section 21074(a), a tribal cultural resource is a CRHR or local register eligible site, feature, place, cultural landscape, or object which has a cultural value to a California Native American tribe. Tribal cultural resources must also meet the definition of a historical resource. Unique archaeological resources are referenced in PRC Section 21083.2.

PRC Section 5024 requires state agencies to identify and protect state-owned historical resources that meet the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) listing criteria. It further requires Caltrans to inventory state-owned structures in its right of way.

Cultural Resources Setting

Caltrans uses a single process to fulfill its CEQA, PRC 5024, and National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 responsibilities for projects on which Caltrans is the Lead Agency. This process a is typically documented in a Caltrans Historic Property Survey Report (HPSR). Information in this section of the IS was taken from the Caltrans District 8 Historic Property Survey Report (HPSR) approved for the project on November 11, 2021.

Changes to the project scope since approval of the HPSR have been documented and filed in a Supplemental HPSR (February 2, 2022) and Final Second Supplemental HPSR (May 2, 2022). However, the findings of the original HPSR have remained the same.

The HPSR documents Caltrans Professionally Qualified Staff (PQS) efforts to identify, evaluate, and assess effects on Historic Properties / Historical Resources within the area of potential

effects (APE) that may be affected by the project. These efforts included development of the APE, or the area in which the project has the potential to affect historical resources, consultation with interested parties such as local historical societies and Native American Tribes, a record search of previously identified cultural resources in the project area, a field survey of the APE, and an effects assessment.

These efforts determined that six (6) properties within the APE are considered eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Historic properties eligible for the NRHP are also considered to be Historical Resources eligible for the California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR) and therefore are considered to be Historical Resources for the purposes of CEQA:

- CA-SBR-002910/Route 66: Route 66 in its entirety from Chicago to Los Angeles has been determined eligible for NRHP by the Keeper of the Register (March 2012). In addition, a MPDF for Route 66 in California was prepared in September 2011. The section of Route 66 in the APE is a State-Owned Historical Resource on the Master List.

- Wigwam Village No. 7: An NRHP nomination form was prepared for the Wigwam Motel or “Wigwam Village No. 7” (located at 2728 W. Foothill Blvd.) in 2011 and the property was subsequently listed on the NRHP in January 2012. This property is not a State-Owned Historical Resource.

- Terrace Motel: This property is assumed to be eligible for the NRHP under Criterion A for its association with Route 66 in California under the context of Commercial/Motels under the theme of Auto and Tourism Businesses on Route 66 in California as outlined in the Route 66 in California Multiple Property District Form (MPDF)(2012). The period of significance for this property is between 1955 and 1974.

- San Bernardino Motel: This property is assumed to be eligible for the NRHP under Criterion A for its association with Route 66 in California under the context of Commercial/Motels under the theme of Auto and Tourism Businesses on Route 66 in California as outlined in the Route 66 in California MPDF (2012). The period of significance for this property is between 1955 and 1974.

- The Route 66 Foothill Motel: This property is assumed to be eligible for the NRHP under Criterion A for its association with Route 66 in California under the context of Commercial/Motels under the theme of Auto and Tourism Businesses on Route 66 in California as outlined in the Route 66 in California MPDF (2012). The period of significance for this property is between 1955 and 1974.

- Old Orchard/Citrus Ranch on Terrace Road: This property is assumed to be eligible under Criterion D for the data potential of its historic debris and potential of its buried subsurface features. Should subsurface deposits be located on the property, they may be able to answer a number of research questions. The period of significance for this property is from approximately 1928 to 1960.

No prehistoric archaeological sites were identified within or adjacent to the APE for the Project.

CEQA Significance Determinations for Cultural Resources

a & b) Less Than Significant Impact

As part of the HPSR documentation process, Caltrans PQS also prepared a Finding of Effect (FOE) assessment to assess the effects of the project on the six identified Historic Properties / Historical Resources potentially affected by the project. Caltrans determined that the project would not have an Adverse Effect on any of the subject Historic Properties / Historical Resources as follows:

Summary Findings of Effect

PROPERTY	AFFECT FINDING	AVOIDANCE/MINIMAL IMPACT
Route 66/Foothill Blvd.	No Adverse Effect	All proposed work will take place within existing facilities. No additional disturbances outside previous disturbances.
Wig Wam Village No. 7	No Adverse Effect	All proposed work will take place within existing facilities. No additional disturbances outside previous disturbances. No work will involve contributing features that have been identified for the property. Sidewalk and driveway work may require removal of part of low retaining wall at front of property (to be replaced) as well as a portion of modern planters that flank the double driveway.
Terrace Motel	No Adverse Effect	No work proposed at this location.
San Bernardino Motel	No Adverse Effect	All work will take place within existing facilities. New sidewalk installation and driveway work will not impact any features that contribute to the property; triangular sign base to be avoided.
Route 66 Foothill Motel	No Adverse Effect	All work will take place within existing facilities. New sidewalk work many require removal of part or all of modern block planter at east section of frontage. Work will not impact any features that contribute to the historic property.
Old Orchard/Citrus Ranch Site	No Adverse Effect	All work will take place within the existing facilities. Installation of new sidewalks will require slope removal and replacement of existing driveway and installation of new higher retaining wall. No features that contribute to the historic site will be impacted by the proposed work. No features that have the potential to

		contribute to the site will be impacted by the proposed project. Orchard and agricultural uses of the parcel were not located at or immediately adjacent to the frontage of the parcel which consists of modern concrete driveway and low retaining wall and slope.

To ensure that there would be no adverse effects / Significant impacts to any of the Historic Properties / Historical Resources, Caltrans will implement cultural resources measures CR-1 though CR-4 listed at the end of this section.

Caltrans, in accordance with its responsibilities under Section 106 PA Stipulation X.B.2 and as applicable PRC 5024 MOU Stipulation X.B.2.a, has determined a Finding of No Adverse Effect is appropriate for this project, and requested the State Office of Historic Preservation (SHPO) concurrence in this finding. The SHPO concurred with Caltrans findings via letter February 7, 2022. Subsequently, Caltrans determined that the proposed project would cause a less than significant change in the significance of a historical or archaeological resource pursuant to section 15064.5.

As noted above, no prehistoric archaeological sites were identified within the proposed project's APE.

c) No Impact

The proposed project would not disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of dedicated cemeteries.

Avoidance, Minimization, and/or Mitigation Measures

CR-1: Buried Cultural Resources. If cultural materials are discovered during construction, all earthmoving activity within 60 feet of the discovery area will be diverted until a qualified archaeologist can assess the nature and significance of the find.

CR-2: Human Remains. If human remains are discovered, State Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 states that further disturbances and activities shall cease in any area or nearby area suspected to overlie remains, and the county coroner contacted. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5097.98, if the remains are thought to be Native American, the coroner will notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC), which will then notify the most likely descendent (MLD). At this time, the person who discovered the remains will contact the District 8 Native American Coordinator Gary Jones at (909) 261-8157 so that they may work with the MLD on the respectful treatment and disposition of the remains. Further provisions of PRC Section 5097.98 are to be followed as applicable.

CR-3: Environmentally Sensitive Areas. There shall be designated environmentally sensitive areas (ESAs), where all project related activities or inadvertent disturbances shall be prohibited.

CR-4: Archaeological Monitors. An archaeological monitor is assigned to monitor job site activities within the archaeological monitoring area (AMA). Do not work within the AMA unless

the archaeological monitor is present. If archaeological resources are discovered within an AMA, comply with Caltrans Standard Plans Section 14-2.02.

ENERGY

Would the project:	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation?	☐	☐	☐	☒
b) Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?	☐	☐	☐	☒

Regulatory Setting

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15126.2(b) and Appendix F, Energy Conservation, require an analysis of a project's energy use to determine if the project could result in significant environmental effects due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary use of energy, or wasteful use of energy resources.

CEQA Significance Determinations for Energy

a) No Impact

Caltrans would implement greenhouse gas (GHG) measures GHG-1 to GHG-3, a transportation management plan (transportation measure TR-1), and best management practices (BMPs) to prevent wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of resources during construction or operation of the proposed project. Thus, the proposed project would have no impact on the environment due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources.

b) No Impact

The proposed project does not conflict with any known state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency. Thus, the project would have no impact on any such plans.

Avoidance, Minimization, and/or Mitigation Measures

Caltrans Standard Best Management Practices (BMPs) and 2018 Caltrans Standard Specifications (or latest version) will be implemented to minimize effects during construction.

GHG-1: Emissions Reductions. The proposed project shall comply with Caltrans Standard Specifications Section 7-1.02A and 7-1.02C, Emissions Reductions, which require contractors to comply with all laws applicable to the project and to certify that they are aware of and will comply with all California Air Resources Board (ARB) emission reduction regulations.

GHG-2: Energy-Efficient Lighting. The proposed project shall incorporate the use of energy-efficient lighting, such as light-emitting diode (LED) pedestrian signals, to help reduce the project's CO_2 emissions.

GHG-3: Recycling. The proposed project would recycle construction debris as practicable.

TR-1: Traffic Management Plan (TMP). Prior to construction, a TMP will be prepared and coordinated with local emergency responders, and implemented to minimize traffic delays and associated idling emissions during construction.

GEOLOGY AND SOILS

Would the project:	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				
i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.	☐	☐	☒	☐
ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?	☐	☐	☒	☐
iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?	☐	☒	☐	☐
iv) Landslides?	☐	☒	☐	☐
b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?	☐	☐	☒	☐
c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?	☐	☒	☐	☐
d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial direct or indirect risks to life or property?	☐	☒	☐	☐
e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?	☐	☐	☐	☒
f) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?	☐	☐	☐	☒

Regulatory Setting

Topographic and geologic features are protected under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

This section also discusses geology, soils, and seismic concerns as they relate to public safety and project design. Earthquakes are prime considerations in the design and retrofit of structures. Structures are designed using the Caltrans Seismic Design Criteria (SDC).

CEQA Significance Determinations for Geology and Soils

a) (i) Less Than Significant Impact

Portions of the proposed project site, particularly the Lytle Creek Channel Bridge and East Branch Lytle Creek Bridge, are located within an Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone (SBCLUS 2021). According to Caltrans professionally qualified staff, the Lytle Creek Channel Bridge would not require seismic retrofitting for widening; however a seismic analysis of the East Branch Lytle Creek Bridge would occur for both the existing and widened structure to determine if seismic retrofitting would be required. The other two bridges, Lytle Creek Basin and Little League Drive Overcrossing bridges are located over 0.25 miles and 0.5 miles, respectively, from an earthquake fault zone. The new retaining wall at Terrace Road would be just outside of the fault zone at just over 0.1 miles away. However, since all bridge structures and the retaining wall would be designed using Caltrans Seismic Design Criteria (SDC), the proposed project would be expected to cause less than significant adverse impacts as the result of an earthquake.

a) (ii) Less Than Significant Impact

The proposed project would not cause any strong seismic ground shaking, such as pile driving, and no other sources of human-made strong seismic ground shaking are anticipated in the proposed project area. The only types of strong seismic ground shaking expected would be natural earthquakes; however all bridges would be designed using Caltrans Seismic Design Criteria. Thus, the proposed project would be expected to cause less than significant adverse impacts as the result of strong seismic ground shaking.

a (iii), a (iv), c, & d) Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated

The soils within the proposed project area are sandy or expected to be sandy. According to the Caltrans Water Quality Tool (2022), the proposed project is located entirely in a geologic area with rock types consisting of alluvium, lake, playa, and terrace deposits that are unconsolidated and consolidated. At the Little League Drive Overcrossing Bridge site at I-215, PM 14.9, soils down to 5 feet consist of 81 to 96% sand, 2 to 17% silt, and 3% clay. Although the soil type is not mapped in SR-66 from PM 20.1 to S23.2 in the Caltrans Water Quality Tool (2022), the soil within one mile north and uphill/upstream of this location consists of more than 67% sand with approximately equal parts of silt and clay; thus the SR-66 location soil is expected to have similarly high levels of sand as well.

Although the project site is not located in an area of ‘generalized landslide susceptibility,’ portions of the project site are located in areas with generalized liquefaction susceptibility and liquefaction could cause landslides on the slopes where the bridges are located. In particular, the East Branch Lytle Creek Bridge is located in an area with a ‘medium’ level of ‘generalized liquefaction susceptibility’ and Little League Drive Overcrossing Bridge is located in an area with a ‘high’ level of ‘generalized liquefaction susceptibility’ (SBCLUS 2021).

Since there would be a risk of liquefaction at the proposed project site and the soil within the project site has not yet been analyzed for stability and expansive qualities, subsurface investigations would be performed during the design phase of the project to determine if additional foundation options for the bridges and/or mitigation strategies would be required to stabilize the material on the project site (GEO-1). Thus, the proposed project would be

expected to cause a less than significant impact with mitigation incorporated as the result of liquefaction, landslides, unstable soil or geologic unit, or expansive soil.

a) Less Than Significant Impact

State jurisdiction requires that an approved Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) be prepared for projects that involve greater than one acre of disturbance. Because the proposed project would disturb 1.2 acres of land due to construction activities, a SWPPP would be completed and implemented for this project. The SWPPP would specify best management practices (BMPs) that would minimize erosion and keep all products of erosion from moving off site into receiving waters.

Earthwork in the project area would be performed in accordance with the most current edition of the Caltrans Standard Specifications, the project SWPPP, and the requirements of applicable government agencies (visual impact measure VIS-3). Thus, the proposed project would create a less than significant impact on soil erosion or the loss of topsoil.

e) No Impact

The proposed project would not require the need for any waste water disposal systems so neither the project nor the soil would impact the use of a waste water disposal system.

f) No Impact

The proposed project is expected to only require a maximum excavation of about four to five feet in previously-disturbed soil. Thus, the proposed project would not impact a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature.

Avoidance, Minimization, and/or Mitigation Measures
Caltrans Standard Best Management Practices (BMPs), the BMPs in the stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP), and 2018 Caltrans Standard Specifications (or latest version) will be implemented to minimize effects during construction.

GEO-1: Subsurface Investigations. Subsurface investigations shall be performed during the design phase of the project to determine if additional foundation options for the bridges and/or mitigation strategies would be required to stabilize the material on the project site.

VIS-3: Erosion Control. Erosion control shall be provided for all disturbed soil areas per the California State Water Resources Board guidelines or as determined by the district landscape architect.

GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Would the project:	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?	☐	☐	☒	☐
b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?	☐	☐	☐	☒

CEQA Significance Determinations for Greenhouse Gas Emissions

a) Less Than Significant Impact

While the proposed project would result in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions during construction, Caltrans anticipates that the project would not result in any increase in operational GHG emissions. To reduce GHG emissions during and after construction, greenhouse gas measures GHG-1, GHG-2, GHG-3, air quality (AQ) measure AQ-1, transportation (TR) measure TR-1, and visual (VIS) impact measures VIS-1 and VIS-5 would be implemented. With these measures, the impact of the project's generation of GHG emissions on the environment would be less than significant (see Climate Change section for more details).

b) No Impact

The project would not conflict with any applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing emissions of greenhouse gases.

Avoidance, Minimization, and/or Mitigation Measures

Caltrans Standard best management practices (BMPs) and 2018 Caltrans Standard Specifications (or latest version) will be implemented to minimize effects during construction.

GHG-1: Emissions Reductions. The proposed project shall comply with Caltrans Standard Specifications Section 7-1.02A and 7-1.02C, Emissions Reductions, which require contractors to comply with all laws applicable to the project and to certify that they are aware of and will comply with all California Air Resources Board (ARB) emission reduction regulations.

GHG-2: Energy-Efficient Lighting. The proposed project shall incorporate the use of energy-efficient lighting, such as light-emitting diode (LED) pedestrian signals, to help reduce the project's CO_2 emissions.

GHG-3: Recycling. The proposed project would recycle construction debris as practicable.

AQ-1: Air Quality. The proposed project shall comply with Caltrans Standard Specifications Section 14-9, Air Quality, which requires contractors to comply with all federal, state, regional, and local rules, regulations, and ordinances related to air quality.

TR-1: Traffic Management Plan. Prior to construction, a traffic management plan will be prepared and coordinated with local emergency responders, and implemented to minimize traffic delays and associated idling emissions during construction.

VIS-1: Tree Replacement. Any trees removed shall be replaced in kind at a minimum ratio of 3:1 with a 5-gallon container, and replaced trees shall be maintained and monitored for three (3) years. At year three, all trees shall have a 100 percent survival rate. Nonnative, invasive vegetation shall be no more than 5 percent within a radius of 15 feet of plantings and watering shall have been discontinued at least one year prior to completion of the maintenance and monitoring period.

VIS-5 Revegetation: Revegetation shall be maximized to provide biologically appropriate habitats for the regional ecology.

HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Would the project:	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?	☐	☐	☒	☐
b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?	☐	☐	☒	☐
c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?	☐	☐	☒	☐
d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?	☐	☐	☐	☒
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area?	☐	☐	☐	☒
f) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?	☐	☐	☒	☐
g) Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires?	☐	☐	☐	☒

Regulatory Setting

Hazardous materials, including hazardous substances and wastes, are regulated by many state and federal laws. Statutes govern the generation, treatment, storage and disposal of hazardous materials, substances, and waste, and also the investigation and mitigation of waste releases, air and water quality, human health, and land use.

California regulates hazardous materials, waste, and substances under the authority of the CA Health and Safety Code and is also authorized by the federal government to implement RCRA in the state. California law also addresses specific handling, storage, transportation, disposal, treatment, reduction, cleanup, and emergency planning of hazardous waste. The Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act also restricts disposal of wastes and requires cleanup of wastes that are below hazardous waste concentrations but could impact ground and surface water quality. California regulations that address waste management and prevention and

cleanup of contamination include Title 22 Division 4.5 Environmental Health Standards for the Management of Hazardous Waste, Title 23 Waters, and Title 27 Environmental Protection.

Worker and public health and safety are key issues when addressing hazardous materials that may affect human health and the environment. Proper management and disposal of hazardous material is vital if it is found, disturbed, or generated during project construction.

CEQA Significance Determinations for Hazards and Hazardous Materials

The Caltrans District 8 Environmental Engineering Studies April 28, 2022, Initial Site Assessment Checklist for the proposed project was used to make the following CEQA "a," "b," "c," and "d" significance determinations.

a) Less Than Significant Impact

Although the proposed project may require the transportation and disposal of hazardous materials, such as treated wood waste and lead, appropriate hazardous material (HAZ) measures (HAZ-1 through HAZ-6) would be implemented to minimize exposure of these materials to workers, the public, and the environment. Thus, the proposed project would have a less than significant impact on the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials.

b) Less Than Significant Impact

Caltrans professionally qualified staff conducted a search of the following selected governmental databases to identify sites of potential concern located within one mile of the project area: Cortese List databases (2021), Geotracker database (2021), and Envirostore database (2021). These databases are provided by the California Environmental Protection Agency, State Water Resources Control Board, and Department of Toxic Substances Control respectively. None of these databases indicated the presence of any known hazardous material sites in or near the proposed project area.

Exposure to lead can be a concern during transportation construction projects since lead can be found in soils and a variety of construction materials, such as paints. The presence of aerially deposited lead (ADL) in the project area would present a potentially hazardous waste concern in any unpaved surface soils due to particulate emissions from historical leaded gasoline usage before 1992. Since soil would be displaced during construction of the sidewalks and widening of the bridges, and no previous ADL studies in the area had been conducted, an ADL field investigation would be required for the proposed project. This ADL investigation would be performed before project construction to determine if ADL is present in the soil within the proposed project construction area and within the new right of way area. If the soil at the proposed project site is found to contain lead, a lead compliance plan would be required and implemented (measure HAZ-2). Field investigations would also be required to test for the lead content in striping, pavement markings, and any paint found on bridge rails. If lead is found in any of these materials, measures would be implemented to safely remove and dispose of these hazardous materials (measure HAZ-3)

The proposed project would also include field investigations for asbestos-containing material (ACM) in bridges prior to construction. If asbestos is found at regulated levels in any of these

materials, measures would be implemented to safely remove and dispose of this hazardous material (HAZ-4)

With the implementation of measures HAZ-1 through HAZ-6, the proposed project would not create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?

c) Less Than Significant Impact

Several schools are within 0.25 miles of the proposed project site and include Romona-Alessandro, Casey, and Quanita B. Jones elementary schools near SR-66 and Cesar Chavez Middle School near Little League Drive Overcrossing. However, with the implementation of measures HAZ-1 through HAZ-6, the proposed project would not be expected to emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school.

d) No Impact

No potential hazardous materials sites were identified from the California Environmental Protection Agency Cortese List databases, which are compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5, within 0.5 mile of the proposed project site. Thus, the project is expected to create no hazard or impact to the public or the environment regarding the disturbance of any previously identified hazardous material sites.

e) No Impact

The proposed project is not within two miles of an airport or an airport use plan. Thus, the project would not result in a safety hazard or excessive noise for any people residing or working near the project area.

f) Less Than Significant Impact

During construction, the proposed project would require several temporary lane closures along SR-66, and full road closures on the Little League Drive Overcrossing and full directional road closures at PM 14.9 on I-215. However, a traffic management plan (transportation measure TR-1) would be prepared and coordinated with local emergency responders; the plan would include only minor temporary detours for limited hours over only a few days to minimize impacts to traffic during the project construction. In addition, the project itself would include road widening is expected to allow for improved traffic management, emergency access, and emergency response times. Thus, the proposed project would have a less than significant impact on the implementation of or physical interference with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan.

g) No Impact

The proposed project area includes one location, Little League Drive Overcrossing Bridge at PM 14.9 on I-215, that is located within a ‘very high fire hazard severity zone’ as designated by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire 2022), whereas the portion of the project along SR-66 is located in a local responsibility area with no state fire hazard

designation. To prevent any construction-related fire at the Little League Drive site, the proposed project would follow Cal Fire guidelines for equipment use, control of flammable materials, use of fuel breaks, and fire monitoring when fire hazard conditions are elevated as specified under Caltrans Standard Special Provision 7-1.02M(2) (wildfire measure WF-1).

The proposed project itself would not introduce any new structures to the area that would increase the risk of wildfire. In addition, the project would include road widening which is expected to allow for improved traffic management and emergency access that is expected to result in improved emergency response times.

Thus, the proposed project would not expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires.

Avoidance, Minimization, and/or Mitigation Measures

Caltrans Standard Best Management Practices (BMPs), the BMPs in the stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP), and 2018 Caltrans Standard Specifications (or latest version) will be implemented to minimize effects during construction.

HAZ-1: Treated Wood Waste. Until disposal, treated wood waste from the guardrail and signposts shall be stored in metal containers approved by the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) for the transportation and temporary storage of hazardous waste. Treated wood waste shall be managed under Health & Safety Code §25230 et seq. Treated wood waste shall be disposed of at one of the following: 1) an approved California disposal site operating under a regional water quality control board (RWQCB) permit that includes acceptance of treated wood waste, or 2) a California disposal site operating under a Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) permit that includes acceptance of treated wood waste.

HAZ-2: Aerially Deposited Lead (ADL). An ADL investigation shall be performed prior to construction to determine if ADL is present in the soil within the proposed project construction area and new right of way acquisitions. The ADL contamination level in the soil will be determined and classified per the 2016 ADL agreement between the Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). If the soil is classified as non-regulated or regulated soil, the methods of soil handling and disposal will be implemented and a lead compliance plan will be required for health and safety.

HAZ-3: Lead Striping/Markings/Paint. A lead investigation shall be performed prior to construction to determine the lead content of pavement striping, pavement markings, and bridge paint, if found on the bridge railing. If any of these materials are found to contain lead, then proper handling and disposal of these materials shall be implemented.

HAZ-4: Asbestos in Bridges. An asbestos investigation shall be performed prior to construction to evaluate the asbestos-containing material (ACM) in bridges. If ACM is found at regulated levels, then proper handling of these materials shall be implemented.

HAZ-5: Use of Local Material. For local material, such as rock, gravel, earth, structure backfill, pervious backfill, imported borrow, and culvert bedding, obtained from a (1) noncommercial source, or (2) source not regulated under California jurisdiction, a local material plan shall be submitted for each material at least 60 days before placing the material and comply with Caltrans Standard Provision 6-1.03B.

HAZ-6: Electrical Equipment. The contractor for the project shall properly manage the removal and disposal of all electrical equipment containing hazardous material as specified under Caltrans Revised Standard Specifications 14-11.15 and 87-21.03A.

TR-1 Traffic Management Plan: Prior to construction, a traffic management plan will be prepared and coordinated with local emergency responders, and implemented to minimize traffic delays and associated idling emissions during construction.

WF-1: Wildfire Prevention. At the Little League Drive Overcrossing project location, I-215 PM 14.9, the contractor for the project shall follow Cal Fire guidelines for equipment use, control of flammable materials, use of fuel breaks, and fire monitoring when fire hazard conditions are elevated as specified under Caltrans Standard Special Provision 7-1.02M(2).

HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

Would the project:	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality?	☐	☒	☐	☐
b) Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?	☐	☐	☒	☐
c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would:				
(i) result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site;	☐	☐	☒	☐
(ii) substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or offsite;	☐	☐	☒	☐
(iii) create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff; or	☐	☐	☒	☐
(iv) impede or redirect flood flows?	☐	☐	☒	☐
d) In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation?	☐	☒	☐	☐
e) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?	☐	☒	☐	☐

Regulatory Setting

Water Quality and Stormwater Runoff

Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act

California's Porter-Cologne Act, enacted in 1969, provides the legal basis for water quality regulation within California. This act requires a "Report of Waste Discharge" for any discharge of waste (liquid, solid, or gaseous) to land or surface waters that may impair beneficial uses for surface and/or groundwater of the state. It predates the Clean Water Act (CWA) of 1972 and regulates discharges to waters of the state. Waters of the state include more than just waters of the US, like groundwater and surface waters are not considered waters of the US. Additionally, it prohibits discharges of "waste" as defined, and this definition is broader than the CWA definition of "pollutant." Discharges under the Porter-Cologne Act are permitted by Waste

Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and may be required even when the discharge is already permitted or exempt under the CWA.State Water Resources Control Board and Regional Water Quality Control Boards.

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and Regional Water Quality Control Boards (RWQCBs) are responsible for establishing the water quality standards (objectives and beneficial uses) required by the CWA and regulating discharges to ensure compliance with these water quality standards. The SWRCB administers water rights, sets water pollution control policy, and issues water board orders on matters of statewide application, and oversees water quality functions throughout the state by approving Basin Plans, Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs), and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits. RWCQBs are responsible for protecting beneficial uses of water resources within their regional jurisdiction using planning, permitting, and enforcement authorities to meet this responsibility.

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4)

Section 402(p) of the CWA requires the issuance of NPDES permits for five categories of storm water discharges, including Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s). An MS4 is defined as "any conveyance or system of conveyances (roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, human-made channels, and storm drains) owned or operated by a state, city, town, county, or other public body having jurisdiction over storm water, that is designed or used for collecting or conveying storm water." The SWRCB has identified Caltrans as an owner/operator of an MS4 under federal regulations. The Caltrans MS4 permit covers all Caltrans rights-of-way, properties, facilities, and activities in the state. The SWRCB or the RWQCB issues NPDES permits for five years, and permit requirements remain active until a new permit has been adopted.

The Caltrans MS4 Permit, Order No. 2012-0011-DWQ (adopted on September 19, 2012 and effective on July 1, 2013), as amended by Order No. 2014-0006-EXEC (effective January 17, 2014), Order No. 2014-0077-DWQ (effective May 20, 2014) and Order No. 2015-0036-EXEC (conformed and effective April 7, 2015) has three basic requirements:

1. Caltrans must comply with the requirements of the Construction General Permit (see below);
2. Caltrans must implement a year-round program in all parts of the state to effectively control storm water and non-storm water discharges; and
3. Caltrans storm water discharges must meet water quality standards through implementation of permanent and temporary (construction) best management practices (BMPs), to the maximum extent practicable, and other measures as the SWRCB determines to be necessary to meet the water quality standards.

To comply with the permit, Caltrans developed the Statewide Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) to address storm water pollution controls related to highway planning, design, construction, and maintenance activities throughout California. The SWMP assigns responsibilities within Caltrans for implementing storm water management procedures and practices as well as training, public education and participation, monitoring and research, program evaluation, and reporting activities. The SWMP describes the minimum procedures and practices that Caltrans uses to reduce pollutants in storm water and non-storm water discharges. It outlines procedures and responsibilities for protecting water quality, including the

selection and implementation of BMPs. The proposed project will be programmed to follow the guidelines and procedures outlined in the latest SWMP to address storm water runoff.

Construction General Permit

Construction General Permit, Order No. 2009-0009-DWQ (adopted on September 2, 2009 and effective on July 1, 2010), as amended by Order No. 2010-0014-DWQ (effective February 14, 2011) and Order No. 2012-0006-DWQ (effective on July 17, 2012). The permit regulates storm water discharges from construction sites that result in a disturbed soil area (DSA) of one acre or greater, and/or are smaller sites that are part of a larger common plan of development. By law, all storm water discharges associated with construction activity where clearing, grading, and excavation result in soil disturbance of at least one acre must comply with the provisions of the General Construction Permit. Construction activity that results in soil disturbances of less than one acre is subject to this Construction General Permit if there is potential for significant water quality impairment resulting from the activity as determined by the RWQCB. Operators of regulated construction sites are required to develop Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPPs) to implement sediment, erosion, and pollution prevention control measures; and to obtain coverage under the Construction General Permit.

The Construction General Permit separates projects into risk levels 1, 2, or 3. Risk levels are determined during the planning and design phases, and are based on potential erosion and transport to receiving waters. Requirements apply according to the risk level determined. For example, a risk level 3 (highest risk) project would require compulsory storm water runoff pH and turbidity monitoring, and before construction and after construction aquatic biological assessments during specified seasonal windows. For all projects subject to the permit, applicants are required to develop and implement an effective SWPPP. In accordance with Caltrans' SWMP and Standard Specifications, a Water Pollution Control Program (WPCP) is necessary for projects with DSA less than one acre.

Section 401 Permitting

Under Section 401 of the CWA, any project requiring a federal license or permit that may result in a discharge to a water of the United States (US) must obtain a 401 Certification, which certifies that the project will be in compliance with state water quality standards. The most common federal permits triggering 401 Certification are CWA Section 404 permits issued by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). The 401 permit certifications are obtained from the appropriate RWQCB, dependent on the project location, and are required before the USACE issues a 404 permit.

In some cases, the RWQCB may have specific concerns with discharges associated with a project. As a result, the RWQCB may issue a set of requirements known as Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) under the State Water Code (Porter-Cologne Act) that define activities, such as the inclusion of specific features, effluent limitations, monitoring, and plan submittals that are to be implemented for protecting or benefiting water quality. WDRs can be issued to address both permanent and temporary discharges of a project.

Hydrology and Floodplain

Executive Order (EO) 11988 (Floodplain Management) directs all federal agencies to refrain from conducting, supporting, or allowing actions in floodplains unless it is the only practicable alternative. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requirements for compliance are

outlined in 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 650 Subpart A. To comply, the following must be analyzed:

- The practicability of alternatives to any longitudinal encroachments.
- Risks of the action.
- Impacts on natural and beneficial floodplain values.
- Support of incompatible floodplain development.
- Measures to minimize floodplain impacts and to preserve/restore any beneficial floodplain values affected by the project.

The base floodplain is defined as “the area subject to flooding by the flood or tide having a one percent chance of being exceeded in any given year.” An encroachment is defined as “an action within the limits of the base floodplain.”

Affected Environment

The June 13, 2022, Caltrans District 8 Natural Environment Study (Minimal Impacts) [NESMI] and June 16, 2022, Caltrans District 8 Scoping Questionnaire for Water Quality Issues for the proposed project include much of the following information.

The proposed project is located within the San Bernardino South and San Bernardino North, California, United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute quadrangles. The elevation in the project area ranges from approximately 340 meters (1,110 feet) above mean sea level along SR-66 to 550 meters (1,800 feet) above mean sea level at the Little League Drive Overcrossing Bridge.

The proposed project is located within an arid region; therefore, there is little natural perennial surface water. The average annual precipitation along SR-66 is 12 inches/year and at Little League Drive Overcrossing is 21 inches/year. The hydrologic regime for the area follows the general Mediterranean climate, with cool, wet winters and warm, dry summers.

The entire proposed project area lies within the Santa Ana River Watershed and the Upper Santa Ana River sub-watershed. The Santa Ana River Watershed begins in the San Bernardino Mountains and flows through Riverside and San Bernardino counties, through the Santa Ana mountains, and ultimately to Orange County, where it flows into the Pacific Ocean. The Santa Ana River is the primary waterway within this watershed

There are several main drainages near and within the proposed project site. The main drainage feature within 0.5 miles of the Little League Drive Overcrossing Bridge at I-215 PM 14.9 is Cable Creek, which drains into Cajon Wash and subsequently Lytle Creek Wash. The main drainage features within 0.5 miles of SR-66 from PM 20.1 to S23.2 is Lytle Creek Wash, Lytle Creek Channel, and East Branch Lytle Creek; Lytle Creek Wash branches into Lytle Creek Channel and East Branch Lytle Creek, which both drain into Warm Creek, which subsequently drains into the Santa Ana River. All of these drainages generally flow southward from the proposed project locations. Because the drainages found within 0.5 miles of the project are located within urbanized areas, these channels are subject to urban runoff and can receive water flows outside of the wet season.

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency National Flood Hazard Layer (FEMA 2022), most of the project area lies within zone X (unshaded), which is an area outside of the 0.2% annual chance floodplain. However, areas adjacent to and including the Lytle Creek

Channel Bridge, East Branch Lytle Creek Bridge, and Little League Drive Overcrossing are located within several different floodplain zones (FEMA 2022).

The Lytle Creek Channel Bridge spans the Lytle Creek Channel, a 40 ft-wide concrete channel, and the East Branch Lytle Creek Bridge spans East Branch Lytle Creek, a 195 ft-wide concrete channel. These two bridges, along with two small sections of SR-66 located immediately east and west of the Lytle Creek Channel Bridge, lie within special flood hazard areas (zones A and AE respectively) which are subject to inundation by a 1% annual chance flood (100-year flood) (FEMA 2022).

One small section along SR-66, immediately west of the East Branch Lytle Creek Bridge, and the Little League Drive Overcrossing (OC) on I-215 lie within zone X (shaded) (FEMA 2022); Little League Drive OC is within a few hundred feet of Cable Creek. Zone X (shaded) consists of the following areas: areas with a 0.2% annual chance flood, areas of a 1% annual chance flood with an average depth of less than one foot or with a drainage area of less than one square mile, and areas protected by levees from a 1% annual chance flood.

Yet, according to the Location Hydraulic Studies (LHS) and Summary Floodplain Encroachment Reports (SFER) completed for this project in January 2021, the project would not result in any longitudinal or significant encroachments on a floodplain, or support any incompatible floodplain development; thus, no mitigation related to project's impact on the floodplain will be required for the project. The project will also not impact the levee nor reduce the flood protection level offered by the levee.

The Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin (Region 8) (SARWQCB 1995), is designed to protect the beneficial uses of all regional ground and surface waters in the region. This plan identifies the following beneficial uses for Cable Creek: ground water recharge, municipal and domestic water supply, water contact recreation, non-contact water recreation, cold freshwater habitat, and wildlife habitat. The plan identifies the following beneficial uses for Lytle Creek in the groundwater management zone: municipal and domestic water supply, agricultural water supply, industrial service water supply, and industrial process water supply. The plan also identifies the following beneficial uses for the south, middle, and north forks of Lytle Creek: ground water recharge, municipal and domestic water supply, agricultural water supply, industrial service water supply, industrial process water supply, hydropower generation, water contact recreation, non-contact water recreation, cold freshwater habitat, wildlife habitat, and rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife habitat.

CEQA Significance Determinations for Hydrology and Water Quality

a) Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated

Lytle Creek Channel and East Branch Lytle Creek drain into Warm Creek, which is a listed as an impaired water under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act. As such, this creek has a pollutant reduction target, total maximum daily load (TMDL), established for indicator bacteria. Therefore, permanent treatment of stormwater runoff will be implemented to the maximum extent practicable in accordance with the Caltrans National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit (NPDES No. CAS000002) and Caltrans Construction General Permit (NPDES No. CAS000003) (hydrology [HYDRO] measure HYDRO-2). Furthermore, additional BMPs during project construction would be implemented to control sediment, erosion, and pollution as required under the Caltrans MS4 Permit and Construction General Permit for the project. Thus, the proposed project would have a less than significant impact with mitigation

incorporated on any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements, and the project would not substantially degrade surface or ground water quality.

b) Less Than Significant Impact

The area of new impervious surfaces for the proposed project would be approximately 1.9 acres, which is a minimal increase of impervious surface along the length of about 3.2 miles. In addition, BMPs would be implemented to direct water drainage as required under the Caltrans MS4 Permit and Construction General Permit for the project (HYDRO-2). Also, according to the California Department of Water Resources (2022), the ground water depth near the proposed project site, within approximately one mile of the both the Little League Drive OC and the SR-66 project locations, varies from approximately 110 feet below ground surface (bgs) to 360 feet bgs. The excavation depth of the project would be expected to be a maximum of five (5) feet, so no direct impact to groundwater would be expected from the project excavation.

Thus, the proposed project would have a less than significant impact on decreasing ground water supplies or interfering substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin.

c) Less Than Significant Impact

As previously mentioned, the area of new impervious surfaces for the proposed project would be approximately 1.9 acres, which is a minimal increase along the length of about 3.2 miles. In addition, BMPs would be implemented to prevent erosion (visual impact measure VIS-3) and direct water drainage (including HYDRO-2) as required under the Caltrans MS4 Permit and Construction General Permit for the project. Thus the proposed project would have a less than significant impact on the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would: (i) result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site; (ii) substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or offsite; (iii) create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff; or (iv) impede or redirect flood flows.

d) Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation

No portion of the proposed project lies within a tsunami or seiche zone, and most of the project area lies within zone X (unshaded), which is an area outside of the 0.2% annual chance floodplain (FEMA 2022). On the other hand, areas adjacent to and including the Lytle Creek Channel Bridge, East Branch Lytle Creek Bridge, and Little League Drive OC are located within several different floodplain zones (FEMA 2022). Although portions of the project area are located within floodplain zones, the structures and roadways themselves are above the grade of the water channel that they are adjacent to. In addition, BMPs (including HYDRO-2) would be implemented to direct water drainage to prevent flooding and pollution as required under the Caltrans MS4 Permit and Construction General Permit for the project. Thus, the proposed project would have a less than significant impact on the release of pollutants due to project inundation in a flood hazard zone.

e) Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation

Best management practices (BMPs), including HYDRO-2, would be implemented to direct water drainage to prevent pollution and flooding as required under the Caltrans MS4 Permit and Construction General Permit for the proposed project. Thus, the proposed project would have a less than significant impact with mitigation on the implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan.

Avoidance, Minimization, and/or Mitigation Measures
Caltrans Standard Best Management Practices (BMPs), the BMPs in the stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP), and 2018 Caltrans Standard Specifications (or latest version) will be implemented to minimize effects during construction.

HYDRO-2: Stormwater Treatment. Permanent treatment of stormwater runoff will be implemented to the maximum extent practicable in accordance with the Caltrans National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit (NPDES No. CAS000002) and Caltrans Construction General Permit (NPDES No. CAS000003).

VIS-3: Erosion Control. Erosion control shall be provided for all disturbed soil areas per water board guidelines or as determined by the district landscape architect.

LAND USE AND PLANNING

Would the project:	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Physically divide an established community?	☐	☐	☐	☒
b) Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?	☐	☐	☐	☒

CEQA Significance Determinations for Land Use and Planning

a) No Impact

The proposed project site is located in the established community of the City of San Bernardino. Since limited pedestrian facilities exist in the project area, the project's new sidewalks and upgraded pedestrian facilities would provide more safety and connectivity for pedestrians in the community. The project's plan for repaving and widening of the roadway, and the addition of bus pads would also provide improved movement for vehicles and public transit throughout the community without adding more roads. Thus, the proposed project would not divide an established community.

b) No Impact

Although the proposed project would require the addition of right of way for the construction of sidewalks, the sidewalks would not conflict with any applicable land use, plan, policy, or regulation.

Avoidance, Minimization, and/or Mitigation Measures
No avoidance, minimization, or mitigation measures are required for land use and planning.

MINERAL RESOURCES

Would the project:	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?	☐	☐	☒	☐
b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?	☐	☐	☐	☒

Regulatory Setting

The Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA) was framed to address the loss of regionally substantial material deposits to land uses that preclude mining. SMARA mandates a two-phased mineral resource conservation process called classification-designation. The California Division of Mines and Geology (CDMG) is responsible under SMARA for carrying out the classification phase of the process. The State Mining and Geology Board is responsible for the second phase, which allows the State Mining and Geology Board to designate areas in production-consumption region that contain substantial deposits of Portland cement concrete grade aggregate (valued for its importance in construction and versatility) that may be needed to meet the region's future demand.

CEQA Significance Determinations for Mineral Resources

a) Less Than Significant Impact

According to the California Geological Survey (2022) the proposed project is located on mineral land with a classification for Portland cement concrete aggregate. However, the amount of new land being acquired for construction of sidewalks for the proposed project is minimal. Thus, the proposed project would have a less than significant impact on this known state mineral resource.

b) No Impact

No known locally-important mineral resource recovery site is delineated within 0.5 miles of the project site locations on a local general plan, specific plan, or other land use plan.. Thus, the proposed project would have no impact on the availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site.

NOISE

Would the project result in:	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?	☐	☐	☒	☐
b) Generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?	☐	☐	☐	☒
c) For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip or an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?	☐	☐	☐	☒

Regulatory Setting

CEQA requires a strictly baseline versus build analysis to assess whether a proposed project will have a noise impact. If a proposed project is determined to have a significance noise impact under CEQA, then CEQA dictates that mitigation measures must be incorporated into the project unless those measures are not feasible.

Caltrans also conducts a noise analysis on a project if it would require a noise analysis under the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) 23 Code of Federal Regulations Part 772 (23 CFR 772).

CEQA Significance Determinations for Noise

a) Less Than Significant Impact.

According to the Caltrans District 8 Environmental Engineering May 10, 2022, Noise Memorandum for the proposed project, the project is expected to be categorized as a Type III project under 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 772.7; therefore, a noise study report would not be required for the project.

Although there are many sensitive noise receptors (such as habitable residences, schools, places of worship, and medical clinics) within 0.5 miles of the proposed project, the project would not generate any permanent noise levels above the current noise levels and temporary noise levels would be minimal since the project would comply with Caltrans Standard Specifications and all local noise standards (NOI-1). Thus, the proposed project would not expose people to or generate temporary or permanent noise levels in excess of standards established in a general plan or noise ordinance, or other applicable standards.

b) No Impact

Any groundborne noise or vibration would be limited to a construction period of about one year and a half years and not be excessive within the vicinity of the proposed project.

c) No Impact

The proposed project is not located within two miles of an airport or an airport land use plan. Thus. the project would not result in excessive noise for any people residing or working near both an airport and within the project area.

Avoidance, Minimization, and/or Mitigation Measures

Caltrans Standard Best Management Practices (BMPs) and 2018 Caltrans Standard Specifications (or latest version) will be implemented to minimize effects during construction. NOI-1: Noise Control. The proposed project must comply with Caltrans Standard Specification Section 14-8.02 and all local noise standards.

POPULATION AND HOUSING

Would the project:	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?	☐	☐	☐	☒
b) Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?	☐	☐	☐	☒

Regulatory Setting

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires the analysis of a project's potential to induce growth. The CEQA guidelines (Section 15126.2[d]) require that environmental documents "…discuss the ways in which the proposed project could foster economic or population growth, or the construction of additional housing, either directly or indirectly, in the surrounding environment…"

CEQA Significance Determinations for Population and Housing

a) No Impact

The proposed project would only improve the current roadway and bridges, and provide updated and new pedestrian facilities; no new homes, businesses, or roads are being proposed. Thus, the proposed project would not induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area directly or indirectly in the project area.

b) No Impact

Although the proposed project would require some right of way acquisition to build blocks of sidewalk along SR-66, these land acquisitions would not take away any residences in the project area. Thus, the proposed project would have no impact on displacing substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere.

Avoidance, Minimization, and/or Mitigation Measures
No measures are required.

PUBLIC SERVICES

a) Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Fire protection?	☐	☐	☐	☒
Police protection?	☐	☐	☐	☒
Schools?	☐	☐	☐	☒
Parks?	☐	☐	☐	☒
Other public facilities?	☐	☐	☐	☒

Regulatory Setting

In accordance with CEQA Guidelines, Environmental Checklist Form, Appendix G (XIII. Public Services), the effects of a project are evaluated to determine if they will result in a substantial adverse impact on the environment. A substantial impact would occur if the project would result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, or result in the need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause substantial environmental impacts in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services including fire protection, police protection, or other public facilities.

CEQA Significance Determinations for Public Services

a) No Impact

The proposed project would not be providing new or physically altered governmental facilities and would not be requiring new or physically altered governmental facilities. Thus, there would be no construction of government facilities associated with the proposed project that could cause significant environmental impacts. A traffic management plan (transportation measure TR-1) would be prepared for the project and would include only minor temporary detours for limited hours over only a few days to minimize impacts to traffic during the project construction

RECREATION

	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?	☐	☐	☒	☐
b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?	☐	☐	☐	☒

Regulatory Setting

In accordance with CEQA Guidelines, Environmental Checklist Form, Appendix G (XIV. Recreation), the effects of a project are evaluated to determine if they will result in a substantial adverse impact on the environment. A substantial impact would occur if the project would result in an increase in use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated. Impacts would also occur if the project were to include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect of the environment.

CEQA Significance Determinations for Recreation

a) Less Than Significant Impact

A variety of parks and other recreational facilities are located within 0.5 miles of the proposed project site. These facilities include Sand Hills, Nunez, La Plaza, Bobby Vega, and Pioneer parks near SR-66, and Guhin, Verdemont, and Ronald Reagan parks, and the Legends IE Soccer Complex and Little League Western Regional Headquarters near Little League Drive Overcrossing. Although the pedestrian facilities upgrades and additional sidewalks provided by the proposed project could encourage local residents and visitors to frequent parks in the project area more often than before, the proposed project would not significantly increase the use of any existing neighborhood parks, regional parks, or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of these facilities would occur.

b) No Impact

The proposed project would not include recreational facilities or the construction of recreational facilities. Thus the project would have no adverse physical impact on the environment due to the construction or expansion of recreational facilities.

TRANSPORTATION

Would the project:	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Conflict with a program, plan, ordinance, or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities?	☐	☐	☒	☐
b) Would the project conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b)?	☐	☐	☐	☒
c) Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?	☐	☐	☐	☒
d) Result in inadequate emergency access?	☐	☐	☐	☒

Regulatory Setting

The traffic issues related to the proposed land use and development have been evaluated in the context of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Environmental impact thresholds as indicated in Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines were also used in this analysis. The project would create a substantial impact if it would do one of the following: Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and nonmotorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways, and freeways, pedestrians and bicycle paths and mass transit, conflict with applicable congestion management program, result in a change to air traffic patterns, increase hazards due to a design feature, result in inadequate emergency access, or conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities.

CEQA Significance Determinations for Transportation

a) Less Than Significant Impact

The proposed project would enhance pedestrian facilities in the City of San Bernardino and thus, contribute to both the San Bernardino County Active Transportation Plan (SBCTA 2020a), adopted in 2020, and the City of San Bernardino Active Transportation Plan (SB 2022), which is currently being developed.

During construction, the proposed project would require several temporary lane closures along SR-66, and full road closures on the Little League Drive Overcrossing and full directional road closures at PM 14.9 on I-215. However, a traffic management plan (transportation measure TR-1) would be prepared for the project and would include only minor temporary detours for limited hours over only a few days to minimize impacts to traffic during the project construction. Thus, the proposed project would have a less than significant impact on any program, plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system.

b) No Impact

The project is not a capacity-increasing project and would not increase the “vehicle miles traveled.” Thus, the proposed project does not anticipate to conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b).

c) No Impact

The proposed project would not be altering the geometric design of the roadway or creating incompatible uses. Thus, the project would have not substantially increase hazards due to geometric design or incompatible uses.

c) Less Than Significant Impact

During construction, the proposed project would require several temporary lane closures along SR-66, and full road closures on the Little League Drive Overcrossing and full directional road closures at PM 14.9 on I-215. However, a traffic management plan (transportation measure TR-1) would be prepared and coordinated with local emergency responders; the plan would include only minor temporary detours for limited hours over only a few days to minimize impacts to traffic during the project construction. In addition, the project itself would include road widening is expected to allow for improved traffic management, emergency access, and emergency response times. Thus, the proposed project would have a less than significant impact on emergency access.

Avoidance, Minimization, and/or Mitigation Measures

TR-1 Traffic Management Plan: Prior to construction, a traffic management plan shall be prepared and coordinated with local emergency responders, and implemented to minimize traffic delays and associated idling emissions during construction.

TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES

Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is:	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k), or	☐	☐	☐	☒
b) A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resource Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.	☐	☐	☐	☒

Regulatory Setting

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires the consideration of cultural resources that are historical resources and tribal cultural resources, as well as 'unique' archaeological resources. California Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 5024.1 established the California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR) and outlined the necessary criteria for a cultural resource to be considered eligible for listing in the CRHR and, therefore, a historical resource. Historical resources are defined in PRC Section 5020.1(j). In 2014, Assembly Bill 52 (AB 52) added the term "tribal cultural resources" to CEQA, and AB 52 is commonly referenced instead of CEQA when discussing the process to identify tribal cultural resources (as well as identifying measures to avoid, preserve, or mitigate effects to them). Defined in PRC Section 21074(a), a tribal cultural resource is a CRHR or local register eligible site, feature, place, cultural landscape, or object which has a cultural value to a California Native American tribe. Tribal cultural resources must also meet the definition of a historical resource. Unique archaeological resources are referenced in PRC Section 21083.2.

PRC Section 5024 requires state agencies to identify and protect state-owned historical resources that meet the NRHP listing criteria. It further requires Caltrans to inventory state-owned structures in its right of way.

Tribal Cultural Resources Setting

Caltrans Native American Consultation efforts for the proposed project are documented in the November 11, 2021 Historic Property Survey Report (HPSR). Caltrans Professionally Qualified Staff (PQS) sent a request to the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) on July 15, 2021 to review *Sacred Lands File* (SLF) and determine if any sacred lands were present or adjacent to the Project APE. The NAHC responded and requested that the Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians-Kizh Nation and the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians be contacted.

Caltrans PQS conducted Section 106 PA and AB52 consultation with four tribes between July 2021 and November 2021. In addition to the Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians-Kizh Nation and the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, Caltrans also consulted with Serrano Nation and Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians.

No responses to date have been received by Caltrans from the Serrano Nation and Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians. Both the Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians-Kizh Nation and San Manual Band of Mission Indians requested technical documents from Caltrans to review. A copy of the project's Archaeological Survey Report (ASR) was sent to both tribes on November 1, 2021. No responses to date have been received by Caltrans from either tribe.

CEQA Significance Determinations for Tribal Cultural Resources

a) and b) No Impact

As documented in the Cultural Resources Section of this Initial Study and in the November 11 HPSR, Caltrans identification efforts did not identify any prehistoric archaeological sites within the proposed project's APE. Similarly, Caltrans Native American Consultation efforts did not identify any Tribal Cultural Resources within the Project Area. Thus, the proposed project would have no impact on any designated historical California Native American resources.

Avoidance, Minimization, and/or Mitigation Measures

CR-1: Buried Cultural Resources. If cultural materials are discovered during construction, all earthmoving activity within 60 feet of the discovery area will be diverted until a qualified archaeologist can assess the nature and significance of the find.

CR-2: Human Remains. If human remains are discovered, State Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 states that further disturbances and activities shall cease in any area or nearby area suspected to overlie remains, and the county coroner contacted. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5097.98, if the remains are thought to be Native American, the coroner will notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC), which will then notify the most likely descendent (MLD). At this time, the person who discovered the remains will contact the District 8 Native American Coordinator Gary Jones at (909) 261-8157 so that they may work with the MLD on the respectful treatment and disposition of the remains. Further provisions of PRC Section 5097.98 are to be followed as applicable.

CR-3: Environmentally Sensitive Areas. There shall be designated environmentally sensitive areas (ESAs), where all project related activities or inadvertent disturbances shall be prohibited.

CR-4: Archaeological Monitors. An archaeological monitor is assigned to monitor job sites activities within the archaeological monitoring area (AMA). Do not work within the AMA unless the archaeological monitor is present. If archaeological resources are discovered within an AMA, comply with Caltrans Standard Plans Section 14-2.02.

UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS

Would the project:	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects?	☐	☐	☒	☐
b) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years?	☐	☐	☐	☒
c) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?	☐	☐	☐	☒
d) Generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals??	☐	☐	☐	☒
e) Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?	☐	☐	☐	☒

CEQA Significance Determinations for Utilities and Service Systems

a) Less Than Significant Impact

Various types of utility facilities, such as electric, gas, and water facilities, are currently located within the proposed project limits. Caltrans would send notices to owners of these utilities about the project and enter into utility agreements with them as required. All utilities within the project impact area would be either protected in place, relocated, and/or improved within the Caltrans right of way. Thus, the construction or relocation of any utility facility associated with the proposed project would have a less than significant impact on the environment.

b) No Impact

After construction, the proposed project would not require a water supply. Thus, the proposed project would have no impact on water supplies.

c) No Impact

The proposed project scope includes improving drainage facilities impacted by the proposed project. Caltrans would ensure in its drainage improvement plans that the wastewater treatment provider has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the

provider’s existing commitments. Thus, the proposed project would have no negative impact on wastewater treatment facilities.

d & e) No Impact

The proposed project would implement a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan and comply with the Storm Water Management Plan. Temporary and permanent best management practices for preventing stormwater pollution, which includes solid waste, would be used in following these plans. In addition, the project would recycle construction debris as practicable (greenhouse gas measure GHG-3). Thus the proposed project would not generate solid waste in excess of state or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals; the project would also comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste

WILDFIRE

If located in or near state responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones, would the project:	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?	☐	☐	☒	☐
b) Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to, pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire?	☐	☐	☒	☐
c) Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment?	☐	☐	☐	☒
d) Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes?	☐	☐	☒	☐

Affected Environment

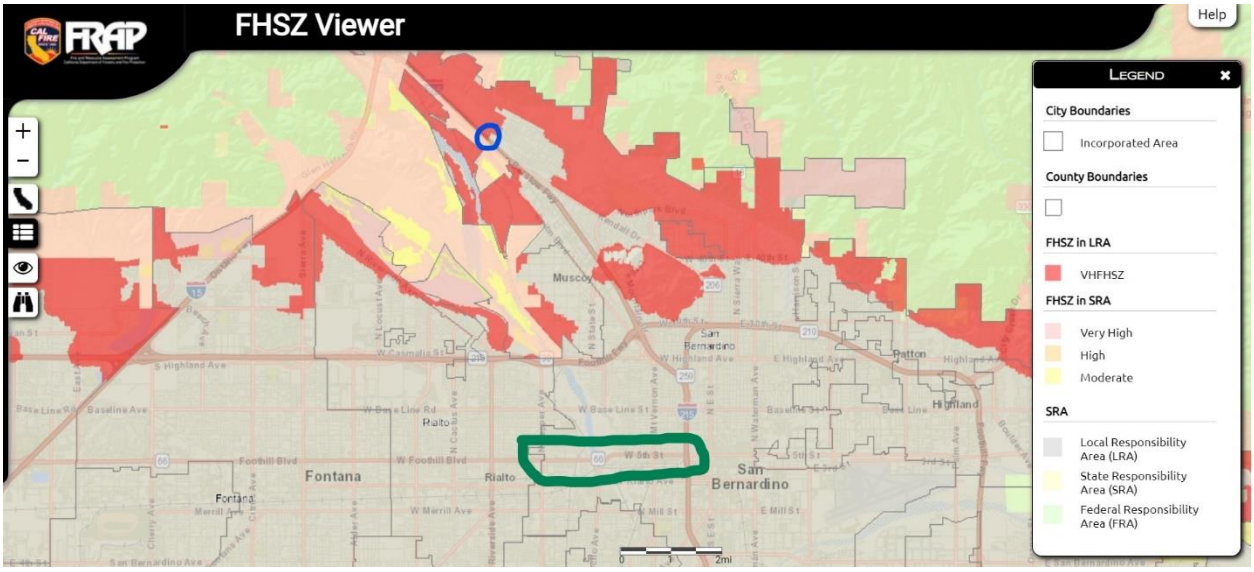

Figure 2-1. Fire Hazard Severity Zone (FHSZ) Viewer Map of the Proposed Project Area Along SR-66 from PM201.1 to S23.2 (circled in green) and on I-215 at PM14.9 (circled in blue) (Cal Fire 2022).

The proposed project area includes one location, Little League Drive Overcrossing Bridge on I-215 at PM 14.9, that is located within a 'very high fire hazard severity zone (VHFHSZ)' as designated by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, whereas the portion of the project along SR-66 is located in a local responsibility area with no state fire hazard designation (Cal Fire 2022).

CEQA Significance Determinations for Wildfire

a) Less Than Significant Impact

During construction, the proposed project would require several temporary lane closures along SR-66, and full road closures on the Little League Drive Overcrossing and full directional road closures at PM 14.9 on I-215. However, a traffic management plan (transportation measure TR-1) would be prepared and coordinated with local emergency responders; the plan would include only minor temporary detours for limited hours over only a few days to minimize impacts to traffic during the project construction. In addition, the project itself would include road widening is expected to allow for improved traffic management, emergency access, and emergency response times. Thus, the proposed project would have a less than significant impact on the implementation of or physical interference with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan.

b) Less Than Significant Impact

To prevent any construction-related fire at the Little League Drive Overcrossing site, the proposed project would follow Cal Fire guidelines for equipment use, control of flammable materials, use of fuel breaks, and fire monitoring when fire hazard conditions are elevated as specified under Caltrans Standard Special Provision 7-1.02M(2) (wildfire [WF] measure WF-1). However, the proposed project itself would not introduce any new structures to the area that would increase the risk of wildfire. Thus, the proposed project would not exacerbate wildfire risks or expose project occupants to pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a fire.

c) No Impact

The proposed project would only consist of repaving current roadway, widening current bridges, and adding pedestrian facilities, including sidewalks. Thus the project would not require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment.

d) Less Than Significant Impact

A stormwater pollution prevention plan (which includes erosion control), revegetation, and the minimization of tree removal and ground work is planned for the proposed project (visual impact measures VIS-1, VIS-3, VIS-5, and VIS-6). Thus, the project would not expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides.

AVOIDANCE, MINIMIZATION, AND/OR MITIGATION MEASURES

WF-1: Wildfire Prevention. At the Little League Drive Overcrossing project location, I-215 PM 14.9, the contractor for the project shall follow Cal Fire guidelines for equipment use, control of

flammable materials, use of fuel breaks, and fire monitoring when when fire hazard conditions are elevated as specified under Caltrans Standard Special Provision 7-1.02M(2).

TR-1 Traffic Management Plan: Prior to construction, a traffic management plan will be prepared and coordinated with local emergency responders, and implemented to minimize traffic delays and associated idling emissions during construction.

VIS-1: Tree Replacement. Any trees removed shall be replaced in kind at a minimum ratio of 3:1 with a 5-gallon container, and replaced trees shall be maintained and monitored for three (3) years. At year three, all trees shall have a 100 percent survival rate. Nonnative, invasive vegetation shall be no more than 5 percent within a radius of 15 feet of plantings and watering shall have been discontinued at least one year prior to completion of the maintenance and monitoring period.

VIS-3: Erosion Control. Erosion control shall be provided for all disturbed soil areas per water board guidelines or as determined by the district landscape architect.

VIS-5: Revegetation. Revegetation shall be maximized to provide biologically appropriate habitats for the regional ecology.

VIS-6: Minimization of Vegetation Removal and Ground Work. Vegetation and tree removal (especially for larger trees), trenching, and impacts caused by grading and sloping shall be minimized.

MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Does the project have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?	☐	☐	☒	☐
b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?	☐	☐	☐	☒
c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?	☐	☐	☐	☒

CEQA Significance Determinations for Mandatory Findings of Significance

a) Less Than Significant Impact

The proposed project would not substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, or reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal species. Avoidance and/or minimization measures would be implemented to ensure the proposed project would result in less-than-significant impacts.

b) No Impact

The proposed project would not result in cumulatively considerable effects when combined with past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future projects. Thus, the proposed project would have no impact on cumulative impacts.

c) No Impact

The proposed project would have no environmental effects that would cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly. As such, the proposed project would have no adverse impacts on human beings.

Climate Change

Climate change refers to long-term changes in temperature, precipitation, wind patterns, and other elements of the Earth's climate system. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, established by the United Nations and World Meteorological Organization in 1988, is devoted to greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction and climate change research and policy. Climate change in the past has generally occurred gradually over millennia, or more suddenly in response to cataclysmic natural disruptions. The research of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and other scientists over recent decades, however, has unequivocally attributed an accelerated rate of climatological changes over the past 150 years to GHG emissions generated from the production and use of fossil fuels.

Human activities generate GHGs consisting primarily of carbon dioxide (CO_2), methane (CH_4), nitrous oxide (N_2O), tetrafluoromethane, hexafluoroethane, sulfur hexafluoride (SF_6), and various hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs). CO_2 is the most abundant GHG; while it is a naturally occurring and necessary component of Earth’s atmosphere, fossil-fuel combustion is the main source of additional, human-generated CO_2 that is the main driver of climate change. In the U.S. and in California, transportation is the largest source of GHG emissions, mostly CO_2.

The impacts of climate change are already being observed in the form of sea level rise, drought, extended and severe fire seasons, and historic flooding from changing storm patterns. The most important strategy to address climate change is to reduce GHG emissions. Additional strategies are necessary to mitigate and adapt to these impacts. In the context of climate change, “mitigation” involves actions to reduce GHG emissions to lessen adverse impacts that are likely to occur. “Adaptation” is planning for and responding to impacts to reduce vulnerability to harm, such as by adjusting transportation design standards to withstand more intense storms, heat, and higher sea levels. This analysis will include a discussion of both in the context of this transportation project.

REGULATORY SETTING

This section outlines federal and state efforts to comprehensively reduce GHG emissions from transportation sources.

Federal

To date, no national standards have been established for nationwide mobile-source GHG reduction targets, nor have any regulations or legislation been enacted specifically to address climate change and GHG emissions reduction at the project level.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 United States Code [USC] Part 4332) requires federal agencies to assess the environmental effects of their proposed actions prior to making a decision on the action or project.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) recognizes the threats that extreme weather, sea level change, and other changes in environmental conditions pose to valuable transportation infrastructure and those who depend on it. FHWA therefore supports a sustainability approach that assesses vulnerability to climate risks and incorporates resilience into planning, asset management, project development and design, and operations and maintenance practices (FHWA 2019). This approach encourages planning for sustainable highways by addressing climate risks while balancing environmental, economic, and social values— "the triple bottom line of sustainability" (FHWA n.d.). Program and project elements that foster sustainability and resilience also support economic vitality and global efficiency, increase safety and mobility, enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, and improve the quality of life.

The federal government has taken steps to improve fuel economy and energy efficiency to address climate change and its associated effects. The most important of these was the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975 (42 USC Section 6201) as amended by the Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA) of 2007; and Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) Standards. This act established fuel economy standards for on-road motor vehicles sold in the United States. The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration (NHTSA) sets and enforces the CAFE standards based on each manufacturer's average fuel economy for the portion of its vehicles produced for sale in the United States. The Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) calculates average fuel economy levels for manufacturers, and also sets related GHG emissions standards under the Clean Air Act. Raising CAFE standards leads automakers to create a more fuel-efficient fleet, which improves our nation's energy security, saves consumers money at the pump, and reduces GHG emissions (U.S. DOT 2014).

U.S. EPA published a final rulemaking on December 30, 2021, that raised federal GHG emissions standards for passenger cars and light trucks for model years 2023 through 2026, increasing in stringency each year. This rulemaking revised lower emissions standards that had been previously established for model years 2021 through 2026 in the Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule Part Two in June 2020. The updated standards will result in avoiding more than 3 billion tons of GHG emissions through 2050 (U.S. EPA 2021a).

State

California has been innovative and proactive in addressing GHG emissions and climate change by passing multiple Senate and Assembly bills and executive orders (EOs) including, but not limited to, the following:

EO S-3-05 (June 1, 2005): The goal of this EO is to reduce California's GHG emissions to: (1) year 2000 levels by 2010, (2) year 1990 levels by 2020, and (3) 80 percent below year 1990 levels by 2050. This goal was further reinforced with the passage of Assembly Bill (AB) 32 in 2006 and Senate Bill (SB) 32 in 2016.

Assembly Bill (AB) 32, Chapter 488, 2006, Núñez and Pavley, The Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: AB 32 codified the 2020 GHG emissions reduction goals outlined in EO S-3-05, while further mandating that the California Air Resources Board (ARB) create a scoping plan and implement rules to achieve “real, quantifiable, cost-effective reductions of greenhouse gases.” The Legislature also intended that the statewide GHG emissions limit continue in existence and be used to maintain and continue reductions in emissions of GHGs beyond 2020 (Health and Safety Code [H&SC] Section 38551(b)). The law requires ARB to adopt rules and regulations in an open public process to achieve the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective GHG reductions.

EO S-01-07 (January 18, 2007): This order sets forth the low carbon fuel standard (LCFS) for California. Under this EO, the carbon intensity of California’s transportation fuels is to be reduced by at least 10 percent by the year 2020. ARB re-adopted the LCFS regulation in September 2015, and the changes went into effect on January 1, 2016. The program establishes a strong framework to promote the low-carbon fuel adoption necessary to achieve the governor's 2030 and 2050 GHG reduction goals.

Senate Bill (SB) 375, Chapter 728, 2008, Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection: This bill requires ARB to set regional emissions reduction targets for passenger vehicles. The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for each region must then develop a "Sustainable Communities Strategy" (SCS) that integrates transportation, land-use, and housing policies to plan how it will achieve the emissions target for its region.

SB 391, Chapter 585, 2009, California Transportation Plan: This bill requires the State’s long-range transportation plan to identify strategies to address California’s climate change goals under AB 32.

EO B-16-12 (March 2012) orders State entities under the direction of the Governor, including ARB, the California Energy Commission, and the Public Utilities Commission, to support the rapid commercialization of zero-emission vehicles. It directs these entities to achieve various benchmarks related to zero-emission vehicles.

EO B-30-15 (April 2015) establishes an interim statewide GHG emission reduction target of 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030 to ensure California meets its target of reducing GHG emissions to 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050. It further orders all state agencies with jurisdiction over sources of GHG emissions to implement measures, pursuant to statutory authority, to achieve reductions of GHG emissions to meet the 2030 and 2050 GHG emissions reductions targets. It also directs ARB to update the Climate Change Scoping Plan to express the 2030 target in terms of million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent ($MMTCO_2e$). [GHGs differ in how much heat each traps in the atmosphere, called global warming potential, or GWP. CO_2 is the most important GHG, so amounts of other gases are expressed relative to CO_2, using a metric called “carbon dioxide equivalent,” or CO_2e. The global warming potential of CO_2 is assigned a value of 1, and the GWP of other gases is assessed as multiples of CO_2.] Finally, it requires the Natural Resources Agency to update the state’s climate adaptation

strategy, *Safeguarding California*, every 3 years, and to ensure that its provisions are fully implemented.

SB 32, Chapter 249, 2016, codifies the GHG reduction targets established in EO B-30-15 to achieve a mid-range goal of 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030.

SB 1386, Chapter 545, 2016, declared "it to be the policy of the state that the protection and management of natural and working lands … is an important strategy in meeting the state's greenhouse gas reduction goals, and would require all state agencies, departments, boards, and commissions to consider this policy when revising, adopting, or establishing policies, regulations, expenditures, or grant criteria relating to the protection and management of natural and working lands."

SB 743**,** Chapter 386 (September 2013): This bill changes the metric of consideration for transportation impacts pursuant to CEQA from a focus on automobile delay to alternative methods focused on vehicle miles traveled, to promote the state's goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and traffic related air pollution and promoting multimodal transportation while balancing the needs of congestion management and safety.

SB 150**,** Chapter 150, 2017, Regional Transportation Plans: This bill requires ARB to prepare a report that assesses progress made by each metropolitan planning organization in meeting their established regional greenhouse gas emission reduction targets.

EO B-55-18 (September 2018) sets a new statewide goal to achieve and maintain carbon neutrality no later than 2045. This goal is in addition to existing statewide targets of reducing GHG emissions.

EO N-19-19 (September 2019) advances California's climate goals in part by directing the California State Transportation Agency to leverage annual transportation spending to reverse the trend of increased fuel consumption and reduce GHG emissions from the transportation sector. It orders a focus on transportation investments near housing, managing congestion, and encouraging alternatives to driving. This EO also directs ARB to encourage automakers to produce more clean vehicles, formulate ways to help Californians purchase them, and propose strategies to increase demand for zero-emission vehicles.

ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

The proposed project is in an urban area of San Bernardino County with a well-developed road and street network. The project areas are mainly residential, with some light industrial and commercial buildings. The portion of the project on I-215 at PM 14.9 is in a more rural area that is becoming increasingly filled with new residential developments. A metropolitan or regional transportation plan RTP/sustainable communities strategy (SCS) by the Southern California Association of Governments guides transportation and housing development in the project area. The San Bernardino County Regional Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan addresses GHGs in the project area.

GHG Inventories

A GHG emissions inventory estimates the amount of GHGs discharged into the atmosphere by specific sources over a period of time, such as a calendar year. Tracking annual GHG emissions allows countries, states, and smaller jurisdictions to understand how emissions are changing and what actions may be needed to attain emission reduction goals. U.S. EPA is responsible for documenting GHG emissions nationwide, and the ARB does so for the state, as required by H&SC Section 39607.4. Cities and other local jurisdictions may also conduct local GHG inventories to inform their GHG reduction or climate action plans.

National GHG Inventory

The annual GHG inventory submitted by the U.S. EPA to the United Nations provides a comprehensive accounting of all human-produced sources of GHGs in the United States. The 1990-2019 inventory found that overall GHG emissions were 6,558 million metric tons (MMT) in 2019, down 1.7 percent from 2018 but up 1.8% from 1990 levels. Of these, 80 percent were CO_2, 10 percent were CH_4, and 7 percent were N_2O; the balance consisted of fluorinated gases. CO_2 emissions in 2019 were 2.2 percent less than in 2018, but 2.8 percent more than in 1990. As shown on Figure 2.2, the transportation sector accounted for 29 percent of U.S. GHG emissions in 2019 (U.S. EPA 2021b, 2021c).

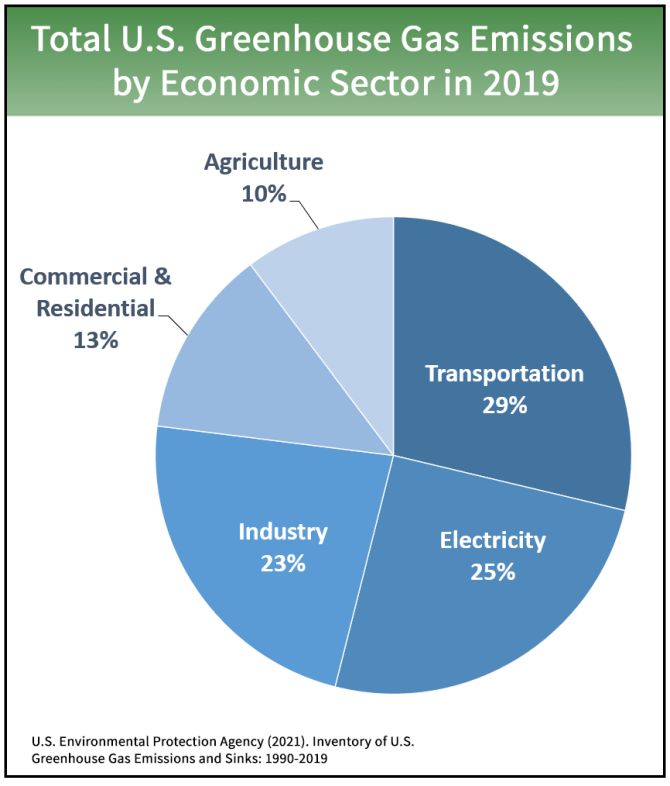

Figure 2-2. U.S. 2019 Greenhouse Gas Emissions (Source: U.S. EPA 2021d)

State GHG Inventory

ARB collects GHG emissions data for transportation, electricity, commercial/residential, industrial, agricultural, and waste management sectors each year. It then summarizes and highlights major annual changes and trends to demonstrate the state's progress in meeting its GHG reduction goals. The 2021 edition of the GHG emissions inventory reported emissions trends from 2000 to 2019. It found total California emissions were 418.2 $MMTCO_2e$ in 2019, a reduction of 7.2 $MMTCO_2e$ since 2018 and almost 13 $MMTCO_2e$ below the statewide 2020 limit of 431 $MMTCO_2e$. The transportation sector (including intrastate aviation and off road sources) was responsible for about 40 percent of direct GHG emissions, a 3.5 $MMTCO_2e$ decrease from 2018 (Figure 2.3). Overall statewide GHG emissions declined from 2000 to 2019 despite growth in population and state economic output (Figure 2.3) (ARB 2021a).

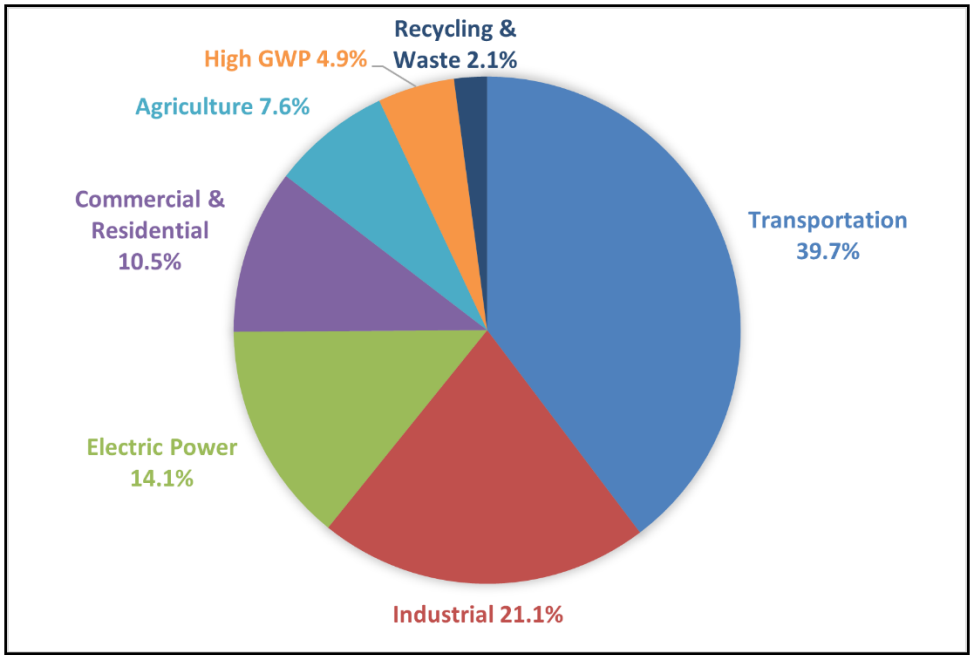

Figure 2.3. California 2019 Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Economic Sector (Source: ARB 2021a)

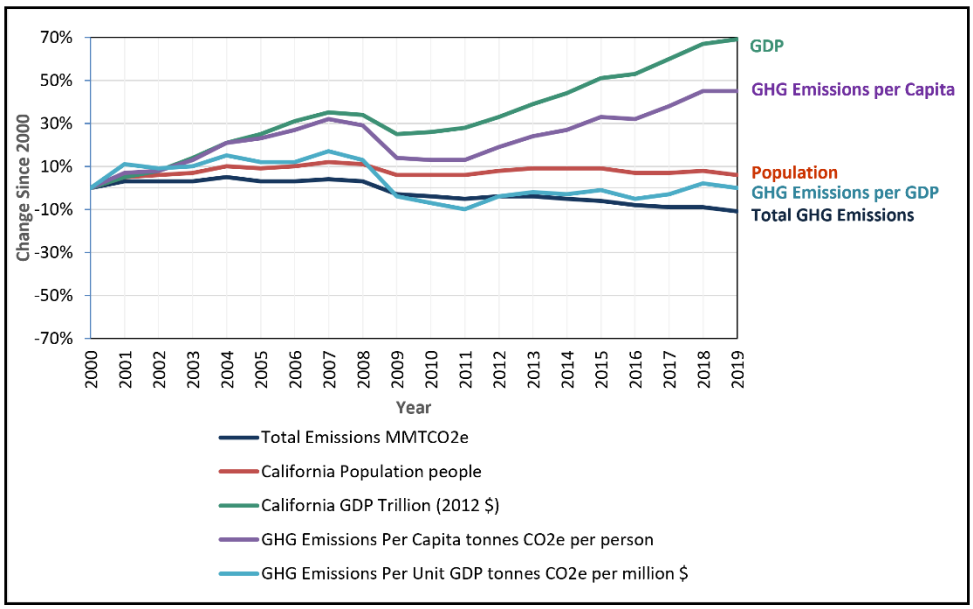

Figure 2-4. Change in California GDP, Population, and GHG Emissions since 2000 (Source: ARB 2021a)

AB 32 required ARB to develop a Scoping Plan that describes the approach California will take to achieve the goal of reducing GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020, and to update it every 5 years. ARB adopted the first scoping plan in 2008. The second updated plan, *California's 2017 Climate Change Scoping Plan*, adopted on December 14, 2017, reflects the 2030 target established in EO B-30-15 and SB 32. The AB 32 Scoping Plan and the subsequent updates contain the main strategies California will use to reduce GHG emissions.

Regional Plans

ARB sets regional GHG reduction targets for California's 18 metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) to achieve through planning future projects that will cumulatively achieve those goals, and reporting how they will be met in the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). Targets are set at a percent reduction of passenger vehicle GHG emissions per person from 2005 levels. The regional reduction target for the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is 19 percent by 2035 (ARB 2019c).

Connect SoCal, the RTP/SCS for the SCAG region, reflects the region's commitment to improve the region's mobility, sustainability, and economy. The Connect SoCal goals for GHG reduction include the following: improve mobility, accessibility, reliability, and travel safety for people and goods; enhance the preservation security, and resilience of the regional transportation system; increase person and goods movement and travel choices within the transportation system; and reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality (SCAG 2020).

Title	GHG Reduction Policies or Strategies
San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) Inland Empire Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan,	• Active Transportation • Intelligent Transportation System/Incident Management • Zero Emission Vehicle and Alternative Fuel Programs • Transportation Demand Management • Multi Modal Corridor Planning
San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) Non-Motorized Transportation Plan	• Development of a comprehensive system of cycling facilities, pathways, and trails.
San Bernardino County Regional Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan	• Encourage use of mass transit, carpooling, ridesharing and telecommuting. • Signal synchronization • Expand bike routes

Table 2-1. Regional and Local Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plans

PROJECT ANALYSIS

GHG emissions from transportation projects can be divided into those produced during operation of the State Highway System (SHS) (operational emissions) and those produced during construction. The primary GHGs produced by the transportation sector are CO_2, CH_4, N_2O, and HFCs. CO_2 emissions are a product of burning gasoline or diesel fuel in internal combustion engines, along with relatively small amounts of CH_4 and N_2O. A small amount of HFC emissions related to refrigeration is also included in the transportation sector.

The CEQA Guidelines generally address greenhouse gas emissions as a cumulative impact due to the global nature of climate change (Pub. Resources Code, § 21083(b)(2)). As the California Supreme Court explained, “because of the global scale of climate change, any one project's contribution is unlikely to be significant by itself.” (Cleveland National Forest Foundation *v.* San Diego Assn. of Governments (2017) 3 Cal.5th 497, 512). In assessing cumulative impacts, it must be determined if a project’s incremental effect is “cumulatively considerable” (CEQA Guidelines Sections 15064(h)(1) and 15130).

To make this determination, the incremental impacts of the project must be compared with the effects of past, current, and probable future projects. Although climate change is ultimately a cumulative impact, not every individual project that emits greenhouse gases must necessarily be found to contribute to a significant cumulative impact on the environment.

Operational Emissions

The purpose of the proposed project is to rehabilitate roadway pavement, upgrade pedestrian facilities to meet current standards for pedestrian accessibility, add sidewalks, and upgrade bridges to current crash and safety standards and will not increase the vehicle capacity of the roadway. This type of project generally causes minimal or no increase in operational GHG emissions. Because the project would not

increase the number of travel lanes on SR 66 or on Little League Drive, no increase in vehicle miles traveled (VMT) would occur. While some GHG emissions during the construction period would be unavoidable, no increase in operational GHG emissions is expected.

Construction Emissions

Construction GHG emissions would result from material processing and transportation, on-site construction equipment, and traffic delays due to construction. These emissions will be produced at different levels throughout the construction phase; their frequency and occurrence can be reduced through innovations in plans and specifications and by implementing better traffic management during construction phases.

Use of long-life pavement, improved traffic management plans, and changes in materials, can also help offset emissions produced during construction by allowing longer intervals between maintenance and rehabilitation activities.

Construction of the proposed project would result in GHG emissions from fuel combustion associated with off-road and on-road construction equipment and vehicles. The anticipated GHG construction activity emissions were calculated using the Caltrans Construction Emissions Tool (CAL-CET). Construction of the proposed project is expected to last 380 days and would result in the estimated daily greenhouse gas emissions of 6,161 lb/day of CO_2e (CO_2 equivalent) and a total of 802.47 ton/year of CO_2e for the duration of project construction.

The proposed project would comply with all rules and regulations of the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

All construction contracts include Caltrans Standard Specifications related to air quality. Section 7-1.02A and 7 1.02C, Emissions Reduction, requires contractors to comply with all laws applicable to the project and to certify they are aware of and will comply with all ARB emission reduction regulations. Section 14-9.02, Air Pollution Control, requires contractors to comply with all air pollution control rules, regulations, ordinances, and statutes. Certain common regulations, such as equipment idling restrictions, that reduce construction vehicle emissions also help reduce GHG emissions.

CEQA Conclusion

While the proposed project would result in GHG emissions during construction, it is anticipated that the project would not result in any increase in operational GHG emissions. The proposed project would not conflict with any applicable plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases. With implementation of construction GHG-reduction measures, the impact would be less than significant.

Caltrans is firmly committed to implementing measures to help reduce GHG emissions. These measures are outlined in the following section.

GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION STRATEGIES

Statewide Efforts

In response to AB 32, California is implementing measures to achieve emission reductions of GHGs that cause climate change. Climate change programs in California are effectively reducing GHG emissions from all sectors of the economy. These programs include regulations, market programs, and incentives that will transform transportation, industry, fuels, and other sectors, to take California into a sustainable, low-carbon and cleaner future, while maintaining a robust economy (ARB 2022).

Major sectors of the California economy, including transportation, will need to reduce emissions to meet 2030 and 2050 GHG emissions targets. The Governor's Office of Planning and Research identified five sustainability pillars in a 2015 report: (1) Increasing the share of renewable energy in the State's energy mix to at least 50 percent by 2030; (2) Reducing petroleum use by up to 50 percent by 2030; (3) Increasing the energy efficiency of existing buildings by 50 percent by 2030; (4) Reducing emissions of short-lived climate pollutants; and (5) Stewarding natural resources, including forests, working lands, and wetlands, to ensure that they store carbon, are resilient, and enhance other environmental benefits (OPR 2015).

The transportation sector is integral to the people and economy of California. To achieve GHG emission reduction goals, it is vital that the state build on past successes in reducing criteria and toxic air pollutants from transportation and goods movement. GHG emission reductions will come from cleaner vehicle technologies, lower-carbon fuels, and reduction of vehicle miles traveled (VMT). Reducing today's petroleum use in cars and trucks is a key state goal for reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 (California Environmental Protection Agency 2015).

In addition, SB 1386 (Wolk 2016) established as state policy the protection and management of natural and working lands and requires state agencies to consider that policy in their own decision making. Trees and vegetation on forests, rangelands, farms, and wetlands remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere through biological processes and sequester the carbon in above- and below-ground matter.

Subsequently, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-82-20 to combat the crises in climate change and biodiversity. It instructs state agencies to use existing authorities and resources to identify and implement near- and long-term actions to accelerate natural removal of carbon and build climate resilience in our forests, wetlands, urban greenspaces, agricultural soils, and land conservation activities in ways that serve all communities and in particular low-income, disadvantaged, and vulnerable communities. To support this order, the California Natural Resources Agency released *Natural and Working Lands Climate Smart Strategy Draft* for public comment in October 2021.

Caltrans Activities

Caltrans continues to be involved on the Governor's Climate Action Team as the ARB works to implement EOs S-3-05 and S-01-07 and help achieve the targets set forth in AB 32. EO B-30-15, issued in April 2015, and SB 32 (2016), set an interim target to cut GHG emissions to 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030. The following major initiatives are underway at Caltrans to help meet these targets.

Climate Action Plan for Transportation Investments

The California Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) builds on executive orders signed by Governor Newsom in 2019 and 2020 targeted at reducing GHG emissions in transportation, which account for more than 40 percent of all polluting emissions, to reach the state's climate goals. Under CAPTI, where feasible and within existing funding program structures, the state will invest discretionary transportation funds in sustainable infrastructure projects that align with its climate, health, and social equity goals (California State Transportation Agency 2021).

California Transportation Plan (CTP 2040)

The California Transportation Plan (CTP) is a statewide, long-range transportation plan to meet our future mobility needs and reduce GHG emissions. It serves as an umbrella document for all the other statewide transportation planning documents. The CTP 2050 presents a vision of a safe, resilient, and universally accessible transportation system that supports vibrant communities, advances racial and economic justice, and improves public and environmental health. The plan's climate goal is to achieve statewide GHG emissions reduction targets and increase resilience to climate change. It demonstrates how GHG emissions from the transportation sector can be reduced through advancements in clean fuel technologies; continued shifts toward active travel, transit, and shared mobility; more efficient land use and development practices; and continued shifts to telework (Caltrans 2021a).

Caltrans Strategic Plan

The *Caltrans 2020–2024 Strategic Plan* includes goals of stewardship, climate action, and equity. Climate action strategies include developing and implementing a Caltrans Climate Action Plan; a robust program of climate action education, training, and outreach; partnership and collaboration; a VMT monitoring and reduction program; and engaging with the most vulnerable communities in developing and implementing Caltrans climate action activities (Caltrans 2021b).

Caltrans Policy Directives and Other Initiatives

Caltrans Director's Policy 30 (DP-30) Climate Change (June 22, 2012) established a Department policy to ensure coordinated efforts to incorporate climate change into Departmental decisions and activities. *Caltrans Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Mitigation Report* (Caltrans 2020) provides a comprehensive overview of Caltrans'

emissions. The report documents and evaluates current Caltrans procedures and activities that track and reduce GHG emissions and identifies additional opportunities for further reducing GHG emissions from Department-controlled emission sources, in support of Departmental and State goals.

Project-Level GHG Reduction Strategies

The proposed project itself would provide facilities that promote mobility for pedestrians, particularly the sidewalks along SR-66 and Little League Drive Overcrossing. By improving the mobility of pedestrians, Caltrans anticipates the need for vehicles along these roadways to decrease along with GHG emissions.

The following measures would also be implemented for the project to reduce GHG emissions and potential climate change impacts from the project.

AQ-1: Air Quality. The proposed project shall comply with Caltrans Standard Specifications Section 14-9, Air Quality, which requires contractors to comply with all federal, state, regional, and local rules, regulations, and ordinances related to air quality.

GHG-1: Emissions Reductions. The proposed project shall comply with Caltrans Standard Specifications Section 7-1.02A and 7-1.02C, Emissions Reductions, which require contractors to comply with all laws applicable to the project and to certify that they are aware of and will comply with all California Air Resources Board (ARB) emission reduction regulations.

GHG-2: Energy-Efficient Lighting. The proposed project shall incorporate the use of energy-efficient lighting, such as light-emitting diode (LED) pedestrian signals, to help reduce the project's CO_2 emissions.

GHG-3: Recycling. The proposed project would recycle construction debris as practicable.

TR-1: Traffic Management Plan. Prior to construction, a traffic management plan will be prepared and coordinated with local emergency responders, and implemented to minimize traffic delays and associated idling emissions during construction.

VIS-1: Tree Replacement. Any trees removed shall be replaced in kind at a minimum ratio of 3:1 with a 5-gallon container, and replaced trees shall be maintained and monitored for three (3) years. At year three, all trees shall have a 100 percent survival rate. Nonnative, invasive vegetation shall be no more than 5 percent within a radius of 15 feet of plantings and watering shall have been discontinued at least one year prior to completion of the maintenance and monitoring period.

VIS-5 Revegetation: Revegetation shall be maximized to provide biologically appropriate habitats for the regional ecology.

ADAPTATION

Reducing GHG emissions is only one part of an approach to addressing climate change. Caltrans must plan for the effects of climate change on the state's transportation infrastructure and strengthen or protect the facilities from damage. Climate change is expected to produce increased variability in precipitation, rising temperatures, rising sea levels, variability in storm surges and their intensity, and in the frequency and intensity of wildfires. Flooding and erosion can damage or wash out roads; longer periods of intense heat can buckle pavement and railroad tracks; storm surges combined with a rising sea level can inundate highways. Wildfire can directly burn facilities and indirectly cause damage when rain falls on denuded slopes that landslide after a fire. Effects will vary by location and may, in the most extreme cases, require that a facility be relocated or redesigned. Accordingly, Caltrans must consider these types of climate stressors in how highways are planned, designed, built, operated, and maintained.

Federal Efforts

Under NEPA Assignment, Caltrans is obligated to comply with all applicable federal environmental laws and FHWA NEPA regulations, policies, and guidance.

The *Fourth National Climate Assessment*, published in 2018, presents the foundational science and the "human welfare, societal, and environmental elements of climate change and variability for 10 regions and 18 national topics, with particular attention paid to observed and projected risks, impacts, consideration of risk reduction, and implications under different mitigation pathways."

The U.S. DOT Policy Statement on Climate Adaptation in June 2011 committed the federal Department of Transportation to "integrate consideration of climate change impacts and adaptation into the planning, operations, policies, and programs of DOT in order to ensure that taxpayer resources are invested wisely, and that transportation infrastructure, services and operations remain effective in current and future climate conditions" (U.S. DOT 2011).

FHWA order 5520 (*Transportation System Preparedness and Resilience to Climate Change and Extreme Weather Events,* December 15, 2014) established FHWA policy to strive to identify the risks of climate change and extreme weather events to current and planned transportation systems. FHWA has developed guidance and tools for transportation planning that foster resilience to climate effects and sustainability at the federal, state, and local levels (FHWA 2019).

State Efforts

Climate change adaptation for transportation infrastructure involves long-term planning and risk management to address vulnerabilities in the transportation system. A number of state policies and tools have been developed to guide adaptation efforts.

California's Fourth Climate Change Assessment (Fourth Assessment) (2018) is the state's effort to "translate the state of climate science into useful information for action." It provides information that will help decision makers across sectors and at state, regional, and local scales protect and build the resilience of the state's people, infrastructure, natural systems, working lands, and waters. The State's approach recognizes that the consequences of climate change occur at the intersections of people, nature, and infrastructure. The Fourth Assessment reports that if no measures are taken to reduce GHG emissions by 2021 or sooner, the state is projected to experience a 2.7 to 8.8 degrees Fahrenheit increase in average annual maximum daily temperatures, with impacts on agriculture, energy demand, natural systems, and public health; a two-thirds decline in water supply from snowpack and water shortages that will impact agricultural production; a 77% increase in average area burned by wildfire, with consequences for forest health and communities; and large-scale erosion of up to 67% of Southern California beaches and inundation of billions of dollars' worth of residential and commercial buildings due to sea level rise (State of California 2018).

Sea level rise is a particular concern for transportation infrastructure in the coastal zone. Major urban airports will be at risk of flooding from sea level rise combined with storm surge as early as 2040; San Francisco airport is already at risk. Miles of coastal highways vulnerable to flooding in a 100-year storm event will triple to 370 by 2100, and 3,750 miles will be exposed to temporary flooding. The Fourth Assessment's findings highlight the need for proactive action to address these current and future impacts of climate change.

In 2008, then-governor Arnold Schwarzenegger recognized the need when he issued EO S-13-08, focused on sea level rise. Technical reports on the latest sea level rise science were first published in 2010 and updated in 2013 and 2017. The 2017 projections of sea level rise and new understanding of processes and potential impacts in California were incorporated into the *State of California Sea-Level Rise Guidance Update* in 2018. This EO also gave rise to the *California Climate Adaptation Strategy* (2009), updated in 2014 as *Safeguarding California: Reducing Climate Risk* (Safeguarding California Plan), which addressed the full range of climate change impacts and recommended adaptation strategies. The Safeguarding California Plan was updated in 2018 and again in 2021 as the *California Climate Adaptation Strategy*, incorporating key elements of the latest sector-specific plans such as the *Natural and Working Lands Climate Smart Strategy*, *Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan*, *Water Resilience Portfolio,* and the CAPTI (described above). Priorities in the 2021 California Climate Adaptation Strategy include acting in partnership with California Native American Tribes, strengthening protections for climate-vulnerable communities that lack capacity and resources, nature-based climate solutions, use of best available climate science, and partnering and collaboration to best leverage resources (California Natural Resources Agency 2021).

EO B-30-15, signed in April 2015, requires state agencies to factor climate change into all planning and investment decisions. This EO recognizes that effects of climate change in addition to sea level rise also threaten California's infrastructure. At the direction of EO B-30-15, the Office of Planning and Research published *Planning and*

Investing for a Resilient California: A Guidebook for State Agencies in 2017, to encourage a uniform and systematic approach.

AB 2800 (Quirk 2016) created the multidisciplinary Climate-Safe Infrastructure Working Group to help actors throughout the state address the findings of California's Fourth Climate Change Assessment. It released its report, *Paying it Forward: The Path Toward Climate-Safe Infrastructure in California*, in 2018. The report provides guidance to agencies on how to address the challenges of assessing risk in the face of inherent uncertainties still posed by the best available science on climate change. It also examines how state agencies can use infrastructure planning, design, and implementation processes to address the observed and anticipated climate change impacts (Climate Change Infrastructure Working Group 2018).

Caltrans Adaptation Efforts

Caltrans Vulnerability Assessments

Caltrans completed climate change vulnerability assessments to identify segments of the State Highway System vulnerable to climate change effects of precipitation, temperature, wildfire, storm surge, and sea level rise.

The climate change data in the assessments were developed in coordination with climate change scientists and experts at federal, state, and regional organizations at the forefront of climate science. The findings of the vulnerability assessments guide analysis of at-risk assets and development of Adaptation Priority Reports as a method to make capital programming decisions to address identified risks.

Project Adaptation Analysis

Sea-Level Rise

The proposed project is outside the coastal zone and not in an area subject to sea-level rise. Accordingly, direct impacts to transportation facilities due to projected sea-level rise are not expected.

Precipitation and Flooding

A climate-change risk analysis for precipitation and floodplains and associated impacts to transportation facilities involves uncertainties related to the timing and intensity of potential risks. In addition, climate stressors (such as extreme temperatures, heavy precipitation, and sea level rise) on floodplains are also factors to consider when determining disruptions to the State Highway System. More intense storm events, combined with other changes in land use and land cover, can increase the risk of damage or loss from flooding.

The entire proposed project area lies within the Santa Ana River Watershed and according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency National Flood Hazard Layer

(FEMA 2022), most of the project area lies within zone X (unshaded), which is an area outside of the 0.2% annual chance floodplain. However, areas adjacent to and including the Lytle Creek Channel Bridge, East Branch Lytle Creek Bridge, and Little League Drive Overcrossing are located within several different floodplain zones (FEMA 2022).

The Lytle Creek Channel Bridge and East Branch Lytle Creek Bridge span the Lytle Creek Channel, a 40 ft-wide concrete channel, and the East Branch Lytle Creek, a 195 ft-wide concrete channel, respectively. These two bridges, along with two small sections of SR-66 located immediately east and west of the Lytle Creek Channel Bridge, lie within special flood hazard areas (zones A and AE respectively) which are subject to inundation by a 1% annual chance flood (100-year flood) (FEMA 2022).

One small section along SR-66, immediately west of the East Branch Lytle Creek Bridge, and the Little League Drive Overcrossing (OC) on I-215 lie within zone X (shaded) (FEMA 2022); Little League Drive OC is within a few hundred feet of Cable Creek. Zone X (shaded) consists of the following areas: areas with a 0.2% annual chance flood, areas of a 1% annual chance flood with an average depth of less than one foot or with a drainage area of less than one square mile, and areas protected by levees from a 1% annual chance flood.

The Caltrans Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment for District 8 (2019) assesses and maps changes in the 100-year storm precipitation depth in the district. According to this assessment, the 100-year precipitation depth within the proposed project area is anticipated to increase by up to 12.8% in 2055 and10.5% through 2085.

The design for the upgraded pedestrian facilities, additional sidewalks, road rehabilitation, and upgraded bridges will consider elevations and materials to build resilience into the project

WILDFIRE

A climate-change risk analysis for wildfires and associated impacts to transportation facilities involves uncertainties related to the timing and intensity of potential risks. In addition, climate stressors, such as extreme temperatures, are also factors to consider when determining wildfire disruptions to the State Highway System. Climate change models predict that temperatures will continue to increase, thereby leading to longer heat waves and potentially more severe drought events.

The proposed project area includes one location, Little League Drive OC Bridge on I-215 at PM14.9, that is located in a ‘very high fire hazard severity zone (VHFHSZ)’ as designated by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire 2022). This same bridge is also located within a high ‘future level of wildfire concern’ for years 2025, 2055, and 2085 according to Caltrans Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment for District 8 (2019).

Although the Little League Drive OC project location would be located in an area highly vulnerable to wildlfire, the following features and measures would decrease its

vulnerability. The bridge, roadway, and sidewalk of the project itself would consist of fire-resistant materials such as asphalt, concrete, and metal. During the design and construction phase of the project, additional fire-resistant materials would also be considered. During construction, the contractor for the project would be required to follow Cal Fire guidelines for equipment use, control of flammable materials, use of fuel breaks, and fire monitoring when fire hazard conditions are elevated as specified under Caltrans Standard Special Provision 7-1.02M(2) (wildfire measure WF-1). In addition, the widened roadway of the Little League Drive OC bridge is anticipated to result in improved response times and better traffic management during wildfire emergencies.

TEMPERATURE

The District 8 Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment (Caltrans 2019) does not indicate temperature changes during the project's design life that would require adaptive changes in pavement design or maintenance practices.

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Chapter 3 – Comments and Coordination

Early and continuing coordination with the general public and public agencies is an essential part of the environmental process. Coordination helps planners determine the following in regards to the proposed project: the necessary scope of environmental documentation and level of analysis required; potential environmental impacts; and avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation measures and related environmental requirements. Agency and tribal consultation and public participation for this project have been or will be accomplished through a variety of formal and informal methods, including interagency coordination meetings, public meetings, public notices, project development team (PDT) meetings. This chapter summarizes the results of the Department's efforts to fully identify, address, and resolve project-related issues through early and continuing coordination.

Public Agency Coordination

Native American Heritage Commission

On July 15, 2021, Caltrans Cultural Studies sent a letter to the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) requesting a search of the Sacred Lands File. The NAHC responded with a list of local Native American tribes that should be contacted.

These Native American contacts were informed of the proposed project. From July through November 2021, Caltrans corresponded with the following tribes: the Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians-Kizh Nation, San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, Serrano Nation, and Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians.

National Park Service

In June 2021, Caltrans Cultural Studies initiated consultation with the National Park Service (NPS) Route 66 Corridor Management Program. The NPS Route 66 Corridor Management Program asked to be a consulting party on this and all Caltrans projects on State Route 66. Thus, Caltrans sent the November 2021 Historic Property Survey Report and finding of effect (FOE) for the proposed project to them for review.

Local Historical Societies/Historic Preservation Groups

In June 2021, Caltrans Cultural Studies contacted the California Route 66 Association and San Bernardino Historical and Pioneer Society to inform them of the proposed project. No responses have been received to date.

In October 2021, Caltrans Cultural Studies obtained contact information, in person, for the Wigwam Motel, San Bernardino Motel, and Route 66 Foothill Motel for possible follow-up regarding questions that the owners may have regarding the project.

United States Fish and Wildlife Service

One official US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) list of federally threatened, endangered, and proposed species, critical habitat, and candidate species that may be affected by the project

were requested and received on June 3, 2022, using the USFWS IPaC website. This letter is included at the end of this Public Agency Coordination section.

Caltrans District 8 Biological Studies conducted early coordination in with USFWS in March 2021 to determine measures that would help protect designated critical habitat for the San Bernardino kangaroo rat.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Caltrans District 8 Biological Studies conducted early coordination in with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) in November 2021 to determine measures that would help protect designated critical habitat for the San Bernardino kangaroo rat.

Other Public Agencies

All anticipated environmental permits and approvals are currently being coordinated with the appropriate public agencies and Caltrans anticipates that all necessary permits and approvals would be received by February 15, 2024.

United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Carlsbad Fish And Wildlife Office
2177 Salk Avenue - Suite 250
Carlsbad, CA 92008-7385
Phone: (760) 431-9440 Fax: (760) 431-5901

In Reply Refer To:
Project Code: 2022-0049861
Project Name: 1G66U SR-66 & I-125 Overlay and Bridge Widening

June 03, 2022

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project location or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, proposed and candidate species, as well as proposed and final designated critical habitat, that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. The species list fulfills the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list. Please feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally proposed, listed, and candidate species and federally designated and proposed critical habitat. Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the Act, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally as desired. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the ECOS-IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested through the ECOS-IPaC system by completing the same process used to receive the enclosed list.

The purpose of the Act is to provide a means whereby threatened and endangered species and the ecosystems upon which they depend may be conserved. Under sections 7(a)(1) and 7(a)(2) of the Act and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 402 *et seq.*), Federal agencies are required to utilize their authorities to carry out programs for the conservation of threatened and endangered species and to determine whether projects may affect threatened and endangered species and/or designated critical habitat.

A biological assessment is required for construction projects (or other undertakings having similar physical impacts) that are major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment as defined in the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(c)). For projects other than major construction activities, the Service suggests that a biological

evaluation similar to a biological assessment be prepared to determine whether the project may affect listed or proposed species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat. Recommended contents of a biological assessment are described at 50 CFR 402.12.

If a Federal agency determines, based on the Biological Assessment or biological evaluation, that listed species and/or designated critical habitat may be affected by the proposed project, the agency is required to consult with the Service pursuant to 50 CFR 402. In addition, the Service recommends that candidate species, proposed species and proposed critical habitat be addressed within the consultation. More information on the regulations and procedures for section 7 consultation, including the role of permit or license applicants, can be found at the Fish and Wildlife Service's Endangered Species Consultation website at:

https://www.fws.gov/endangered/what-we-do/faq.html

Migratory Birds: In addition to responsibilities to protect threatened and endangered species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), there are additional responsibilities under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA) to protect native birds from project-related impacts. Any activity, intentional or unintentional, resulting in take of migratory birds, including eagles, is prohibited unless otherwise permitted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (50 C.F.R. Sec. 10.12 and 16 U.S.C. Sec. 668(a)). For more information regarding these Acts see https://www.fws.gov/birds/policies-and-regulations.php.

The MBTA has no provision for allowing take of migratory birds that may be unintentionally killed or injured by otherwise lawful activities. It is the responsibility of the project proponent to comply with these Acts by identifying potential impacts to migratory birds and eagles within applicable NEPA documents (when there is a federal nexus) or a Bird/Eagle Conservation Plan (when there is no federal nexus). Proponents should implement conservation measures to avoid or minimize the production of project-related stressors or minimize the exposure of birds and their resources to the project-related stressors. For more information on avian stressors and recommended conservation measures see https://www.fws.gov/birds/bird-enthusiasts/threats-to-birds.php.

In addition to MBTA and BGEPA, Executive Order 13186: *Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds*, obligates all Federal agencies that engage in or authorize activities that might affect migratory birds, to minimize those effects and encourage conservation measures that will improve bird populations. Executive Order 13186 provides for the protection of both migratory birds and migratory bird habitat. For information regarding the implementation of Executive Order 13186, please visit https://www.fws.gov/birds/policies-and-regulations/executive-orders/e0-13186.php.

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. The Service encourages Federal agencies to include conservation of threatened and endangered species into their project planning to further the purposes of the Act. Please include the Consultation Code in the header of this letter with any request for consultation or correspondence about your project that you submit to our office.

Attachment(s):

- Official Species List

Official Species List

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action".

This species list is provided by:

Carlsbad Fish And Wildlife Office
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Project Summary

Project Code: 2022-0049861
Event Code: None
Project Name: 1G66U SR-66 & I-125 Overlay and Bridge Widening
Project Type: Bridge - Maintenance
Project Description: The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 8 proposes to cold planing and overlaying pavement, upgrading curb ramps to ADA Standards, installing and/or replacing detectable warning surface (DWS), adding sidewalk and bus pads, improving drainage facilities, upgrading bridge railings and widening bridges (State Route-66 [SR-66]: Lytle Creek Channel, East Branch Lytle Creek Channel, Interstate 215 [I-215]: Little League Drive Overcrossing), including pier and abutments modification and extension, structural pile modification and extension, and relocating 30" drainage pipe, relocating overhead utilities to underground, upgrading existing bridge end treatments to the latest standards, for example Crash Cushion.

Project Location:

Approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: https://www.google.com/maps/@34.1075139,-117.32961871169832,14z

Counties: San Bernardino County, California

Endangered Species Act Species

There is a total of 14 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species.

IPaC does not display listed species or critical habitats under the sole jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries[1], as USFWS does not have the authority to speak on behalf of NOAA and the Department of Commerce.

See the "Critical habitats" section below for those critical habitats that lie wholly or partially within your project area under this office's jurisdiction. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

1. NOAA Fisheries, also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.

Mammals

NAME	STATUS
San Bernardino Merriam's Kangaroo Rat *Dipodomys merriami parvus* There is **final** critical habitat for this species. The location of the critical habitat is not available. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2060	Endangered
Stephens' Kangaroo Rat *Dipodomys stephensi (incl. D. cascus)* No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3495	Threatened

Birds

NAME	STATUS
California Condor *Gymnogyps californianus* Population: U.S.A. only, except where listed as an experimental population There is **final** critical habitat for this species. The location of the critical habitat is not available. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8193	Endangered
Coastal California Gnatcatcher *Polioptila californica californica* There is **final** critical habitat for this species. The location of the critical habitat is not available. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8178	Threatened
Least Bell's Vireo *Vireo bellii pusillus* There is **final** critical habitat for this species. The location of the critical habitat is not available. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5945	Endangered
Southwestern Willow Flycatcher *Empidonax traillii extimus* There is **final** critical habitat for this species. The location of the critical habitat is not available. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6749	Endangered

Fishes

NAME	STATUS
Santa Ana Sucker *Catostomus santaanae* Population: 3 CA river basins There is **final** critical habitat for this species. The location of the critical habitat is not available. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3785	Threatened

Insects

NAME	STATUS
Delhi Sands Flower-loving Fly *Rhaphiomidas terminatus abdominalis* No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1540	Endangered
Monarch Butterfly *Danaus plexippus* No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9743	Candidate

Flowering Plants

NAME	STATUS
Gambel's Watercress *Rorippa gambellii* No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/4201	Endangered
San Diego Ambrosia *Ambrosia pumila* There is **final** critical habitat for this species. The location of the critical habitat is not available. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8287	Endangered
Santa Ana River Woolly-star *Eriastrum densifolium ssp. sanctorum* No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6575	Endangered
Slender-horned Spineflower *Dodecahema leptoceras* No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/4007	Endangered
Thread-leaved Brodiaea *Brodiaea filifolia* There is **final** critical habitat for this species. The location of the critical habitat is not available. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6087	Threatened

Critical habitats

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA UNDER THIS OFFICE'S JURISDICTION.

IPaC User Contact Information

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Public Participation

The Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration (IS-MND) for this project was circulated for public review and comment from April 15, 2022, to May 16, 2022.

A public notice with a Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and an Announcement of Public Hearing for this IS-MND was published on April 14, 2022, in the *San Bernardino Sun*, part of the *Southern California News Group*, in English and in *El Chicano,* part of *Inland Empire Community Newspapers,* in Spanish. This notice informed the public about how they could obtain a copy of the IS-MND, the length of the public review period, and how the public could submit comments on the IS-MND. The notice also included the date and time and website link for the virtual (on-line) public hearing. These public notices are included at the end of this section.

The public notice was also mailed out to those listed on the distribution list included in Chapter 5, Distribution List. The notice was distributed prior to the public hearing to local utilities, government agencies and community organizations. Property owners within the project limits along SR-66 were also provided with this notice.

An informal public hearing for the IS-MND was held virtually (online) via a link provided on the Caltrans District 8 project webpage at 6PM on Wednesday, April 27, 2022. A variety of project development team members participated and a Spanish interpreter was provided during the meeting. Only one member of the public attended, a female who understood English and had shared that she was participating on behalf of her parents. Although she asked a question during the meeting, she did not submit any official written comments via the weblink provided, email, or mail. Screenshots of the Caltrans District 8 project webpage and public hearing Wix webpage are included after the public notices at the end of this chapter.

Additionally, a Notice of Completion was transmitted to the State Clearinghouse on April 15, 2022, for purposed of documenting circulation, as well as distributing copies of the IS-MND to selected state agencies. The online environmental database page from the State Clearinghouse follows the webpage screenshots at the end of this chapter.

Newspaper : The Press-Enterprise North
Issue Date : 04/14/2022
Advertiser : CALTRANS
Ad Number : 1529518

TRUMP RUSSIA PROBE

Clinton lawyer case to proceed

By Eric Tucker
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON » The criminal prosecution of a Hillary Clinton campaign lawyer charged with lying to the FBI during the Trump-Russia investigation can move forward, a judge ruled Wednesday in denying a defense bid to dismiss the case.

The ruling means Michael Sussmann, charged last year by special counsel John Durham, remains set for trial May 16 in Washington's federal court.


Durham

Sussmann is charged with lying to the FBI during a September 2016 meeting in which he relayed concerns from cybersecurity researchers about a potential secret back channel of communications between servers of the Trump Organization and Russia-based Alfa Bank.

The FBI investigated the matter but ultimately found that there were no such suspicious links.

Prosecutors allege that Sussmann misled the FBI's then-general counsel by saying that he was not attending the meeting on behalf of a particular client.

In order to prosecute someone for a false statement, the Justice Department must prove that the statement was not only fictitious but also "material" that is, capable of influencing a government agency's decision-making or functions.

TEXAS


JUAN SALINAS III — THE PRESS-ENTERPRISE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Truckers block the entrance into the Santa Teresa Port of Entry west of Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, going into New Mexico this week. The truckers blocked the port to protest prolonged processing times implemented by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott.

Most truck inspections to be kept despite gridlock

By Paul J. Weber and Acacia Coronado
The Associated Press

AUSTIN, TEXAS » Texas Gov. Greg Abbott on Wednesday defied intensifying pressure over his new border policy that has gridlocked trucks entering the U.S. and shut down some of the world's busiest trade bridges as the Mexican government, businesses and even some allies urge him to relent.

The two-term Republican governor, whose has ordered that commercial trucks from Mexico undergo extra inspections as part of a fight with President Joe Biden's administration over immigration, refused to fully reverse course as traffic remains snarled.

The standoff has stoked warnings by trade groups and experts that U.S. grocery shoppers could soon notice shortages on shelves and higher prices unless the normal flow of trucks resumes.

Abbott announced Wednesday that he would stop inspections at one bridge in Laredo after reaching an agreement with the governor of neighboring Nuevo Leon in Mexico. But some of the most dramatic truck backups and bridge closures have occurred elsewhere along Texas' 1,200-mile border.

"I understand the concerns that businesses have trying to move product across the border," Abbott said during a visit to Laredo. "But I also know well the frustration of my fellow Texans and my fellow Americans caused by the Biden administration not securing our border."

Abbott said inbound commercial trucks elsewhere will continue to undergo thorough inspections by state troopers until leaders of Mexico's three other neighboring states reach agreements with Texas over security. He did not spell out what those measures must entail.

At the Pharr-Reynosa International Bridge, where more produce crosses than any other land port in the U.S., truckers protesting Abbott's order had effectively shut down the bridge since Monday.

But Wednesday afternoon, U.S. Customs and Border Patrol officials said the protests had concluded and commercial traffic had resumed.

Nuevo Leon Gov. Samuel Garcia joined Abbott in Laredo, where backups on the Colombia Solidarity Bridge have stretched for three hours or longer. Garcia said Nuevo Leon would begin checkpoints to assure Abbott they "would not have any trouble."

INVESTIGATION

Meadows is dropped from NC voter roll amid inquiry

Ex-Trump chief of staff probed for registration fraud

By Azi Paybarah
The New York Times


Meadows

NEW YORK » Mark Meadows, a former chief of staff in the Trump White House, has been removed from the voter rolls in North Carolina as officials investigate whether he fraudulently registered to vote and cast a ballot in the state during the 2020 presidential election, according to a local election official.

Meadows, who helped amplify former President Donald Trump's false claims of voter fraud, was "administratively removed" from the poll book by the Macon County Board of Elections on Monday "after documentation indicated he lived in Virginia and last voted in the 2021 election there," Patrick Gannon, a spokesperson for the North Carolina State Board of Elections, said in a statement.

Meadows represented North Carolina in Congress until March 2020, when he went to work in the White House. Months later, Meadows and his wife, Debra, registered to vote using the address of a modest, three-bedroom mobile home with a rusted roof in Scaly Mountain, NC.

On the voter registration application that Meadows submitted Sept. 19, 2020, he stated that he intended to move into the home the following day.

And in November, he voted absentee by mail from that address, according to state records.

Last month, a report in The New Yorker cast doubt on whether Meadows had ever lived — or even spent the night — at the home.

Meadows did not immediately respond to telephone and text messages Wednesday afternoon. A spokesperson for Meadows, Ben Williamson, declined to comment.

In 2021, Meadows registered to vote in Virginia, where he and his wife own a condominium in the Washington suburbs. Property records show that the couple bought the unit in July 2017.

The inquiry into Meadows' voting activity in North Carolina remains open, according to Anjanette Grube, public information officer for the state's Bureau of Investigation.

Although documented cases of voter fraud are rare, Meadows and other Republicans have seized on the concept in order to claim, without evidence, that the results of the last presidential election are illegitimate.

During an August 2020 interview on CNN, Meadows warned of fraud in voting by mail.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Announcement of Public Hearing

State Route 66 and Interstate 215 Roadway Rehabilitation, and Pedestrian and Bridge Upgrading Project

WHAT'S BEING PLANNED?	The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to rehabilitate the roadway, and upgrade the pedestrian facilities (such as sidewalks) and bridges along State Route 66 (SR-66) from Pepper Ave. (postmile [PM] 20.1) to H St. (PM 823.2) and on Interstate 215 (I-215) at Little League Dr Bridge (PM 14.9) in San Bernardino County. State Route 66 is also known as Foothill Blvd. to the west and 5th St. to the east. (Project ID: EA 08-1G66U; PN 0821000065)
WHY THIS NOTICE?	Caltrans studied the effects that this proposed project may have on the environment. Our studies show that the proposed project would not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The report that explains the effects of the project is called an *Initial Study (IS)*. This notice is to advise you of the preparation of the *Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)*, and of its availability for you to read, and to offer you the opportunity to attend a public hearing and/or provide comments, and Caltrans' intent to adopt this *Mitigated Negative Declaration*.
WHAT'S AVAILABLE?	The *IS with Proposed MND* is available by emailing Shawn.Ortiz@dot.ca.gov or by calling (909) 501-5743.
WHERE YOU COME IN	Do you have any comments about processing the project with an *IS with Proposed MND*? Do you disagree with the findings of our study as set forth in the *IS with Proposed MND*? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? We'd like to hear what you think. Please submit your comments in writing **no later than Monday, May 16, 2022**, to: California Department of Transportation ATTN: Shawn Ortiz, Senior Environmental Planner 464 West 4th Street, MS 827 San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400; or via email to: Shawn.Ortiz@dot.ca.gov The virtual (online) **public hearing will be at 6PM on Wednesday, April 27, 2022**, at https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-8/district-8-news. The date we will begin accepting comments is **April 14, 2022**. If there are no major comments, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.
CONTACT	For more information about this story or any transportation matter, contact the Caltrans District 8 Office of Public Affairs at (909) 383-4631. For individuals with sensory disabilities, this document can be made available in Braille, in large print, on audiocassette, or on computer disk. To obtain a copy in one of these alternate formats, call or write to Shawn Ortiz, Senior Environmental Planner, 464 W. 4th Street, 6th Floor MS 827, San Bernardino, CA 92401; (909) 501-5743; or use the California Relay Service 1 (800) 735-2929 (TTY to Voice), 1 (800) 735-2922 (Voice to TTY), 1 (800) 854-7784 (Spanish and English Speech to Speech), or dial 711.

San Bernardino Valley College breaks ground on Applied Tech Building in a big way

PHOTO MANNY B. SANDOVAL

From left: San Bernardino Councilman **Damon L. Alexander**, SBVC Interim President Dr. Scott Thayer, SB Councilman **Theodore Sanchez**, Congressman **Pete Aguilar**, unnamed individual, Chancellor **Diana Rodriguez**, SBCCD Vice Chair **Dr. Stephanie Houston**, SBCCD Board Chair **Gloria Macias Harrison**, SBCCD Clerk **Dr. Anne Viricel**, Assembly Majority Leader **Eloise Gómez Reyes**, SBCCD Trustee Frank Reyes, and Senator **Connie M. Leyva** marking the groundbreaking of SBVC's new Applied Tech Building.

By Manny B. Sandoval

On Friday, April 8th, San Bernardino Valley College (SBVC) broke ground on its forthcoming Applied Tech Building with dozens of dignitaries, school officials, and San Bernardino Community College District (SBCCD) Board of Trustees.

At the ceremony it was said that San Bernardino Valley College's plan is to grow opportunities for people across the Inland Empire, which includes modernizing its almost 60-year-old Applied Technology Building into a 21st century LEED Gold-certified workforce training hub.

The 108,000-square-foot building is said to prepare students for excellent paying careers in the ever-growing electric automotive repair, water technology, modern machining, and HVAC technological industries.

"By modernizing this Applied Technology Building, it moves our communities closer to our shared vision of utilizing clean energy. It's an investment, and these students and faculty deserve this technology," said Congressman Pete Aguilar. "I applaud the collaboration between faculty, staff, and the SBCCD Board of Trustees for building out the success of a tech work force to ensure good paying jobs for our region."

Back in 2019, Senator Connie Leyva and Assembly Majority Leader Eloise Gómez Reyes (who is an SBVC alumni), secured $35 million in state funds for the building, both of whom were in attendance.

"I'm so pleased to be here with you all today. A few years ago, I toured the building to see what the students learn and create in Applied Technology and the professors are really preparing them with theory and hands on experience, landing them good paying jobs in our region. This is a great victory for San Bernardino," said Reyes.

Leyva also shared a sentiment regarding the forthcoming building strengthening career prospects for students in the county, also joking that she crashed when she flew the program's flight simulator, but learned a lot when touring the building.

To learn more about the Applied Technology, Transportation, & Culinary Arts Department, visit https://bit.ly/3JqTQm9.

AVISO PÚBLICO

Aviso de la intención de adoptar una Declaración negativa mitigada y anuncio de audiencia pública

Ruta Estatal 66 e Interestatal 215 proyecto de rehabilitación de carretera y mejoramiento de puentes peatonales

¿QUÉ SE ESTÁ PLANEANDO?	El Departamento de Transporte de California (Caltrans) propone rehabilitar la carretera y mejorar las instalaciones peatonales (como las aceras) y los puentes a lo largo de la ruta estatal 66 (SR-66) desde Pepper Ave. (poste marcador de milla (PM) 20.1) hasta la H St. (PM 023.2) y en la Interestatal 215 (I-215) en el puente de Little League Dr. (PM 14.9) en el condado de San Bernardino. La ruta estatal 66 también se conoce como Foothill Blvd. al oeste y 5th St. al este. (Número de proyecto: EA 08-1G660, PN 0821000054)
¿POR QUÉ ESTE AVISO?	Caltrans ha estudiado los efectos que este proyecto propuesto podría tener en el medio ambiente. Nuestros estudios indican que el proyecto propuesto no afectará significativamente la calidad del medio ambiente. El informe que explica los efectos del proyecto se llama Estudio inicial (IS). Este aviso es para informarle sobre la preparación del Estudio inicial con propuesta de declaración negativa mitigada (MND) y su disponibilidad para que usted lo lea, y para ofrecerle la oportunidad de asistir a una audiencia pública y/o proporcionar comentarios, y de la intención de Caltrans de adoptar esta Declaración negativa mitigada.
¿QUÉ HAY DISPONIBLE?	El Estudio inicial con propuesta de declaración negativa mitigada está disponible enviando un correo electrónico a Shawn.Oriaz@dot.ca.gov o llamando al (909) 501-5745.
CÓMO PUEDE PARTICIPAR:	¿Tiene algún comentario sobre el procedimiento del proyecto con un Estudio inicial con propuesta de Declaración negativa mitigada? ¿No está de acuerdo con los resultados de nuestro estudio según lo presentado en el Estudio inicial con la propuesta Declaración negativa mitigada? ¿Le gustaría hacer algún otro comentario sobre el proyecto? Nos gustaría conocer su opinión. Envíe sus comentarios por escrito, a más tardar el **lunes 16 de mayo de 2022** a: California Department of Transportation ATTN: Shawn Oriaz, Senior Environmental Planner 464 West 4th Street, MS 827 San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400; o por correo electrónico a: Shawn.Oriaz@dot.ca.gov La **audiencia pública virtual (en línea) será el miércoles 27 de abril de 2022 a las 6 de la tarde** en https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-8/district-8-news/. La fecha en que comenzaremos a aceptar comentarios es el **14 de abril de 2022**. Si no hay comentarios substanciales, Caltrans procederá con el diseño del proyecto.
CONTACTOS:	Para obtener más información sobre este estudio o cualquier asunto de transporte, comuníquese con la Oficina de Relaciones Públicas del Distrito 8 de Caltrans al (909) 383-4633. Para las personas con discapacidades sensoriales, este documento puede estar disponible en Braille, en letra grande, en casete de audio o en un disco de computadora. Para obtener una copia en una de estas formatos alternativos, llame o escriba Shawn Oriaz, Senior Environmental Planner, 464 W. 4th Street, 6th Floor MS-827, San Bernardino, CA 92401; (909) 501-5745; o utilice el Servicio de retransmisión de California 1-800-735-2929 (TTY a voz), 1-800-735-2922 (Voz a TTY), 1(800) 855-3000 (Español TTY a voz y voz to TTY), 1-800-854-7784 (Desde o hacia voz a voz), o marque 711.

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State Route 66 and Interstate 215 Roadway Rehabilitation

Published: Apr 27, 2022

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to rehabilitate the roadway and upgrade the pedestrian facilities (such as sidewalks) and bridges along State Route 66 (SR-66) from Pepper Ave. (postmile [PM] 20.1) to H St. (PM S23.2), and on Interstate 215 (I-215) at Little League Dr. Bridge (PM 14.9) in San Bernardino County. State Route 66 is also known as Foothill Blvd. to the west and 5th St. to the east.

The purpose of the proposed project is to complete the following work:

- Repair damaged pavement to improve ride quality, and to preserve and extend the life of the current pavement.
- Upgrade and expand pedestrian facilities to meet several goals of Caltrans' Complete Street policies to provide safe and accessible options for people walking and taking public transit, and to meet current standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and *Caltrans' 2017 Design Information Bulletin (DIB) 82-06, Pedestrian Accessibility Guidelines for Highway Projects.*
- Upgrade bridge rails and widen bridges to meet current crash and safety standards, and pedestrian accessibility standards.

Most of the work for the proposed project would occur within the Caltrans right of way. However, Caltrans would need to obtain a temporary construction easement for about 44 parcels and right of way acquisition for small portions of about 32 of these parcels.

Project ID: EA 08-1G66U; PN 0821000054

Project Cost and Schedule

The project is currently in Caltrans' Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) stage. If approved, project construction is expected to start in 2025. This project is currently programmed to receive funding from the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) and Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. The current estimated cost of the project is $34,696,000.

An *Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration* (IS-MND) has been prepared for the project and is circulating for public review and comment between April 15, 2022, and May 16, 2022. Copies of the environmental document can be obtained by emailing Shawn.Oriaz@dot.ca.gov or by calling Shawn Oriaz, Senior Environmental

Planner, at (909) 501-5743. The IS-MND is also available via the California State Clearinghouse website at https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2022040328.

A virtual (online) **public hearing** has been scheduled for the project at 6PM on Wednesday, April 27, 2022. A link to this public hearing is provided at https://crenvvpm.wixsite.com/sr66-i25

Statewide Campaigns

- ADA Access
- Adopt-A-Highway
- Amber Alert
- Be Work Zone Alert
- CAL FIRE
- California Climate Investments
- California Connected
- California Transportation Plan 2050
- Clean California
- Energy Upgrade
- Keep Your Home
- Move Over Law
- caloes.ca.gov: Power Outage and Fire Recovery Resources
- REAL ID
- Save Our Water
- Stormwater Education Campaign
- Tenant and Landlord Resources
- Unclaimed Property

State Route 66 and Interstate 215 Roadway Rehabilitation, and Pedestrian Facilities and Bridge Upgrading Project

Project Information | Environmental Analysis

General Project Information

Click HERE for the Virtual Meeting Powerpoint

Click HERE for the Proposed Project's Exhibits

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State Route 66 and Interstate 215 Roadway Rehabilitation, and Pedestrian Facilities and Bridge Upgrading

Summary

SCH Number	2022040328
Lead Agency	California Department of Transportation, District 8 (DOT)
Document Title	State Route 66 and Interstate 215 Roadway Rehabilitation, and Pedestrian Facilities and Bridge Upgrading
Document Type	MND - Mitigated Negative Declaration
Received	4/15/2022
Present Land Use	Transportation
Document Description	The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to rehabilitate the roadway, and upgrade the pedestrian facilities and bridges along State Route 66 (SR-66) from Pepper Ave. (postmile [PM] 20.1) to H Street (PM S23.2), and on Interstate 215 at Little League Drive Overcrossing Bridge (PM 14.9) in San Bernardino County. The purpose of this project is to (1) repair damaged pavement to improve ride quality, and to preserve and extend the life of the current pavement, (2) upgrade and expand pedestrian facilities (such a sidewalks) to meet several goals of Caltrans' Complete Street policies to provide safe and accessible options for people walking and taking public transit, and to meet current standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Caltrans' 2017 Design Information Bulletin (DIB) 82-06, Pedestrian Accessibility Guidelines for Highway Projects, and (3) upgrade bridge rails and widen bridges to meet current crash and safety standards, and pedestrian accessibility standards.

Contact Information

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Location

Cities	San Bernardino
Counties	San Bernardino
Regions	Southern California
Cross Streets	State Route 66 and Interstate 215
Zip	92410
State Highways	State Route 66
Railways	Union Pacific
Schools	Two elementary and one middle school within 0.25 mi

Notice of Completion

State Review Period Start	4/15/2022
State Review Period End	5/16/2022
State Reviewing Agencies	California Air Resources Board (ARB), California Department of Conservation (DOC), California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), California Department of Parks and Recreation, California Department of Transportation, District 8 (DOT), California Department of Water Resources (DWR), California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES), California Highway Patrol (CHP), California Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC), California Natural Resources Agency, California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region 8 (RWQCB), California Transportation Commission (CATC), Department of Toxic Substances Control, Office of Historic Preservation, State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Inland Deserts Region 6 (CDFW)
State Reviewing Agency Comments	California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Inland Deserts Region 6 (CDFW)
Development Types	Transportation:Highway/Freeway
Local Actions	None
Project Issues	Biological Resources, Geology/Soils, Hydrology/Water Quality

Attachments

Draft Environmental Document [Draft IS, NOI_NOA_Public	1G66U DED Approved 03-24-2022-KRH PDF 12215 K 1G66U Public Notice - Flier - Bilingual PDF 357 K

notices, OPR Summary Form, Appx,]	1G66U SCH Summary_Form_for_Document_Submittal PDF 604 K
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Comments and Responses to Comments

The public circulation period began on April 15, 2022, and ended on May 16, 2022. The following section includes all written comments on the Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration received by Caltrans by May of 2022, and the responses to those comments.

In addition to the six written comment letters included in the following pages, several of the comment writers and other members of the public contacted the Caltrans District 8 Environmental Planning for more information the project. The following comments have been noted, but did not require a direct written response in this final IS-MND.

- During the public hearing on April 27, 2022, the one participant asked if the project would directly impact a particular property within the project limits. Project engineers verified that the project would not impact this property.

- On April 21, 2022, AJ Gerber from the San Bernardino County Department of Public Works requested a copy of the IS-MND via email and Caltrans District 8 Environmental Planning responded him via email with a link to a copy of the document that was available on the State Clearinghouse website. On May 17, 2022, public comment 3 (PC-3) was received via email from AJ Gerber on behalf of San Bernardino County Department of Public Works.

- On May 3, 2022, Michelle Moreno from the San Bernardino Municipal Water Department (SBMWD) requested a copy of the IS-MND via email and Caltrans District 8 Environmental Planning responded to her that day via email with a link to a copy of the document that was available on the State Clearinghouse website. On May 17, 2022, Michelle Moreno sent an email, public comment 6 (PC-6), on behalf of the SBMWD.

- On May 4, 2022, a man named Bobby who owns a property between Macy St. and Dallas Ave. called with questions about the project scope and the construction schedule. Caltrans District 8 Environmental Planning told him about the pavement rehabilitation and addition of sidewalks and gave him an approximate begin construction date. He had no comments or concerns.

- On June 14, 2022, Christine Otakan sent an email asking if the environmental document had been completed and when the right of way phase would begin. On June 23, 2022, Caltrans District 8 Environmental Planning responded to her via email with an approximate time at which Caltrans would be finalizing the exact land acquisition areas and told her that she would be included on the distribution list for the final environmental document, which is expected to be available at the beginning of July 2022.

All members of the public or public agencies who contacted Caltrans regarding the proposed project have been placed on a distribution list for receiving a copy of the final Initial Study with Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Public Comment 1 (PC-1)

From: Kit Golden <kgolden@littleleague.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2022 9:43 AM
To: Oriaz, Shawn M@DOT <shawn.oriaz@dot.ca.gov>
Subject: Route 66 & Bridge Upgrading Project

EXTERNAL EMAIL. Links/attachments may not be safe.

We just received your Public Notice regarding the Route 66 & Bridge Upgrading Project and didn't see a date listed for the project. I was hoping to be able to confirm the projected start date as we have events running at our facility from July to August and would like to be able to plan ahead. PC-1-1

Thank you,

Kit Golden
West Region Director
Little League International

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a. 6707 Little League Dr. San Bernardino, CA 92407
w. Littleleague.org/West

Response to Public Comment 1 (PC-1)

Comment Code	Response
PC-1-1	Thank you for participating in the environmental review process for the State Route 66 and Interstate 215 Roadway Rehabilitation, and Pedestrian Facilities and Bridge Upgrading Project. Caltrans anticipates that the start and end dates for construction on this project will be winter of 2025 and spring of 2028, respectively. Caltrans will list Little League International under the list of others to contact during the public information/public awareness campaign of the traffic management plan for this project.

Public Comment 2 (PC-2)*

WIGWAM MOTEL

Hello Mr. Oriaz,

We are property owners of the Wigwam Motel on Foothill Blvd and the Foothill Motel property bordering the corner of Foothill Blvd and Dallas Ave at 2512 Foothill Blvd. We have some concerns about the proposed plan and would like to get some clarification. PC-2-1

At the Foothill motel, a few hundred feet east of our location is an existing sidewalk, will this sidewalk remain or is it to be a complete redesign? Would you happen to know how much frontage of private property along this stretch is needed for this proposed plan? PC-2-2

From our understanding is that Dallas Ave is not part of CalTrans managed roads and part of the city of San Bernardino, is this correct? The road designs of both Foothill Blvd in this area and Dallas Ave for many years have been poor when it comes to providing a safe sidewalk and adequate drainage during the rainy season. Water levels rise in the area during times of rain, and we feel like the storm drain on Foothill Blvd. in the section that has no sidewalks suffers the most as the drainage is recessed with the road in these areas making them prone to becoming blocked by debris. What steps or plans will be taken to prevent flooding in these areas?

Would you know if this proposed plan has any redesign for storm drains along Foothill Blvd and Dallas Ave.? On Dallas Avenue is a large storm drain that is adjacent to our building nearest to our entrance. There is a short walkway there because of the storm drain below, this walkway does not continue further down to the end of the block to Macy Street. We feel like the drainage and sidewalk concerns for many years have been neglected and overseen. We would like to bring this up to the attention of the engineers and architects involved on this project in hopes that there will be an inclusion. PC-2-3

Feel free to contact us at your earlier convenience. My phone number is (909) 543-5350 and my brother, Manoj, phone number is (760) 412-0557. PC-2-4

Thank you,

Samir

2728 W. Foothill Boulevard ◆ Rialto, CA 92376 ◆ 909-875-3005 ◆ www.wigwammotel.com ◆wigwammotel@gmail.com

***** This letter, stamped on April 24, 2022 was received in the Caltran District 8 mailbox and a copy of this letter was sent as an email to Shawn.Oriaz@dot.ca.gov on April 25, 2022.

Response to Public Comment 2 (PC–2)

Comment Code	Response
PC-2-1	Thank you for participating in the environmental review process for the State Route 66 and Interstate 215 Roadway Rehabilitation, and Pedestrian Facilities and Bridge Upgrading Project.
PC-2-2	Caltrans plans to upgrade all existing sidewalk from Pepper Ave. to Flores St. along the westbound side of State Route 66 (Foothill Blvd. and 5th St.) to meet current standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Caltrans 2017 Design Information Bulletin (DIB) 82-06, Pedestrian Accessibility Guidelines for Highway Projects. During the design phase of the project, which is expected to end in the spring of 2024, Caltrans will finalize the exact land acquisition areas. Caltrans will also try to avoid construction of the project on any existing privately developed areas.
PC-2-3	Dallas Ave. is not managed by Caltrans and Caltrans is unaware of any local plans to improve the storm drains along Dallas Ave. During the design phase of the project, which is expected to end in the spring of 2024, Caltrans will review the existing drainage systems within the project limits along State Route 66. Caltrans plans to construct a sidewalk, curb, and gutter from Pepper Ave. to Flores St. along the westbound side of State Route 66 (Foothill Blvd. and 5th St.) wherever these facilities do not currently exist. The installation of this new curb and gutter is expected to alleviate the issue of ponding water within the project limits along the westbound side of State Route 66.
PC-2-4	Contact information has been noted.

Public Comment 3 (PC-3)

From: Hector Ramirez <hectorramirez@vfwpost8737.org>
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 10:29 PM
To: Oriaz, Shawn M@DOT <shawn.oriaz@dot.ca.gov>
Subject: State Route 66 Upgrading Project Comments

EXTERNAL EMAIL. Links/attachments may not be safe.

PC-3-1

Attached I have enclosed comments for your review. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Best Regards,

Hector Ramirez

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

May 9, 2022

California Department of Transportation
ATTN: Shawn Oriaz, Senior Environmental Planner
464 West 4th Street, MS 827
San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400

RE: State Route 66 and Interstate 215 Roadway Rehabilitation, and Pedestrian and Bridge Upgrading Project

Mr. Shawn Oriaz:

This letter aims to provide you with information that will serve to provide valuable feedback about the State Route 66 Roadway Rehabilitation Project. PC-3-2

My name is Hector Ramirez, and I am the VFW Post Commander located at 2018 West Foothill Boulevard, San Bernardino, where Rancho Road ends on State Route 66. Over the years, the VFW Post has seen its fair share of collisions and would-be collisions, some of which were scary. Having worked in public works, I understand that a detailed traffic study is performed beforehand. I do not doubt that project planners, engineers, and other stakeholders have met to discuss this project. The objective of this letter is to stress the importance of traffic safety not just for drivers but for pedestrians that walk along Route 66.

Route 66 is a busy road. Large trucks drive into and out of the Santa Fe Yard each day transporting goods. An old highway provides truckers access into the yard from Route 66 and outback to the road that branches towards Rialto, Colton, and San Bernardino. Currently, the Mt. Vernon bridge is gone. Thus, there is a plethora of traffic moving on Route 66. In addition, the road curves as one drive west on State Route 66 towards Rancho Road. The Santa Fe Rail Yard is located adjacent to Route 66. The most dangerous section is where Rancho Road connects with State Route 66 because another road goes in the direction of the Santa Fe Rail Yard. During peak periods of the day, there is a plethora of traffic, causing hazardous conditions for commuters and pedestrians. PC-3-3

The following are things to consider: PC-3-4

1. New intersections and traffic lighting should be constructed where Route 66 curves and meets Rancho Road.
2. The curved road on State Route 66 needs to be assessed and, if necessary, an additional intersection created to slow traffic. PC-3-5
3. Street lighting must be updated because it is very dark at night. PC-3-6
4. Street signage with digital lighting must be installed to warn traffic of conditions. PC 3-7

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

5. The sidewalks, curves and new truncated domes need to be installed. PC-3-9
6. Based on the conditions of the asphalt, it appears that it needs to be re-asphalted. PC-3-10

This is a great opportunity to revamp State Route 66. I know that with the proper planning and leadership, the project will be a success. PC-3-11

Best Regards,

Hector Ramirez
VFW Post 8737 Commander

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Response to Public Comment 3 (PC–3)

Comment Code	Response
PC-3-1 & PC-3-2	Thank you for participating in the environmental review process for the State Route 66 and Interstate 215 Roadway Rehabilitation, and Pedestrian Facilities and Bridge Upgrading Project.
PC-3-3	Caltrans acknowledges Mr. Ramirez's observations regarding traffic along State Route 66. Caltrans is the lead agency for the two Mt. Vernon Ave. projects occurring in San Bernardino County, which are discussed below. The completion of each of these projects is expected to improve traffic operations in the area. Regarding the Mount Vernon Bridge Project over the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Rail Yard, reconstruction of the bridge is expected to begin in 2022 and be completed in 2024; more information on this project can be found at https://www.gosbcta.com/project/mt-vernon-viaduct/. Regarding the Mt .Vernon Ave. over Interstate 10 Project, construction is expected to begin in fall of 2023 and end in the fall of 2026 for this project; more information on this project can be found at https://www.gosbcta.com/project/i-10-mount-vernon/.
PC-3-4	Recent accident data and a collision analysis indicate that the collision rate at this intersection at SR-66 and N. Rancho Ave. is lower than the statewide average rates for similar facilities. Therefore, Caltrans has determined that there is no need for traffic safety improvement at this intersection at this time. The current project scope includes only pavement rehabilitation and pedestrian facility improvements at this intersection.
PC-3-5	Caltrans has determined that there is no need for traffic safety improvements at this time. The current project scope includes only pavement rehabilitation and pedestrian facility improvements along this section of SR-66.
PC-3-6	Caltrans only provides lighting at the intersections along SR-66 and we have determined that each intersection along SR-66 within the project limits is adequately illuminated. However, the City of San Bernardino or San Bernardino County are responsible for the lighting along other portions of SR-66.
PC-3-4, PC-5, & PC-6	If you have further concerns, please either fill out a Caltrans' customer service request via our website at https://csr.dot.ca.gov/ or contact our customer service liason Patrick Munar at 909-553-6837 or Patrick.Munar@dot.ca.gov.
PC-3-7	All signage that is being replaced or new signage for this project will have the latest type 11 sheeting that is very reflective. Caltrans will

	install detour signs and other construction signs, and implement a public awareness campaign to inform the public of traffic conditions prior to and during construction.
PC-3-8	Caltrans plans to construct a sidewalk and curb from Pepper Ave. to Flores St. along the westbound side of State Route 66 (Foothill Blvd. and 5th St.) wherever these facilities do not currently exist. The project scope will also include upgrading pedestrian curb ramps to meet current American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Caltrans 2017 DIB 82-06 standards. Such standards currently include the installation of detectable warning surfaces with truncated domes.
PC-3-10	Caltrans plans to rehabilitate the roadway pavement from Pepper Ave. to H St. along SR-66. This work includes removing the main lanes pavement, including the median and shoulder, to a 0.20-foot depth and overlaying the main lanes with new asphalt to a 0.2-foot depth. Severely distressed localized areas will be repaired with digouts, in which a particular spot in the road will be repaired to a depth of 0.40 ft.
PC-3-11	Caltrans acknowledges your support for making some improvements along State Route 66.

Public Comment 4 (PC-4)

From: Gerber, Arnold - DPW <Arnold.Gerber@dpw.sbcounty.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 7:03 AM
To: Oriaz, Shawn M@DOT <shawn.oriaz@dot.ca.gov>
Subject: STATE ROUTE 66 AND INTERSTATE 215 ROADWAY REHABILITATION AND PEDESTRIAN AND BRIDGE UPGRADING PROJECT

Thank you for allowing the San Bernardino County Department of Public Works the opportunity to comment on the above-referenced project. **We received this request on April 21, 2022** and pursuant to our review, we have provided the attached comment letter for your consideration and inclusion into public comment record.

PC-4-1

Thank you,

AJ Gerber
Planner II
Department of Public Works
Environmental Management Division
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May 12, 2022

Transmitted Via Email
File: 10(ENV)-4.01

California Department of Transportation
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RE: CEQA –NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION STATE ROUTE 66 AND INTERSTATE 215 ROADWAY REHABILITATION, AND PEDESTRIAN AND BRIDGE UPGRADING PROJECT

Dear Mr. Oriaz:

Thank you for allowing the San Bernardino County Department of Public Works the opportunity to comment on the above-referenced project. **We received this request on April 21, 2022** and pursuant to our review, we have the following comments: PC-4-2

Flood Control Planning & Water Resources Division (Michael Fam, Chief, 909-387-8120):

1. We are aware there may be storm drains in and around the site that may be affected by the proposed project. When planning for or altering existing or future storm drains, be advised that the project is subject to the District's Comprehensive Storm Drain Plan No. 7, dated December 1982. Drainage improvements should be reviewed and approved by the Jurisdiction Agency responsible for the facilities impacted by the project. Should construction of new, or alterations to existing storm drains be necessary as part of the Proposed Project, their impacts and any required mitigation should be discussed within the IS/MND before the document is adopted by the Lead Agency. PC-4-3

2. 2. According to the most recent FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panels 06071C7930J, 8676J, 8677J, 8681J, dated September 2, 2016, the majority of the Project lies within FEMA Zone X (unshaded). However, the Project also lies within Zones A, AE, X-shaded (500-yr. floodplain; area protected by a levee). Impacts associated with the project's occurrence in the mentioned Flood Zones and mitigation, should be discussed within the IS/MND prior to adoption by the Lead Agency. PC-4-4

3. We recommend that Caltrans establish adequate provisions for intercepting and conducting the accumulated drainage around or through the sites in a manner that will not adversely affect adjacent or downstream properties. PC-4-5

Permits/Operations Support Division (Fong Tse, Chief, 909-387-7995):

The Project traverses Lytle Creek Channel (COE) and Lytle-Cajon Channel (COE), which are both San Bernardino County Flood Control District (District) facilities, and the District also possesses fee-owned Right-of-Way ownership Lytle-Cajon Channel (COE). PC-4-6

1. Portions of the Project area are crossing over or adjacent to a San Bernardino County Flood Control District (SBCFCD) fee owned property and/or facilities (2-203-IA) Lytle Creek Channel/CE and (2-204-IA) Lytle-Cajon Channel/CE. Any encroachments on the District's right-of-way or facilities, including but not limited to bridge improvement/ widening, utility crossings will require a permit from the SBCFCD prior to start of construction. Also, SBCFCD facilities built by the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) will require the SBCFCD to obtain approval (408-Permit) from the ACOE. The necessity for permits, and any impacts associated with them, should be addressed in the IS/MND prior to adoption and certification. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact the FCD Permit Section at (909) 387-1863 PC-4-7

We respectfully request to be included on the circulation list for all project notices, public reviews, or public hearings. In closing, I would like to thank you again for allowing the San Bernardino County Department of Public Works the opportunity to comment on the above-referenced project. Should you have any questions or need additional clarification, please contact the individuals who provided the specific comment, as listed above. PC-4-8

Sincerely,

Michael Perry

Michael R. Perry
Supervising Planner
Environmental Management

Comment Code	Response
PC-4-1 & PC-4-2	Thank you for participating in the environmental review process for the State Route 66 and Interstate 215 Roadway Rehabilitation, and Pedestrian Facilities and Bridge Upgrading Project.
PC-4-3	Caltrans does not anticipate the construction or alteration to any existing San Bernardino (SB) County or SB City storm drains within the project limits along State Route 66 (Foothill Blvd. and 5th St). However, Caltrans does plan to construct a new curb and gutter from Pepper Ave. to Flores St. along the westbound side of State Route 66 (SR-66) wherever these facilities do not currently exist; these facilities are expected to improve roadway drainage and alleviate the issue of ponding water within the project limits along the westbound side of State Route 66. Caltrans acknowledges that if future plans for the project include the construction or alteration of any existing SB County or SB City storm drains along State Route 66, such project plans will be reviewed and approved by the jurisdictional agencies responsible for the facilities being impacted by the project.
PC-4-4	Caltrans has acknowledged in our environmental document that according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Flood Hazard Layer (2022), most of the project area lies within zone X (unshaded), which is an area outside of the 0.2% annual chance floodplain. Caltrans also agrees that some areas of the project site adjacent to or including the Lytle Creek Channel Bridge, East Branch Lytle Creek Bridge, and Little League Drive Overcrossing are located within several different floodplain zones (FEMA 2022). Yet, according to the Location Hydraulic Studies (LHS) and Summary Floodplain Encroachment Reports (SFER) completed for this project in January 2022, the project will not result in any longitudinal or significant encroachments on a floodplain, or support any incompatible floodplain development; thus, no mitigation related to project's impact on the floodplain will be required for the project. The project will also not impact the levee nor reduce the flood protection level offered by the levee. The conclusions of the LHSs and SFERs are included in this final environmental document.
PC-4-5	Caltrans will establish adequate provisions to intercept and collect the accumulated drainage (stormwater) around or through the project site is such a manner as to not adversely affect adjacent or downstream properties. Caltrans Standard Best Management Practices (BMPs), the BMPs in the stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP), and 2018 Caltrans Standard Specifications (or the latest version) will be implemented to minimize effects of the project during construction. According to the project's environmental commitment measure VIS-3, erosion control shall be provided for all disturbed soil areas per water board guidelines or as determined by the district landscape architect. In

	addition, according to the project's environmental commitment measure HYDRO-2, permanent treatment of stormwater runoff will be implemented to the maximum extent practicable in accordance with the Caltrans National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit (NPDES No. CAS000002) and Caltrans Construction General Permit (NPDES No. CAS000003). The project itself will include a new curb and gutter from Pepper Ave. to Flores St. along the westbound side of State Route 66 (SR-66) where these facilities do not currently exist. The addition of these facilities are expected to improve roadway drainage and alleviate the issue of ponding water within the project limits along the westbound side of State Route 66.
PC-4-6	Caltrans acknowledges that San Bernardino County Public Works has provided this information.
PC-4-7	Caltrans acknowledges that portions of project site are crossing over or adjacent to a San Bernardino County Flood Control District (SBCFCD) fee-owned property and/or facilities such as the Lytle Creek Channel and Lytle-Cajon Channel. Caltrans will be applying for an encroachment permit from SBCFCD prior to the start of construction for all project encroachments on SBCFCD's right of way or facilities; this coordination has been documented in this final environmental document (IS-MND). As stated in the draft IS-MND for this project, Caltrans is planning to apply for a 408 permit from the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) prior to construction. Caltrans will coordinate with SBCFCD to obtain the 408 permit; this coordination has been documented in the final environmental document. The permanent impacts associated with improvements over ACOE's projects include extending the existing bridge piers in the upstream direction to accommodate bridge widening. In addition, the channel sidewall of the Lytle-Cajon Channel may require modifications to accommodate the bridge widening. Preliminary hydraulic studies show no appreciable impacts to the base flood water surface elevation because of these modifications. Temporary impacts include encroachment of construction of equipment and falsework into ACOE's facilities. The type of equipment and footprint of any falsework will be identified in the 408 permit application.
PC-4-8	Caltrans has listed the San Bernardino County Public Works Department under the list of others to contact during the public information/public awareness campaign of the traffic management plan for this project.

Public Comment 5 (PC-5)

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Dear Mr. Oriaz,

Please see attached for California Department of Fish and Wildlife's comments on MND State Route 66 and Interstate 215 Roadway Rehabilitation, SCH# 2022040328. PC-5-1

Thank you,

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Subject: Mitigated Negative Declaration
State Route 66 and Interstate 215 Roadway Rehabilitation, and Pedestrian Facilities and Bridge Upgrading
State Clearinghouse No. 2022040328

Dear Mr. Oriaz:

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) received a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) from the California Department of Transportation, District 8 (Caltrans) for the State Route 66 and Interstate 215 Roadway Rehabilitation, and Pedestrian Facilities and Bridge Upgrading Project (Project) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and CEQA Guidelines.[1]

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments and recommendations regarding those activities involved in the Project that may affect California fish and wildlife. Likewise, we appreciate the opportunity to provide comments regarding those aspects of the Project that CDFW, by law, may be required to carry out or approve through the exercise of its own regulatory authority under the Fish and Game Code.

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CDFW ROLE

CDFW is California's **Trustee Agency** for fish and wildlife resources and holds those resources in trust by statute for all the people of the State. (Fish & G. Code, §§ 711.7, subd. (a) & 1802; Pub. Resources Code, § 21070; CEQA Guidelines § 15386, subd. (a).) CDFW, in its trustee capacity, has jurisdiction over the conservation, protection, and management of fish, wildlife, native plants, and habitat necessary for biologically sustainable populations of those species. (*Id.*, § 1802.) Similarly for purposes of CEQA, CDFW is charged by law to provide, as available, biological expertise during public

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[1] CEQA is codified in the California Public Resources Code in section 21000 et seq. The "CEQA Guidelines" are found in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, commencing with section 15000.

agency environmental review efforts, focusing specifically on projects and related activities that have the potential to adversely affect fish and wildlife resources. CDFW is also submitting comments as a **Responsible Agency** under CEQA. (Pub. Resources Code, § 21069; CEQA Guidelines, § 15381.) CDFW expects that it may need to exercise regulatory authority as provided by the Fish and Game Code. As proposed, for example, the Project may be subject to CDFW's lake and streambed alteration regulatory authority. (Fish & G. Code, § 1600 et seq.) Likewise, to the extent implementation of the Project as proposed may result in "take" as defined by State law of any species protected under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) (Fish & G. Code, § 2050 et seq.), the project proponent may seek related take authorization as provided by the Fish and Game Code.

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ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 819

Assembly Bill (AB) 819 was signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom on July 16, 2021, and became effective January 1, 2022**.** AB 819 requires lead agencies to submit certain environmental documents and notices electronically to the State Clearing House (SCH) at Office of Planning and Research (OPR). Thus, as of January 1, 2022, lead agencies must take the following actions to comply with CEQA:

- File on CEQAnet – Draft Environmental Impact Reports (DEIR), proposed Negative Declarations (ND), proposed Mitigated Negative Declarations (MND) must be filed electronically on CEQAnet (https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/) – as opposed to submitting hard copies.
- Post on Agency website – Draft, proposed, and final environmental documents – including DEIRs, EIRs, NDs, MNDs – as well as any Notice of Preparation (NOP), Notice of Determination (NOD), Notice of Completion, or Notice of Scoping Meetings must be posted on the lead agency's website if it has one. Also, Notices of Availability (NOAs) and hearings related to the DEIR or ND are required to be posted on the lead agency's website, in addition to prior methods of giving notice.
- File and Post with County – NODs must be filed electronically with the county clerk if electronic filings are offered by the county. There is an option to post NODs either in the country clerk's office or on the county clerk's website for a period of 30 days. Additionally, NOPs and NOAs will need to be posted on the county clerk's website and physically, by hard copy, in the county clerk's office.
- Option to email NOPs – If an EIR is required, any NOP may be emailed, rather than mailed, to each entity requiring personal notice – the responsible agency, any public agency with jurisdiction over natural resources affected by the project, and OPR.
- State Agency Filings – State lead agencies are required to file NODs and Notice of Exemptions (NOEs) electronically on CEQAnet and no longer need to submit hard copies. The filed notice must be available for public inspection on the OPR website for not less than 12 months.

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- Public Agency Notice of Completion – Public agencies must file notices of completion on CEQAnet, rather than mailing a paper copy. PC-5-4

PROJECT DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

The Project site is in the City of San Bernardino within San Bernadino County in the State of California. The Project proposes to rehabilitate the roadway and upgrade the pedestrian facilities and bridges along State Route 66 (SR-66) from Pepper Avenue to H Street, and on Interstate 215 at Little League Drive overcrossing. PC-5-5

Timeframe: Unavailable

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Biological resources of concern to CDFW that the Project could potentially impact include San Bernardino kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys merriami parvus*; California Endangered Species Act (CESA) candidate endangered species), Los Angeles pocket mouse (*Perognathus longimembris brevinasus*; CDFW Species of Special Concern [SSC]), burrowing owl (*Athene cunicularia*; CDFW SSC), western yellow bat (*Nyctinomops femorosaccus;* CDFW SSC), coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*), Santa Ana River woolly star (*Eriastrum densifolium ssp. Sanctorum*; CESA endangered species), Riversidean alluvial fan sage scrub (RAFSS; California State Rank (S)1 [critically imperiled]), and nesting birds. PC-5-6

The MND states that the following surveys were conducted to access the biological resources within the Project's biological study area (BSA): PC-5-7

1. A Google Earth Pro virtual "windshield survey" on December 20, 2020.
2. A general habitat assessment and bat habitat suitability assessment at Lytle Creek Basin Overhead, Lytle Creek Channel, and East Branch Lytle Creek bridges on February 12, 2021.
3. A general habitat assessment and bat habitat suitability assessment at Little League Drive Overcrossing Bridge on May 13, 2021.
4. A bat habitat suitability assessment survey on October 27, 2021, at Lytle Creek Basin Overhead, Lytle Creek Channel, East Branch Lytle Creek, and Little League Drive Overcrossing bridges.
5. A general habitat assessment survey on an old and open agricultural property on the northwest corner of SR-66 and Terrace Road On November 28, 2021.
6. Small mammal trapping in the Riversidian alluvial fan sage scrub within the BSA in 2016.

Despite the above surveys being conducted, the MND did not provide survey results. Absent these details, and supporting documentation, it is unclear whether the Project's impacts have been adequately identified, disclosed, or mitigated. Because Caltrans has PC-5-8

not provided a proper analysis of biological resources with potential to occur on-site, CDFW believes the MND does not demonstrate that impacts to biological resources are less than significant, even with the inclusion of biological (BIO) mitigation measures (MM). Thus, CDFW offers the mitigation measures presented below along with comments and recommendations to assist Caltrans in adequately mitigating the Project's potentially significant impacts on biological resources. CDFW requests that Caltrans adopts the mitigation measures listed below and also found in Attachment 1 (Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program) in a final MND (termed hereafter as 'final MND).

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Biological Resources and Mitigation Measures

Nesting Birds

CDFW appreciates the incorporation of MM Bio-Avian-1, which considers nesting bird pre-construction surveys. However, CDFW is concerned that MM Bio-Avian-1 considers the start of bird nesting season as February 1 when hummingbirds may nest year-round and some species of raptors (e g. owls, hawks, etc.) may commence nesting activities in January. Thus, CDFW offers the following revisions to MM Bio-Avian-1 (edits are in ~~strikethrough~~ and **bold**):

Bio-Avian-1: Pre-construction Nesting Bird Survey.

All Project activities on-site shall be conducted outside of the nesting bird season (generally, raptor nesting season is January 1 through September 15; and passerine bird nesting season is February 1 through September 1) to the maximum extent feasible. If Project activities begin during the non-nesting season (non-nesting season is typically from September 16 through December 31), a pre-construction survey shall be performed by a qualified biologist to verify the absence of nesting birds. A qualified biologist shall conduct the pre-activity survey within the Project area (including access routes) and a 300- foot buffer surrounding the Project area, no more than two hours prior to initiating Project activities.

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If project activities cannot avoid the nesting season, ~~generally regarded as Feb. 1 – Sept 30,~~ then preconstruction nesting bird surveys must be conducted **within** 3-days ~~prior to~~ **of the start of Project activities** ~~construction~~ by a qualified biologist to locate and avoid nesting birds. **Pre-construction nesting bird surveys shall focus on both direct and indirect evidence of nesting, including nest locations and nesting behavior. The qualified avian biologist will make every effort to avoid potential nest predation as a result of survey and monitoring efforts.** If an active avian nest **containing eggs or young** is located **during the pre-construction nesting bird surveys,** a no-construction buffer ~~may~~ **shall** be established**, marked on the ground,** and monitored by the qualified biologist ~~and/or monitored~~ until the young have fledged

or the nest is no longer active. **Nest buffers are species-specific and shall be at least 100 feet for passerines and 300 feet for raptors. A smaller or larger buffer may be determined by the qualified biologist familiar with the nesting phenology of the nesting species and based on nest and buffer monitoring results. Established buffers shall remain on site until a qualified biologist determines the young have fledged or the nest is no longer active. Active nests and adequacy of the established buffer distance shall be monitored daily by the qualified biologist until the qualified biologist has determined the young have fledged or the Project has been completed. The qualified biologist has the authority to stop work if nesting pairs exhibit signs of disturbance.**

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Burrowing Owl (*Athene cunicularia*)

CDFW appreciates the incorporation of MM Bio-Avian-2, which considers burrowing owl pre-construction surveys. CDFW also appreciates that MM Bio-Avian-2 requires two pre-construction burrowing owl surveys: one survey within 14-30 days prior to start of Project activities and one survey 24 hours prior to start of Project activities.

Because CDFW exclusively recommends the 2012 Staff Report on Burrowing Owl Mitigation (Department of Fish and Game, March 2012) for any project that is surveying and evaluating impacts to burrowing owls, and according to the 2012 Staff Report on Burrowing Owl Mitigation an initial take avoidance survey should be completed no less than 14 days prior to initiating ground disturbing activities, CDFW recommends MM Bio-Avian-2 be revised accordingly. In addition, since MM Bio-Avian-2 does not address implementing avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures, if burrowing owl were to be found during pre-construction surveys, CDFW offers the following revisions to MM Bio-Avian-2 (edits are in ~~strikethrough~~ and **bold**):

Bio-Avian-2: Pre-construction Burrowing Owl Survey.

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Two burrowing owl preconstruction surveys ~~must~~ **shall** be performed: one survey 14~~-30~~ days prior to project activities, and one survey 24 hours prior to project activities within and adjacent to suitable habitat areas (e.g. staging areas, fallow fields, annual grassland).

No less than 14 days and 24 hours prior to the initiation of any Project activities within suitable and adjacent suitable habitat, a qualified biologist shall conduct take avoidance surveys in accordance with the Staff Report on Burrowing Owl Mitigation (Department of Fish and Game, March 2012). If no burrowing owl(s) are observed onsite during the take avoidance survey, a letter shall be prepared by the qualified biologist documenting the results of the survey. The letter shall be submitted to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). If burrowing owl(s) are observed on site during the take avoidance survey, areas occupied by burrowing owls shall be avoided. If burrowing owls cannot be avoided by the

Project, then the qualified biologist shall prepare and submit a passive relocation program in accordance with Appendix E (i.e., Example Components for Burrowing Owl Artificial Burrow and Exclusion Plans) of the 2012 Staff Report on Burrowing Owl Mitigation (CDFG 2012) to CDFW for review/approval prior to the commencement of disturbance activities on site and propose mitigation at no less than a 2:1 ratio for permanent loss of occupied burrow(s) and habitat consistent with the 2012 Staff Report on Burrowing Owl Mitigation. Survey results shall be submitted to CDFW within 30 days of completion of surveys following the guidelines provided in Appendix D of the Staff Report on Burrowing Owl Mitigation (Department of Fish and Game, March 2012).

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Bats

CDFW appreciates the incorporation of MM Bio-Bat-PSM-2, which consider pre-construction bat emergence surveys, and MM Bio-Bat-PSM-3, which considers phasing of tree removal in consideration of bat habitat and roosts. CDFW recommends minor revisions to MM Bio-Bat-PSM-2 and MM Bio-Bat-PSM-3 to specify the timing of bat emergence surveys and tree removal, respectively (edits are in ~~strikethrough~~ and **bold**):

Bio-Bat-PSM-2: Preconstruction Bat Emergence Surveys.

To avoid impacts to special-status and regulatory bat species, preconstruction bat **night-time** emergence surveys must be conducted fourteen (14) days prior to construction by a qualified bat biologist to locate and avoid roosting bats at the following locations: Lytle Creek Basin OH Bridge, Lytle Creek Channel Bridge, East Branch Lytle Creek Channel Bridge, Little League Drive OC Bridge, I-215 drainage facility near the Little League Drive OC. Surveys shall be conducted by a qualified bat biologist ~~under~~ **on a warm night when nighttime lows are no less than 45°F and during dry weather conditions** ~~appropriate weather conditions and moon phase~~. **Surveys should be conducted from approximately 15 minutes before sunset to 1 hour after sunset**. Project activities may proceed as planned if no evidence of bat occupation **(e.g., guano, urine staining, or vocalizations)** ~~of the~~ **at a given** structure is identified during the surveys ~~and the biologist determines that roosting bats are unlikely to be affected by the project activities slated to occur~~. Project activities at a given structure must begin within 14 days of the nighttime survey or the survey will need to be repeated. The project **qualified** bat biologist will identify the bats to the species level and evaluate the colony to determine its size and significance **and presence of a maternal colony. I**~~i~~f evidence of bat occupation is identified during surveys~~.~~**, T**~~t~~he **qualified bat** biologist ~~will~~ **shall** then provide additional measures to avoid impacts to roosting bats ~~and/or~~ as recommended by CDFW which may include replacing existing bat roosts with new roosting habitat in conjunction with a three (3) year monitoring period by a CDFW approved bat biologist. Measures provided ~~would~~ **shall** be specific to the individual roost ~~situation~~, species present, and proposed construction activities, and ~~may~~ **shall** include, but not be limited to the following: a) postponement of project

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activities **to outside of the bat maternity season (typically, maternity season is April 1 through August 31)** ~~within 300-feet of the roost must occur outside of the maternity season~~ if a maternity colony is identified to be occupying ~~the~~ **a given** structure, and b) monitoring of project activities by a qualified bat biologist. Project activities that do not produce noise or vibrations substantially higher than ambient conditions may be conducted ~~during~~ **if a non-maternal roosting colony is present** ~~the maternity season if necessary~~, at the **qualified bat** biologist's discretion and~~/or as~~ **if** recommended by CDFW. If the ~~biological monitor~~ **qualified bat biologist** determines that **non-maternal colony** roosting bats are disturbed by construction activities, construction activities in the vicinity shall cease immediately and additional avoidance measures (e.g., installation of a noise shroud or sound curtain) and~~/or agency~~ coordination **with CDFW** shall be required before activities within the vicinity resume. PC-5-11

Bio-Bat-PSM-3: Tree Removal.

If impacts to trees are unavoidable the following steps **shall** ~~would~~ be required. Caltrans ~~will~~ **shall** identify specific trees to be modified or removed and notify the qualified bat biologist. The qualified bat biologist ~~will~~ **shall** assess the potential of each tree to house a maternity colony. If crevice and/or cavity features are present, summer night-time surveys ~~will~~ **shall** be conducted to determine if a maternity colony is present. If a maternity colony is present, tree removal and/or modification ~~must~~ **shall** occur **outside the bat maternity season (typically April 1 through August 31)** in the fall (after flightless young have become volant) and under the supervision of a ~~designated~~ **qualified** bat biologist. If no crevice and/or cavity features are present, the ~~designated~~ **qualified** bat biologist ~~will~~ **shall** supervise the **following** two-step process of tree removal **that shall occur over a 2-day period** to avoid direct mortality of foliage-roosting species~~.~~**:** PC-5-12

(1) On Day 1, branches and limbs that do not contain crevices or cavities shall be removed using hand tools or chainsaws. The goal is to create a disturbance sufficient to cause any bats roosting in the tree to leave that night and not return, but not at a level of intensity that will cause bats to fly out of the tree during the disturbance itself (i.e., during the daytime, when leaving the roost will likely result in predation).

(2) On Day 2, the remainder of the tree may be removed.

<u>Special-status Small Mammals</u>

The MND states that previous small mammal trapping efforts in RAFSS within the BSA yielded thirty-five (35) Los Angeles pocket mice (LAPM) in 2002, and nine (9) San Bernardino kangaroo rats (SBKR) in 2016. Please note that CDFW generally considers biological field assessments for wildlife to be valid for a one-year period. Because recent trapping was not conducted (per page 31) prior to the preparation of the MND, PC-5-13

the level of impacts to SBKR and LAPM mouse cannot be disclosed. CDFW is concerned that without this information, the analysis in the MND is incomplete and the significance of these impacts cannot be determined, nor adequate mitigation identified, as required under CEQA. Although the MND proposes MM Bio-General-Project Specific Measure (PSM)-17 to avoid impacts to SBKR, MM Bio-General-Project Specific Measure (PSM)-17 only establishes a no-work exclusionary timeframe to avoid SBKR's active period and does not consider impacts from the Project on burrowing individuals of SBKR and LAPM or other special-status small mammals within the Project. Therefore, CDFW recommends that Caltrans adopts MM Bio-General-Project Specific Measure (PSM)-19 below (edits are in **bold** and ~~strikethrough~~):

Bio-General-Project Specific Measure (PSM)-19: Special-status Small Mammal Avoidance.

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Caltrans shall provide to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) a set of avoidance and minimization measures aimed at avoiding special-status small mammals, including San Bernardino kangaroo rat (SBKR) and Los Angeles pocket mouse (LAPM) from Project-related impacts. The proposed avoidance and minimization measures shall be provided to CDFW for review and approval *no fewer than 30 days prior to the initiation of Project activities*. If complete avoidance of LAPM, SBKR, or any other special-status small mammal cannot be achieved, mitigation of no less than 2:1 will be required for LAPM and other non-state-listed special-status small mammals. If complete avoidance of state-listed SBKR cannot be achieved, a California Endangered Species Act (CESA) Incidental Take Permit (ITP) and mitigation at no less than a 5:1 (replacement to impact) ratio for loss of habitat is recommended. Project activities should not begin until a CESA ITP is obtained for SBKR.

RAFSS and Santa Ana Woolly Star

The MND identifies the presence of RAFSS within the BRA, specifically within Lytle Creek. In addition, the MND well recognizes that RAFSS is at "high risk of extinction or elimination" and has a "very threatened status" as a plant community with a state rank (S) of S1.1. The RAFSS habitat on the Project site is critical as refugia to special-status species (i.e., LAPM, SBKR). Thus, CDFW considers the removal of any RAFSS to be a significant impact, but the MND, states that the Project impact area would be confined to paved travel way with disturbed soils void of RAFSS and that Bio-Plant-1, Bio-General-7, and Bio-General-8 would be implemented to avoid impacts to RAFSS. In CDFW's review of the MND's Environmental Commitments Records, which describes the Project's avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation measures, there is no Bio-Plant-1, and Bio-General-7 relates to a Workers Environmental Awareness Program (WEAP), while Bio-General-8 requires weekly biological monitoring to ensure mitigation measures are being implemented. CDFW does understand that the Project impact area

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is proposed to be confined to paved travel way with disturbed soils "void of RAFSS", but CDFW does not feel comfortable with the lack of mitigation measures to avoid potential impacts to RAFSS, which includes Santa Ana River woolly star, a state endangered species. As such, CDFW recommends the adoption of MM Bio-Plant-1 below prior to finalizing the MND:

Bio-Plant-1: Special-status Plants.

Impacts to Riversidian alluvial fan sage scrub (RAFSS) and special-status plants, including state-listed Santa Ana River woolly star (SAWS), shall be avoided by establishing an appropriate avoidance buffer established by a California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)-approved botanist and marked in the field (i.e., fencing or flagging). If complete avoidance cannot be achieved, loss of RAFSS and special-status plants, including SAWS should be mitigated through the purchase of mitigation credits from a CDFW-approved bank, or by land acquisition and conservation at a minimum 3:1 (replacement-to-impact) ratio. Note that a higher ratio may be warranted if the proposed mitigation lands are located far from the Project site (i.e., within a separate watershed). If the Project has the potential to impact a state-listed plant species, such as SAWS, Caltrans should apply for a California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit with CDFW.

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Lake and Streambed Alteration

CDFW is not clear on the scope of the Project in terms of road upgrades and rehabilitation for overpasses over Fish and Game Code section 1602 resources; for example, Lytle Creek Basin, Cable Creek, and Lytle Creek Chanel/Cajon Wash. CDFW is concerned with potential indirect and direct impacts from the Project to Lytle Creek Basin, Cable Creek, and Lytle Creek Chanel/Cajon Wash. Thus, CDFW recommends that Caltrans adopts MM Bio-General-14 below to either obtain written correspondence from CDFW stating that notification under section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code is not required for the Project, *or,* if notification under section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code is required for the Project, to obtain a CDFW executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement:

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MM Bio-General-14: Lake and Streambed Alteration.

Prior to construction and issuance of any grading permit, the Project applicant should obtain written correspondence from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) stating that notification under section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code is not required for the Project, *or* the Project applicant should obtain a CDFW-executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement, authorizing impacts to Fish and Game Code section 1602 resources associated with the Project.

Coast Live Oak

The Project will result in the removal of several native trees, including several mature coast live oaks. The MND proposes to minimize the loss of trees in kind at a 1:1 ratio, as described in MM VIS-1. CDFW appreciates the replacement of native trees, but is concerned with the lack of maintenance and monitoring (e.g., watering, nonnative cover) to ensure survival of replaced trees. Also, CDFW generally recommends mitigation for removal of native trees, such as coast live oaks at a minimum ratio of 10:1 (replacement to impact) ratio. Thus, CDFW recommends the below revisions to MM VIS-1 (edits are in **bold** and ~~strikethrough~~):

VIS-1: Tree Replacement.

Any removal of trees shall be ~~allocated a~~ **replaced**~~ment~~ in kind with a minimum ratio of 10:1 with a 48-inch box **and maintained and monitored for five (5) years. At year 5, all trees shall have a 100 percent survival rate, nonnative invasive vegetation shall be no more 5 percent within a radius of 15 feet of plantings, and irrigation shall have been discontinued at least two years prior to completion of the maintenance/monitoring period**. ~~to achieve a comparable landscape to what was existing prior to construction. Upon further evaluation of the project by the district landscape architect during the design phase, this ratio may be adjusted~~.

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Nesting Swallows

CDFW appreciates that the MND recognizes the potential for bats to roost within swallow nests, as recognized in MM Bio-General-Project Specific Measure (PSM)-18. CDFW recommends the below revisions to Bio-General-Project Specific Measure (PSM)-18 to protect bats *and* nesting swallows from Project related impacts (edits are in **bold** and ~~strikethrough~~):

Bio-General-Project Specific Measure (PSM)-18: Removal of Nests Prior to Nesting Season.

Weekly inspection of the project site for ~~cliff~~ swallow nest building activity shall begin by February 15. If ~~cliff~~ swallows ~~(*Hirundo pyrrhonta*)~~ begin colonizing the bridge**s** prior to beginning bridge work, all nest precursors (mud placed by swallows for construction of nests) shall be washed down at least once daily until swallow's cease trying to construct nests. This activity shall not result in harm or death to ~~adult~~ swallows **(adult, juvenile, nestling or eggs)**. If intact ~~cliff~~ swallow nests must be removed, they ~~should~~ **shall** be removed prior to nesting season**, when the nest is completely inactive (approximately September or October but shall be confirmed by a qualified bat biologist)** ~~(October 1 to January 31)~~ **and prior to potential use by overwintering bats** ~~under the direct supervision of a biologist with a Memorandum of Understanding from CDFW to handle bats~~, and in such a way that the nest is **left in place and** kept intact and not dropped to the ground ~~until it can be~~ **and** inspected by the qualified bat

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biologist **for eggs, hatchlings or juvenile swallows as well as bat occupation prior to removal, and under the direct supervision of a qualified bat biologist with a Memorandum of Understanding from CDFW to handle bats. If the nest is occupied by eggs, hatchlings, juvenile birds, or bats, the nests shall be left undisturbed until, either the birds have fledged, the nest is no longer active, or if bats are occupying, the bats have left for the season, as confirmed by a qualified bat biologist. If bats must be relocated outside of the breeding season, a Bat Avoidance and Minimization plan shall be submitted to CDFW for review and approval.** A qualified bat biologist is required for removal of ~~cliff~~ swallow nests due to documented occurrences of bat roosting behavior within swallow nests.

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ENVIRONMENTAL DATA

CEQA requires that information developed in Environmental Impact Reports and Negative Declarations be incorporated into a database which may be used to make subsequent or supplemental environmental determinations. (Pub. Resources Code, § 21003, subd. (e).). Accordingly, please report any special-status species and natural communities detected during Project surveys to the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB). The CNNDB field survey form can be found at the following link: http://www.dfg.ca.gov/biogeodata/cnddb/pdfs/CNDDB_FieldSurveyForm.pdf. The completed form can be mailed electronically to CNDDB at the following email address: CNDDB@wildlife.ca.gov. The types of information reported to CNDDB can be found at the following link: http://www.dfg.ca.gov/biogeodata/cnddb/plants_and_animals.asp.

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FILING FEES

The Project, as proposed, would have an impact on fish and/or wildlife, and assessment of filing fees is necessary. Fees are payable upon filing of the Notice of Determination by the Lead Agency and serve to help defray the cost of environmental review by CDFW. Payment of the fee is required in order for the underlying Project approval to be operative, vested, and final. (Cal. Code Regs, tit. 14, § 753.5; Fish & G. Code, § 711.4; Pub. Resources Code, § 21089.)

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CONCLUSION

CDFW requests that Caltrans include in the final MND the suggested mitigation measures (Attachment 1) offered by CDFW to avoid, minimize, and mitigate Project impacts on California fish and wildlife resources.

CDFW appreciates the opportunity to comment on the MND for the State Route 66 and Interstate 215 Roadway Rehabilitation and Pedestrian Project (SCH No.2022040328) and hopes our comments will assist the Caltrans in identifying, avoiding, minimizing, and mitigating Project impacts on fish and wildlife resources.

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If you should have any questions pertaining to the comments provided in this letter, please contact Corina Jimenez, Environmental Scientist at Corina.Jimenez@wildlife.ca.gov. PC-5-21

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: MMRP for CDFW-Proposed Mitigation Measures PC-5-22

Sincerely,

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ATTACHMENT 1: MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM (MMRP)

PURPOSE OF THE MMRP
The purpose of the MMRP is to ensure compliance with mitigation measures during project implementation. Mitigation measures must be implemented within the time periods indicated in the table below.

PC-5-22

TABLE OF MITIGATION MEASURES
The following items are identified for each mitigation measure: Mitigation Measure, Implementation Schedule, and Responsible Party. The Mitigation Measure column summarizes the mitigation requirements. The Implementation Schedule column shows the date or phase when each mitigation measure will be implemented. The Responsible Party column identifies the person or agency that is primarily responsible for implementing the mitigation measure.

Mitigation Measures	Implementation Schedule	Responsible Party
Bio-Avian-1: Pre-construction Nesting Bird Survey. All Project activities on-site shall be conducted outside of the nesting bird season (generally, raptor nesting season is January 1 through September 15; and passerine bird nesting season is February 1 through September 1) to the maximum extent feasible. If Project activities begin during the non-nesting season (non-nesting season is typically from September 16 through December 31), a pre-construction survey shall be performed by a qualified biologist to verify the absence of nesting birds. A qualified biologist shall conduct the pre-activity survey within the Project area (including access routes) and a 300- foot buffer surrounding the Project area, no more than two hours prior to initiating Project activities.	Prior to commencing Project activities	Project Proponent

If project activities cannot avoid the nesting season, then preconstruction nesting bird surveys must be conducted within 3-days of the start of Project activities by a qualified biologist to locate and avoid nesting birds. Pre-construction nesting bird surveys shall focus on both direct and indirect evidence of nesting, including nest locations and nesting behavior. The qualified avian biologist will make every effort to avoid potential nest predation as a result of survey and monitoring efforts. If an active avian nest containing eggs or young is located during the pre-construction nesting bird surveys, a no-construction buffer shall be established, marked on the ground, and monitored by the qualified biologist until the young have fledged or the nest is no longer active. Nest buffers are species-specific and shall be at least 100 feet for passerines and 300 feet for raptors. A smaller or larger buffer may be determined by the qualified biologist familiar with the nesting phenology of the nesting species and based on nest and buffer monitoring results. Established buffers shall remain on site until a qualified biologist determines the young have fledged or the nest is no longer active. Active nests and adequacy of the established buffer distance shall be monitored daily by the qualified biologist until the qualified biologist has determined the young have fledged or the Project has been completed. The qualified biologist has the authority to stop work if nesting pairs exhibit signs of disturbance.		
Bio-Avian-2: Pre-construction Burrowing Owl Survey. Two burrowing owl preconstruction surveys shall be performed: one survey 14 days prior to project activities, and one survey 24 hours prior to project activities within and adjacent to suitable habitat areas (e.g.	Prior to commencing Project activities	Project Proponent

staging areas, fallow fields, annual grassland). No less than 14 days and 24 hours prior to the initiation of any Project activities within suitable and adjacent suitable habitat, a qualified biologist shall conduct take avoidance surveys in accordance with the Staff Report on Burrowing Owl Mitigation (Department of Fish and Game, March 2012). If no burrowing owl(s) are observed on site during the take avoidance survey, a letter shall be prepared by the qualified biologist documenting the results of the survey. The letter shall be submitted to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). If burrowing owl(s) are observed on site during the take avoidance survey, areas occupied by burrowing owls shall be avoided. If burrowing owls cannot be avoided by the Project, then the qualified biologist shall prepare and submit a passive relocation program in accordance with Appendix E (i.e., Example Components for Burrowing Owl Artificial Burrow and Exclusion Plans) of the 2012 Staff Report on Burrowing Owl Mitigation (CDFG 2012) to CDFW for review/approval prior to the commencement of disturbance activities on site and propose mitigation at no less than a 2:1 ratio for permanent loss of occupied burrow(s) and habitat consistent with the 2012 Staff Report on Burrowing Owl Mitigation. Survey results shall be submitted to CDFW within 30 days of completion of surveys following the guidelines provided in Appendix D of the Staff Report on Burrowing Owl Mitigation (Department of Fish and Game, March 2012).		
Bio-Bat-PSM-2: Preconstruction Bat Emergence Surveys. To avoid impacts to special-status and regulatory bat species, preconstruction bat	Prior to commencing Project activities	Project Proponent

night-time emergence surveys must be conducted fourteen (14) days prior to construction by a qualified bat biologist to locate and avoid roosting bats at the following locations: Lytle Creek Basin OH Bridge, Lytle Creek Channel Bridge, East Branch Lytle Creek Channel Bridge, Little League Drive OC Bridge, I-215 drainage facility near the Little League Drive OC. Surveys shall be conducted by a qualified bat biologist on a warm night when nighttime lows are no less than 45°F and during dry weather conditions. Surveys should be conducted from approximately 15 minutes before sunset to 1 hour after sunset. Project activities may proceed as planned if no evidence of bat occupation (e.g., guano, urine staining, or vocalizations) at a given structure is identified during the surveys. Project activities at a given structure must begin within 14 days of the nighttime survey or the survey will need to be repeated. The project qualified bat biologist will identify the bats to the species level and evaluate the colony to determine, its size and significance, and presence of a maternal colony. If evidence of bat occupation is identified during surveys, the qualified bat biologist shall then provide additional measures to avoid impacts to roosting bats as recommended by CDFW which may include replacing existing bat roosts with new roosting habitat in conjunction with a three (3) year monitoring period by a CDFW approved bat biologist. Measures provided shall be specific to the individual roost species present, and proposed construction activities, and shall include, but not be limited to the following: a) postponement of project activities to outside of the bat maternity season (typically, maternity season is April 1 through August 31) if a maternity colony is identified to be occupying a given structure,		

and b) monitoring of project activities by a qualified bat biologist. Project activities that do not produce noise or vibrations substantially higher than ambient conditions may be conducted if a non-maternal roosting colony is present at the qualified bat biologist's discretion and if recommended by CDFW. If the qualified bat biologist determines that non-maternal colony roosting bats are disturbed by construction activities, construction activities in the vicinity shall cease immediately and additional avoidance measures (e.g., installation of a noise shroud or sound curtain) and coordination with CDFW shall be required before activities within the vicinity resume.		
Bio-Bat-PSM-3: Tree Removal. If impacts to trees are unavoidable the following steps shall be required. Caltrans shall identify specific trees to be modified or removed and notify the qualified bat biologist. The qualified bat biologist shall assess the potential of each tree to house a maternity colony. If crevice and/or cavity features are present, summer night-time surveys shall be conducted to determine if a maternity colony is present. If a maternity colony is present, tree removal and/or modification shall occur outside the bat maternity season (typically April 1 through August 31) in the fall (after flightless young have become volant) and under the supervision of a qualified bat biologist. If no crevice and/or cavity features are present, the qualified bat biologist shall supervise the following two-step process of tree removal that shall occur over a 2-day period to avoid direct mortality of foliage-roosting species: (1) On Day 1, branches and limbs that do not contain crevices or cavities	Prior to commencing Project activities	Project Proponent

shall be removed using hand tools or chainsaws. The goal is to create a disturbance sufficient to cause any bats roosting in the tree to leave that night and not return, but not at a level of intensity that will cause bats to fly out of the tree during the disturbance itself (i.e., during the daytime, when leaving the roost will likely result in predation). (2) On Day 2, the remainder of the tree may be removed.		
Bio-General-Project Specific Measure (PSM)-19: Special-status Small Mammal Avoidance. Caltrans shall provide to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) a set of avoidance and minimization measures aimed at avoiding special-status small mammals, including San Bernardino kangaroo rat (SBKR) and Los Angeles pocket mouse (LAPM) from Project-related impacts. The proposed avoidance and minimization measures shall be provided to CDFW for review and approval *no fewer than 30 days prior to the initiation of Project activities*. If complete avoidance of LAPM, SBKR, or any other special-status small mammal cannot be achieved, mitigation of no less than 2:1 will be required for LAPM and other non-state-listed special-status small mammals. If complete avoidance of state-listed SBKR cannot be achieved, a California Endangered Species Act (CESA) Incidental Take Permit (ITP) and mitigation at no less than a 5:1 (replacement to impact) ratio for loss of habitat is recommended. Project activities	Prior to commencing Project activities	Project Proponent

should not begin until a CESA ITP is obtained for SBKR.		
Bio-Plant-1: Special-status Plants. Impacts to Riversidian alluvial fan sage scrub (RAFSS) and special-status plants, including state-listed Santa Ana River woolly star (SAWS), shall be avoided by establishing an appropriate avoidance buffer established by a California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)-approved botanist and marked in the field (i.e., fencing or flagging). If complete avoidance cannot be achieved, loss of RAFSS and special-status plants, including SAWS should be mitigated through the purchase of mitigation credits from a CDFW-approved bank, or by land acquisition and conservation at a minimum 3:1 (replacement-to-impact) ratio. Note that a higher ratio may be warranted if the proposed mitigation lands are located far from the Project site (i.e., within a separate watershed). If the Project has the potential to impact a state-listed plant species, such as SAWS, Caltrans should apply for a California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit with CDFW.	Prior to commencing Project activities	Project Proponent
MM Bio-General-14: Lake and Streambed Alteration. Prior to construction and issuance of any grading permit, the Project applicant should obtain written correspondence from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) stating that notification under section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code is not required for the Project, *or* the Project applicant should obtain a CDFW-executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement, authorizing impacts	Prior to commencing Project activities	Project Proponent

to Fish and Game Code section 1602 resources associated with the Project.		
VIS-1: Tree Replacement. Any removal of trees shall be replaced in kind with a minimum ratio of 10:1 with a 48-inch box and maintained and monitored for five (5) years. At year 5, all trees shall have a 100 percent survival rate, nonnative invasive vegetation shall be no more 5 percent within a radius of 15 feet of plantings, and irrigation shall have been discontinued at least two years prior to completion of the maintenance/monitoring period.	Prior to commencing Project activities	Project Proponent
Bio-General-Project Specific Measure (PSM)-18: Removal of Nests Prior to Nesting Season. Weekly inspection of the project site for swallow nest building activity shall begin by February 15. If swallows begin colonizing the bridges prior to beginning bridge work, all nest precursors (mud placed by swallows for construction of nests) shall be washed down at least once daily until swallow's cease trying to construct nests. This activity shall not result in harm or death to swallows (adult, juvenile, nestling or eggs). If intact swallow nests must be removed, they shall be removed prior to nesting season, when the nest is completely inactive (approximately September or October but shall be confirmed by a qualified bat biologist) and prior to potential use by overwintering bats, and in such a way that the nest is left in place and kept intact and not dropped to the ground and inspected by the qualified bat biologist for eggs, hatchlings or juvenile swallows as well as bat occupation prior to removal, and under the direct supervision of a qualified bat	Prior to commencing Project activities	Project Proponent

biologist with a Memorandum of Understanding from CDFW to handle bats. If the nest is occupied by eggs, hatchlings, juvenile birds, or bats, the nests shall be left undisturbed until, either the birds have fledged, the nest is no longer active, or if bats are occupying, the bats have left for the season, as confirmed by a qualified bat biologist. If bats must be relocated outside of the breeding season, a Bat Avoidance and Minimization plan shall be submitted to CDFW for review and approval. A qualified bat biologist is required for removal of swallow nests due to documented occurrences of bat roosting behavior within swallow nests.		

Response to Public Comment 5 (PC-5)

Comment Code	Response
PC-5-1 & PC-5-2	Thank you for participating in the environmental review process for the State Route 66 and Interstate 215 Roadway Rehabilitation, and Pedestrian Facilities and Bridge Upgrading Project.
PC-5-3	Caltrans acknowledge CDFW's role as a Trustee Agency for California's fish and wildlife resources, and as a Responsible Agency under CEQA.
PC-5-4	Caltrans acknowledges the requirements of Assembly Bill (AB) 819.
PC-5-5	Caltrans acknowledges the description of our project and anticipates that the start and end dates for construction on this project will be winter of 2025 and spring of 2028, respectively.
PC-5-6	Caltrans acknowledges CDFW's concerns and Caltrans District 8 Biological Studies has updated their biological technical document, the Natural Environment Study (Minimal Impacts) [NESMI], to address CDFW's concerns. CDFW provided several recommendations for updates to the Caltrans proposed biological resource avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures. As documented in the latest NESMI (June 13, 2022) and in this final Initial Study with Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND), Caltrans has accepted most of CDFW recommendations regarding these measures with the exception of the tree replacement measure, which is explained in the response to PC-5-15.
PC-5-7	Caltrans acknowledges this list of studies that were conducted and used to complete the draft IS-MND. Caltrans also conducted an additional May 11, 2022, bat habitat suitability assessment on the SR-66 bridge over I-215 since this bridge has since been added to the project scope for restriping.
PC-5-8	Please see the response to PC-5-6. The biological surveys were summarized in the February 10,2022, Natural Environment Study (Minimal Impacts), NESMI, which was cited in the draft IS-MND for this project and was available upon request. Only a summary of the findings of the NESMI were included in the IS-MND.
PC-5-9	Measure Bio-Avian-PSM-1 has been modified in the updated NESMI and final IS-MND to address CDFW's concerns.
PC-5-10	Measure Bio-Avian-PSM-2 has been modified in the updated NESMI and final IS-MND to address CDFW's concerns.

PC-5-11	Measures Bio-Bat-PSM-2 has been modified in the updated NESMI and final IS-MND to address CDFW's concerns.
PC-5-12	Bio-Bat-PSM 3 has been modified in the updated NESMI and final IS-MND to address CDFW's concerns.
PC-5-13	Measure Bio-General-PSM-19 has been adopted in the updated NESMI and final IS-MND to address CDFW's concerns.
PC-5-14	Measure Bio-Plant-1 has been adopted in the updated NESMI and final IS-MND to address CDFW's concerns.
PC-5-15	Measure Bio-General-14 has been adopted in the updated NESMI and final IS-MND to address CDFW's concerns.
PC-5-16	Caltrans has modified its tree replacement plan (measure VIS-1) and added an oak tree replacement plan (measure Bio-Plant-PSM-2) in the Visual Impact Analysis Memorandum and NESMI, respectively, as well as in the final environmental document (IS-MND) to help address CDFW's concerns. The tree and oak tree replacement plans require the replacement of each tree to be replaced at a 3 to 1 ratio with an in-kind tree in a 5-gallon container. The trees will be maintained and monitored for three (3) years. Our two tree replacement measures do not meet the oak tree replacement ratio or 5-year monitoring period as recommended by CDFW for the following reasons. The limited amount of existing state right of way is not expected to accommodate the recommended 10:1 replacement ratio for onsite replacement. In addition, a 10:1 ratio could potentially jeopardize the structural integrity of the proposed retaining wall as it would mean more trees near the structure. Furthermore, acquisition of new right-of-way may not guarantee the amount of land necessary to accommodate the recommended replacement ratio. Lastly, the project construction itself would only last three years, so the monitoring period would take place during this time to be able to include this measure in this particular project.
PC-5-17	Measure Bio-General-PSM-18 has been modified in the updated NESMI and final IS-MND to address CDFW's concerns.
PC-5-18	Caltrans acknowledges CDFW's request to report special-status species and natural communities detected during project surveys to the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB).

PC-5-19	Caltrans is aware of the required filing fees and will be paying them upon filing of the project's Notice of Determination with San Bernardino County.
PC-5-20	Please see response to PC-5-6.
PC-5-21	Contact information has been noted.
PC-5-22	Caltrans acknowledges the MMRP (Attachment A) provided by CDFW. Please see response to PC-5-6.

Public Comment 6 (PC-6)

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Subject: State Route 66 and Interstate 215 Rdway Rehabilitation

EXTERNAL EMAIL. Links/attachments may not be safe.

After reviewing the Proposed MND, SBMWD has no disagreements with the project plan. PC-6-1

Please, be sure to send project plans directly to SBMWD when they are developed. PC-6-2

Thank you for your time.

All the best,
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Response to Public Comment 6 (PC-6)

Comment Code	Response
PC-6-1	Thank you for participating in the environmental review process for the State Route 66 and Interstate 215 Roadway Rehabilitation, and Pedestrian Facilities and Bridge Upgrading Project. Caltrans acknowledges that the San Bernardino Municipal Water District (SBMWD) has no disagreements with the proposed plan.
PC-6-2	Caltrans plans to share the drainage plans for the proposed project with SBMWD once the drainage plans for the project have been developed.

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Appendix A. Exhibits (Maps)

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2. PARCEL MAPS EXTRACTED FROM GIS (LANDVISION).

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- Project Footprint
- Existing R/W
- GIS Parcel Map
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- Sidewalk
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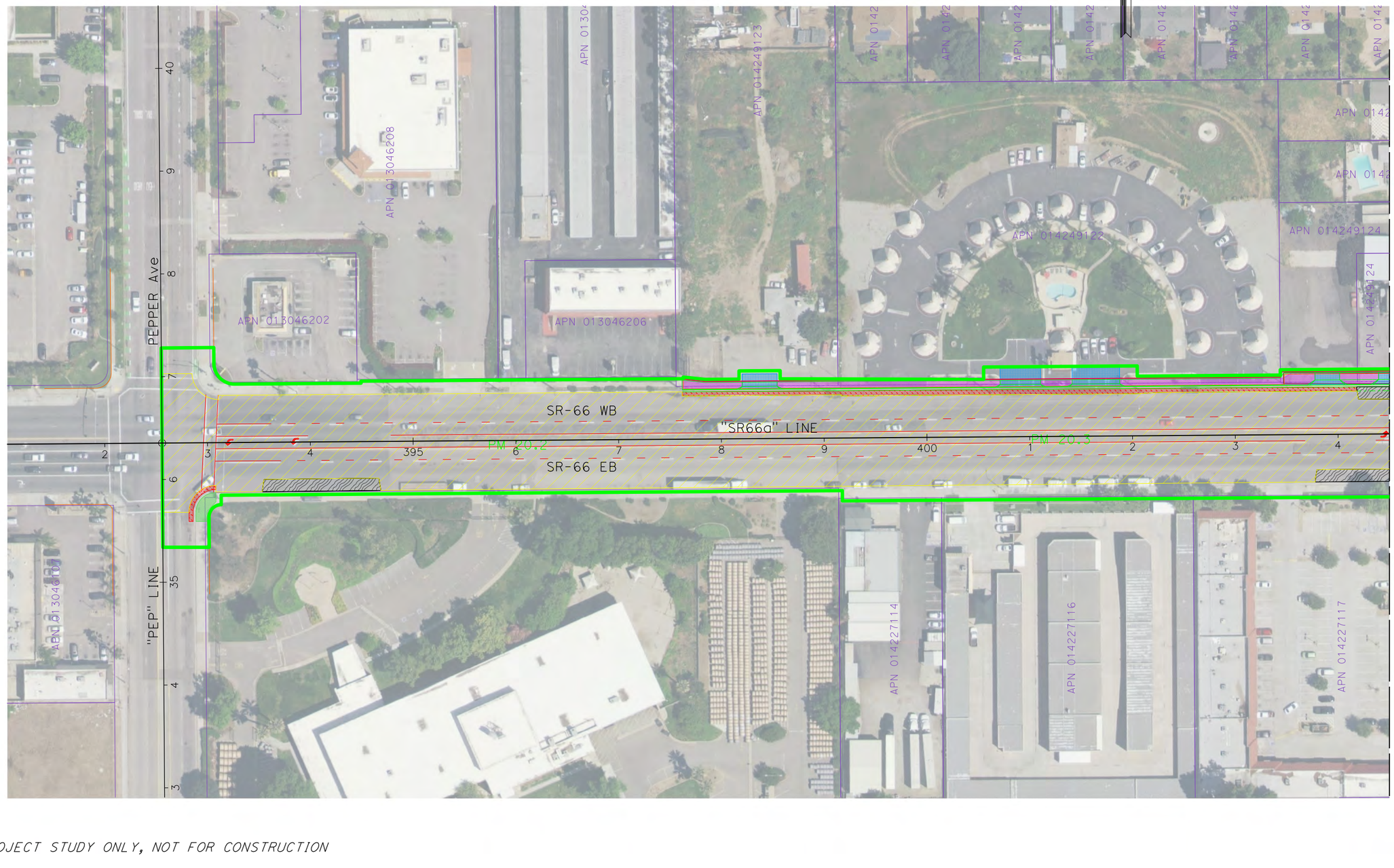

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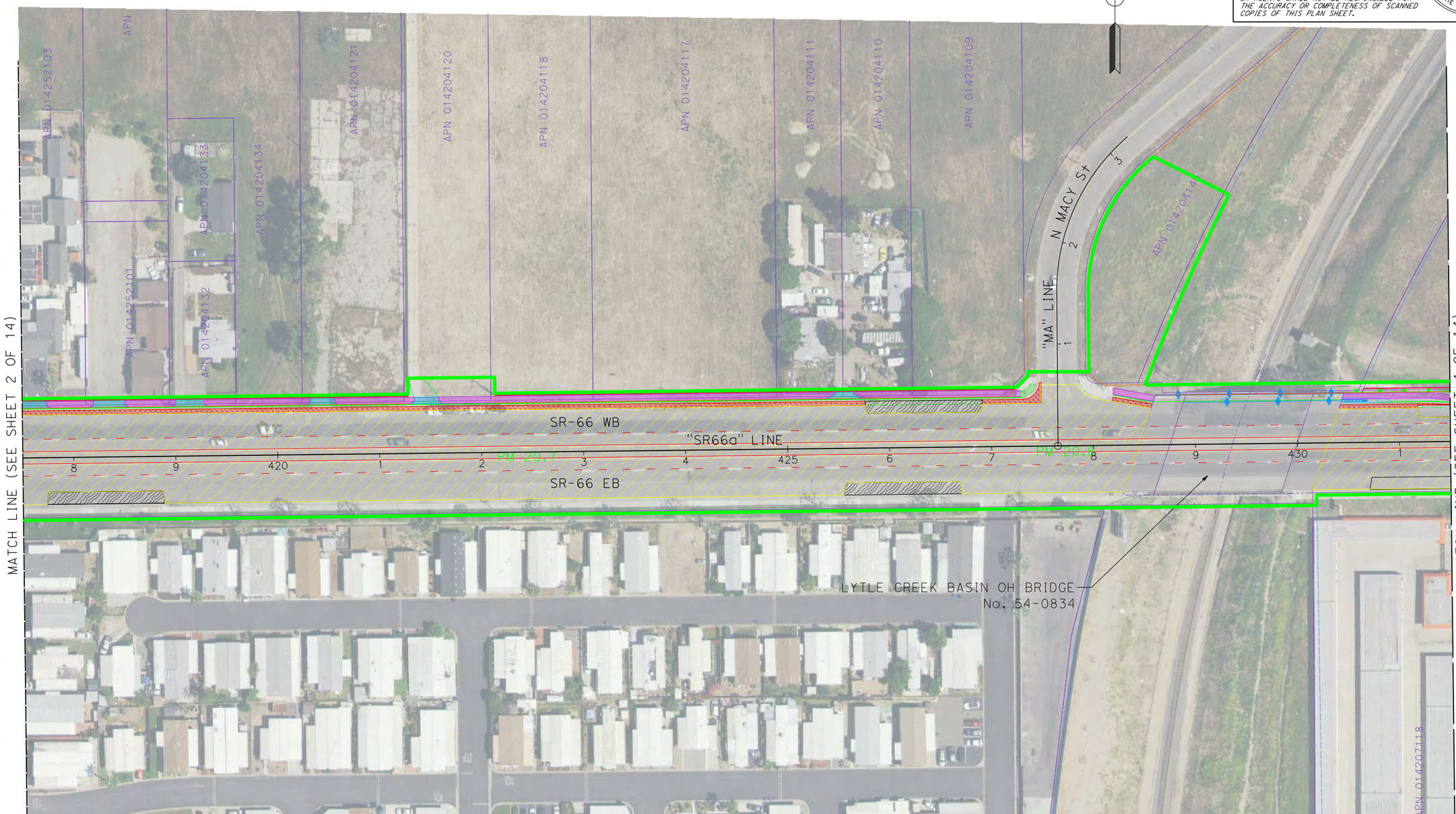

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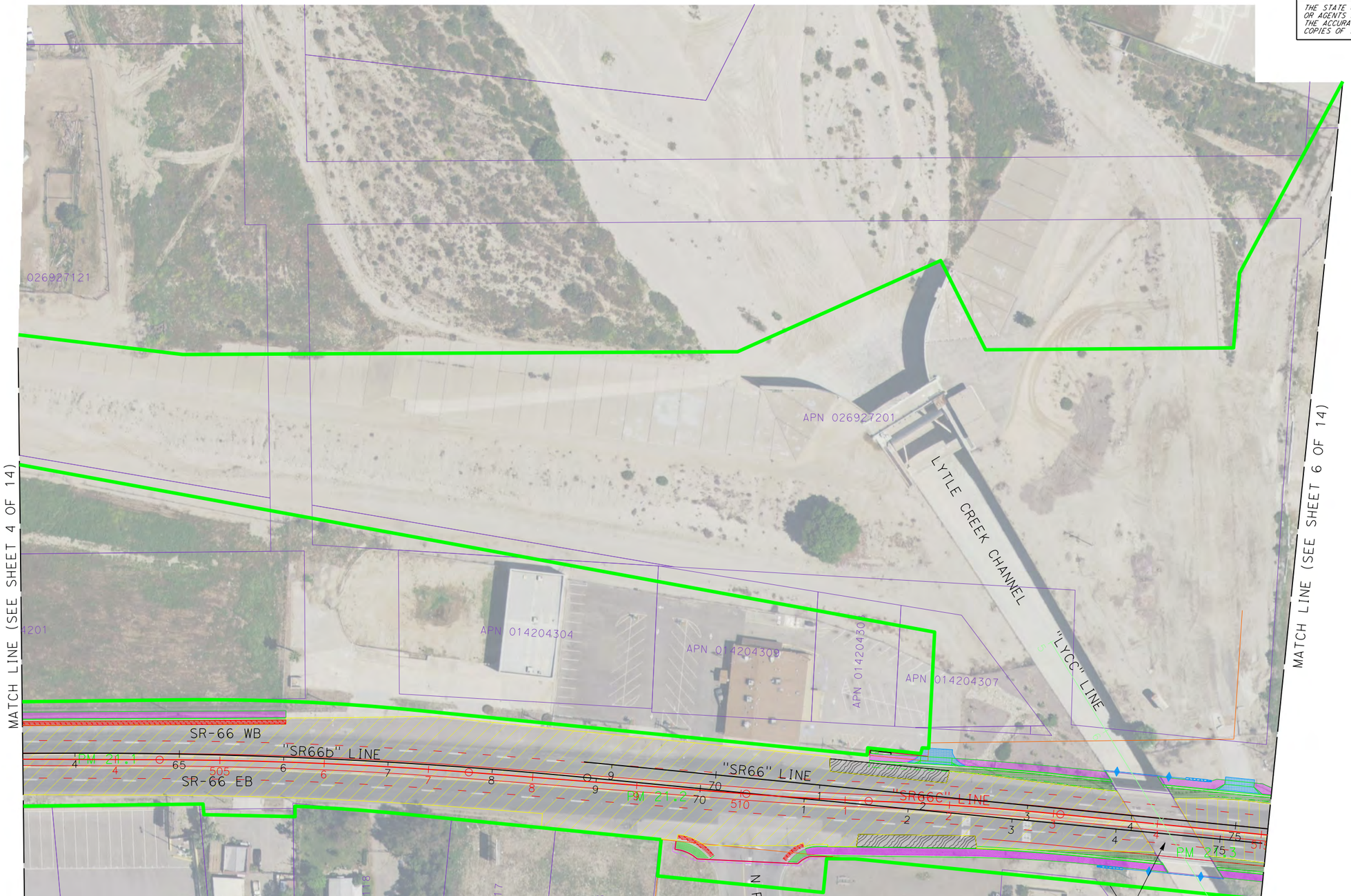

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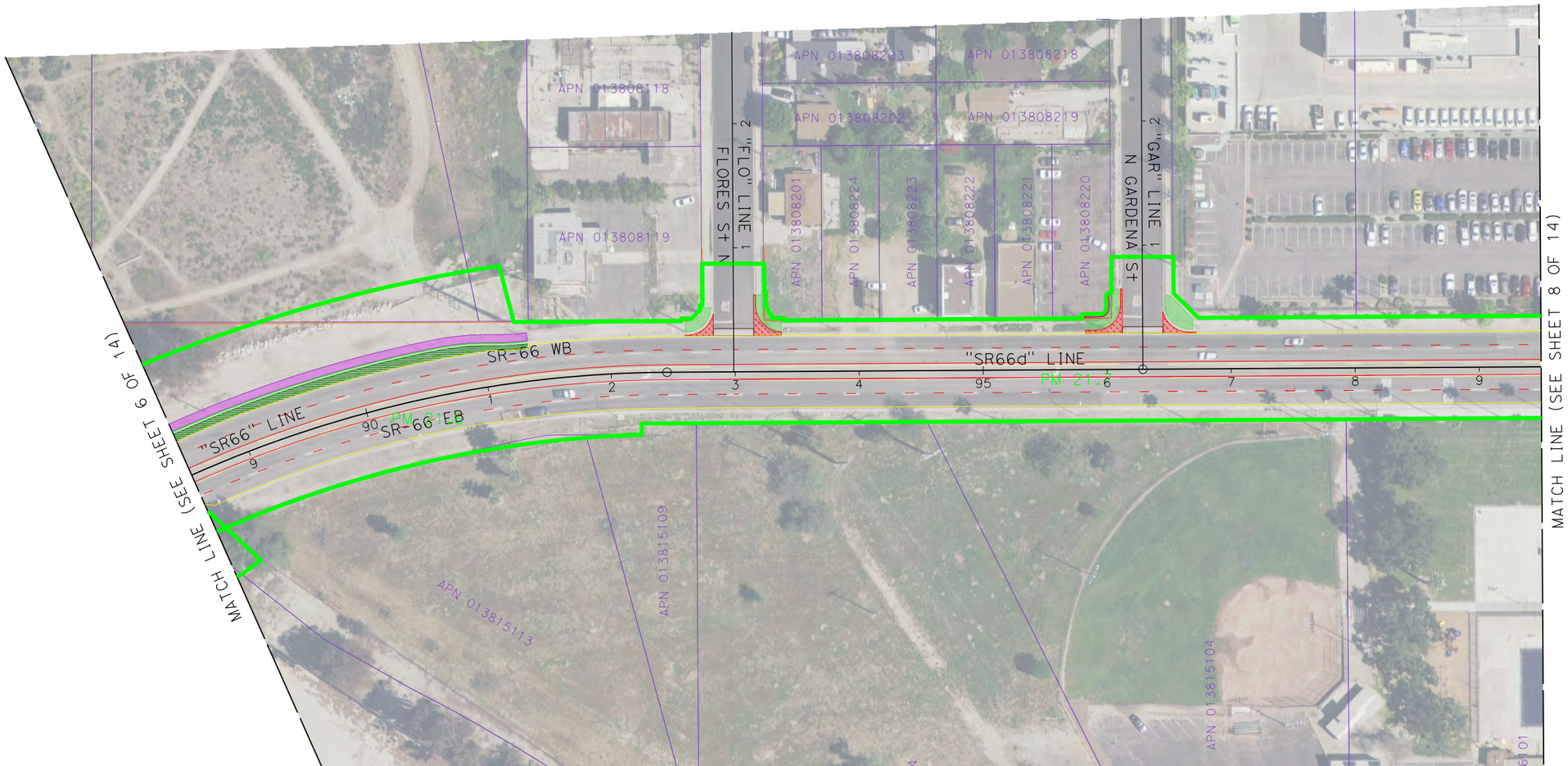

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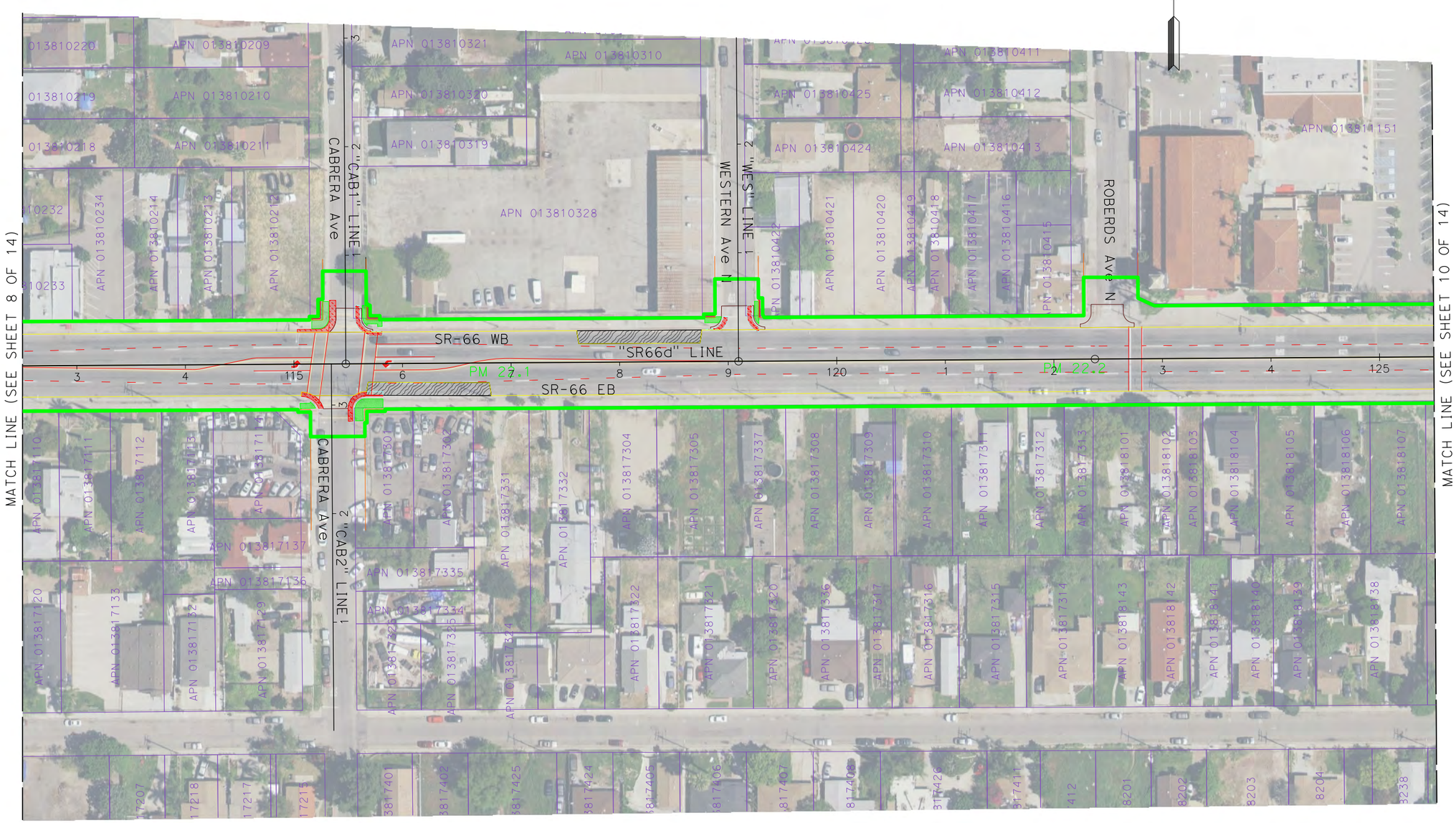

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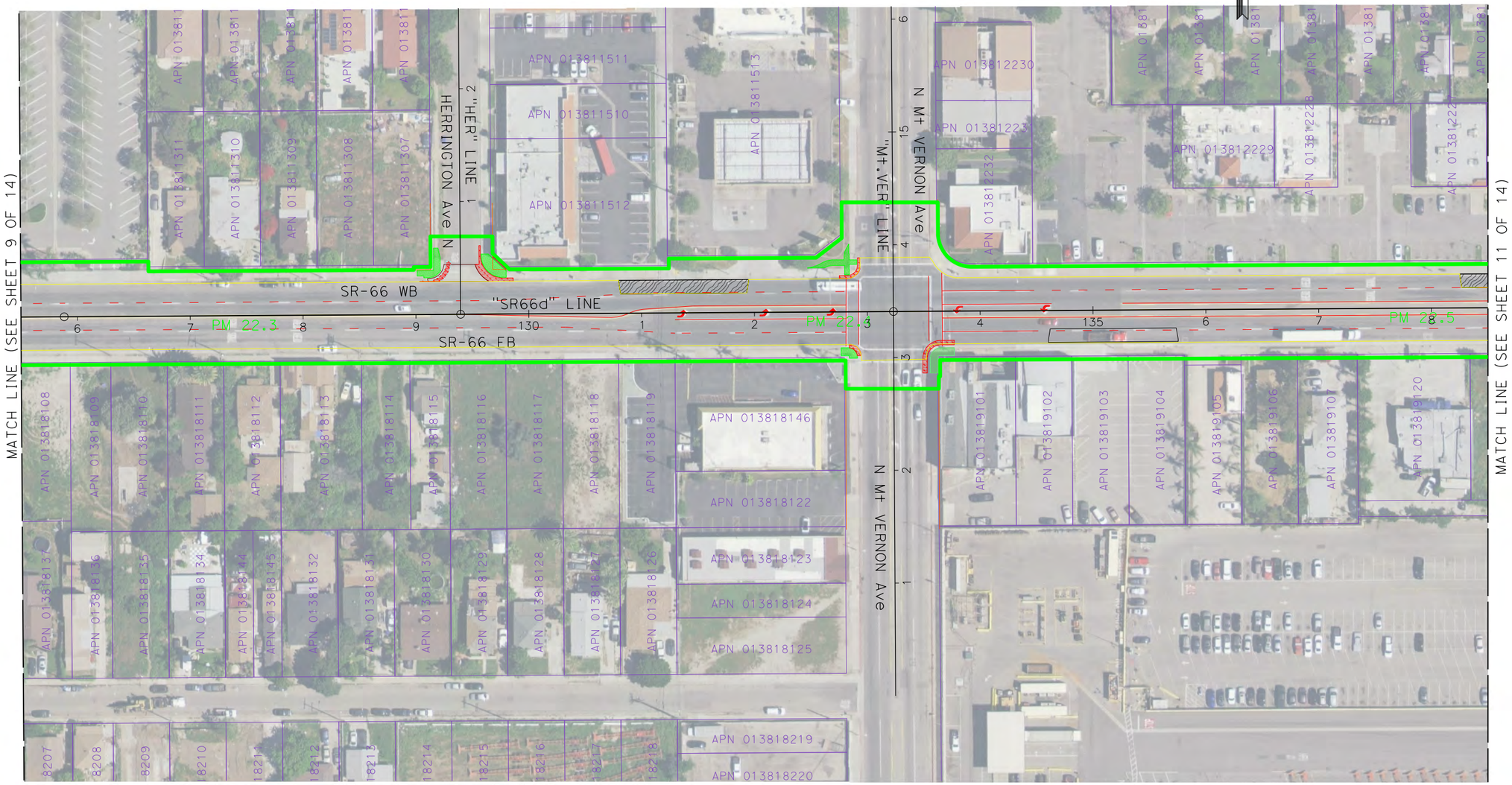

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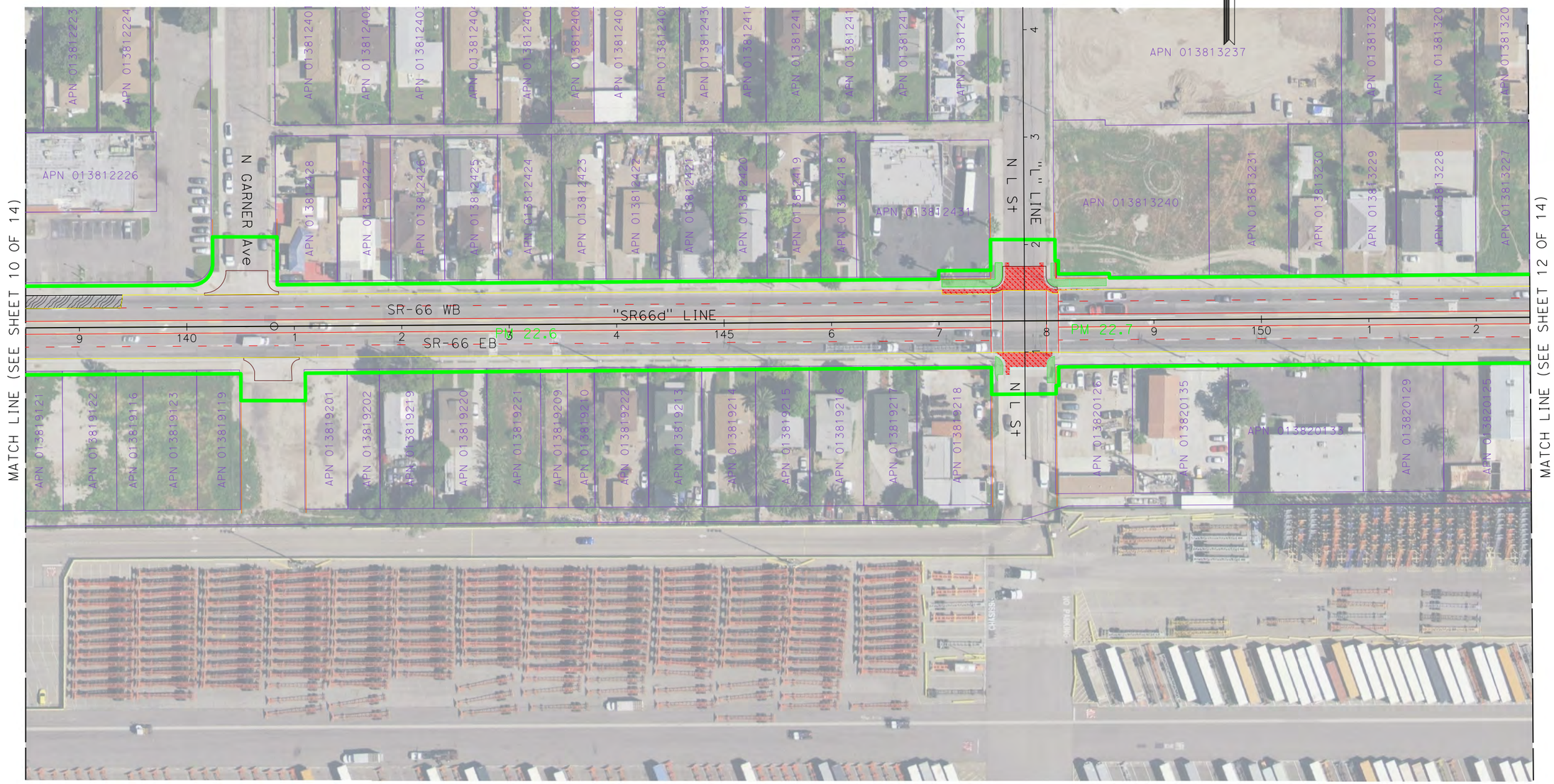

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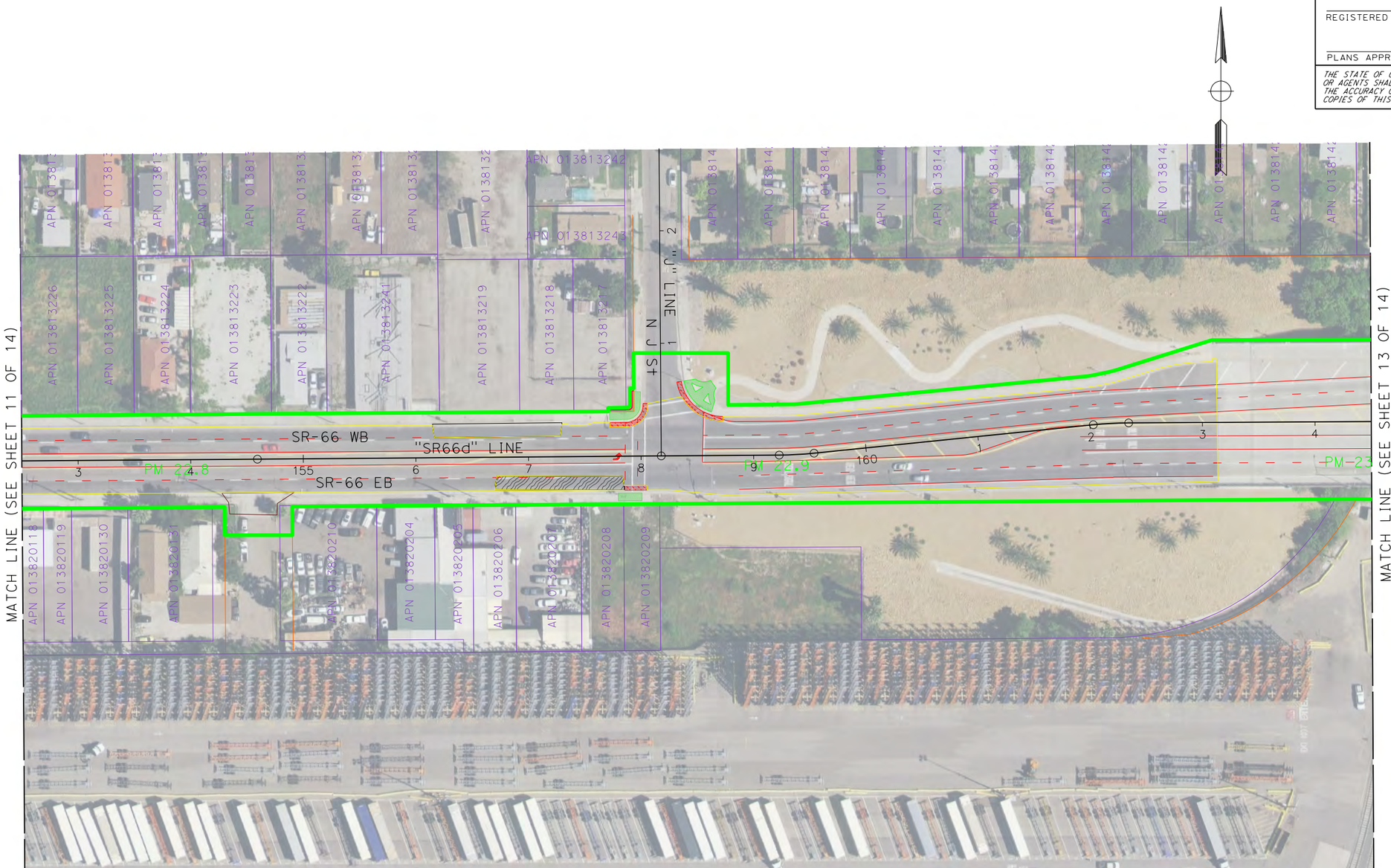

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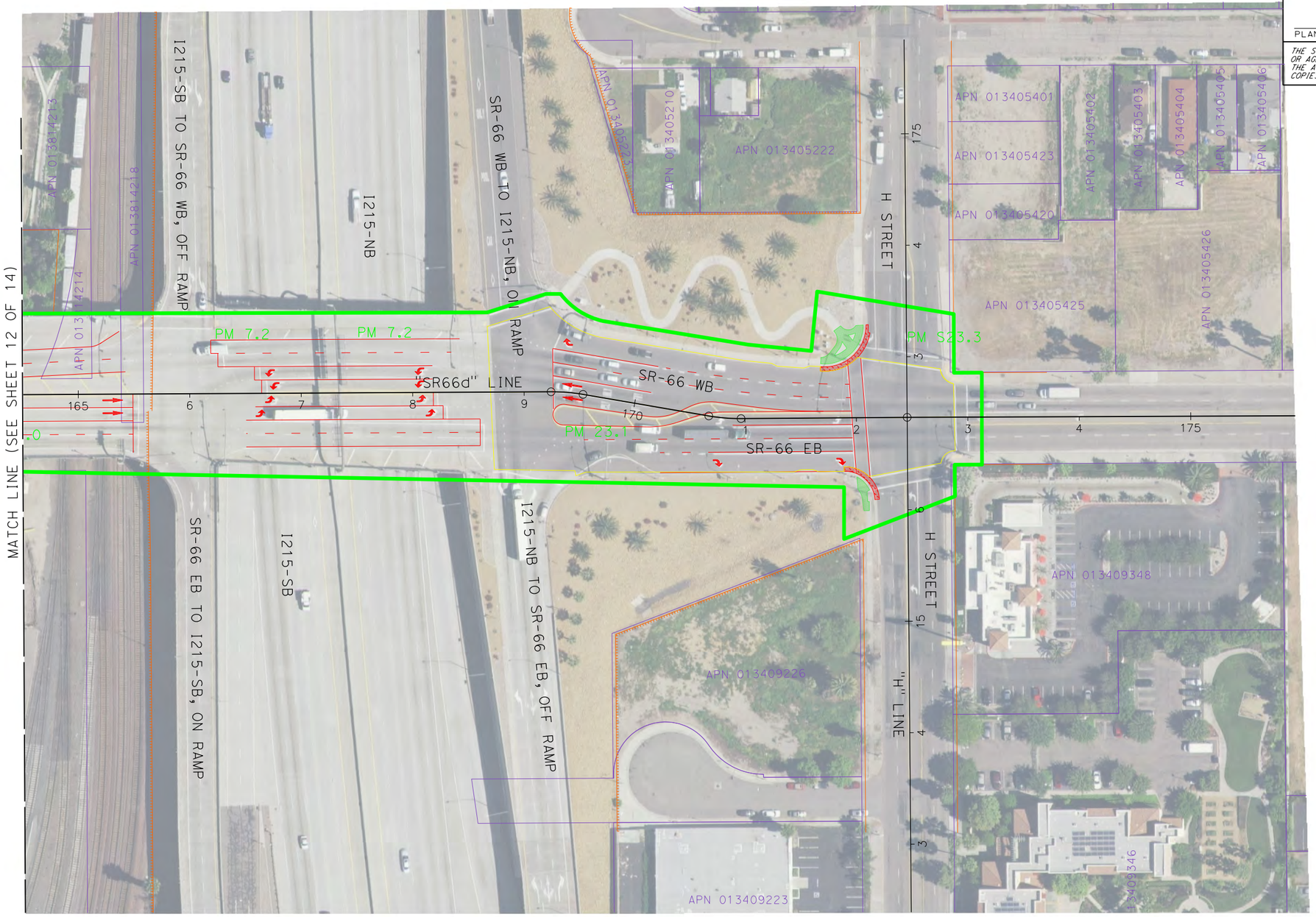

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Appendix B. Biological Table

Table 1: Listed, Proposed Species, Natural Communities, and Critical Habitat Potentially Occurring or Known to Occur in the Project Area (February 2022 Natural Environment Study [Minimal Impacts])

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status	General Habitat Description	Habitat Present / Absent	Rationale
Natural Communities					
Riversidian alluvial fan sage scrub	N/A	S1.1	Holland Classification Code: 32700 Sawyer-Keeler-Wolf equivalent: *Artemisia californica - Eriogonum fasciculatum* Shrubland Alliance Alluvial fan sage scrub is a threatened and rare natural community. A sub-type of coastal sage scrub, this habitat is found on alluvial fans and flood plains of the coastal side of the San Gabriel San Bernardino Mountains. Significant areas now occur only in San Bernardino County and include the Etiwanda Fan, Lytle Creek, Cajon Creek, and the Santa Ana River. Climatic conditions are similar to those for coastal sage scrub, but frequency and intensity of surface flooding occurs within the habitat. Soils include a complex, unsorted	HP	The BSA contains Riversidian alluvial fan sage scrub habitat. The PIA consists of the paved travel way, concrete lined channels and access roads, and previously disturbed areas and contains no suitable habitat.

			structure of alluvium composed of boulders, rocks and sands. Vegetation is less dense than coastal sage scrub when in river channels thar are subject to frequent flooding. The primary indicator plant is scale-broom (*Lepidospartum squamatum*). Alluvial Fan Sage Scrub communities have been severely altered by flood control activities that circumvent periodic flooding, leading to gradual conversion.		
Southern Cottonwood Willow Riparian Forest	N/A	S3.2	Holland Classification Code: 61330 Sawyer-Keeler-Wolf equivalent: Populus fremontii - Fraxinus velutina - Salix gooddingii Forest Alliance	A	The BSA does not contain suitable southern cottonwood willow riparian forest habitat.
Southern Riparian Scrub	N/A		This Habitat type has the same potential species composition as riparian forest, but at a younger successional stage, either because of a more recent disturbance or more frequent flooding (Faber and Keller 1985). In addition to the species listed in the description of riparian forest such as willow species, riparian scrub also may include mulefat.	A	The BSA does not contain southern riparian scrub habitat.

Plants					
Marsh sandwort	*Arenaria paludicola*	FE, SE, CNPS 1B.1	Inhabits freshwater marsh, marsh and swamp, and wetland habitats. Species grows through dense mats of Typha, Juncus, Scirpus, etc. in freshwater marsh and sandy soils at 3-170 meters (~10-558 feet) in elevation.	A	The BSA does not contain suitable freshwater marsh or wetland habitats capable of supporting this species.
Horn's milk-vetch	*Astragalus hornii* var. *hornii*	CNPS 1B.1	Inhabits alkali sink, and wetland-riparian habitats. Bloom Time: May to October	A	The BSA does not contain suitable alkali sink or wetland-riparian habitats capable of supporting this species.
bristly sedge	*Carex comosa*	CNPS 2B.1	Found on lake margins and wet places within coastal prairie; freshwater marsh; marsh and swamps; valley and foothill grasslands; and wetlands at -5-1,010 meters (~-15-3,320 feet) in elevation. One site is below sea level on a Delta island. Bloom Time: May to September	A	The BSA contains no marsh, swamp, or suitable wetland habitats capable of supporting this species.
smooth tarplant	*Centromadia pungens* ssp. *laevis*	CNPS 1B.1	Found in alkali playa; chenopod scrub; meadow and seep; riparian woodland; valley and foothill grassland; wetlands; and disturbed habitats at 5 to 1,170 meters	A	The BSA does not contain suitable alkali playa, alkali sink, chenopod scrub, meadow, seep, riparian, and wetland habitats capable of supporting this species.

			(~ 16-3,839 feet) in elevation. Bloom Time: April to September		
salt-marsh bird's beak	*Chloropyron maritimum* ssp. *maritimum*	FE. SE. CNPS 1B.2	Limited to higher zones of salt marsh habitat; species can be found in coastal dunes, marshes and swamp, salt marsh, and wetland habitats at 0-10 meters (~0-33 feet) in elevation. Bloom Time: May to October	A	The BSA does not contain suitable coastal salt marsh, dunes, and wetland habitats capable of supporting this species, and is above the species elevational range.
Parry's spineflower	*Chorizanthe parryi* var. *parryi*	CNPS 1B.1	Found in coastal scrub; chaparral; cismontane woodland; and valley and foothill grassland habitats, as well as dry and sandy-soiled slopes and flats, sometimes at the interface of 2 vegetation types such as chaparral and oak woodland, at 90-1,220 meters (~ 295-4,003 feet) in elevation. Bloom Time: May to June	HP	The BSA contains suitable coastal scrub habitat. The PIA consists of the paved travel way, concrete lined channels and access roads, and previously disturbed areas and contains no suitable habitat.
Peruvian dodder	*Cuscuta obtusiflora* var. *glandulosa*	CNPS 2B.2	Inhabits marshes and swamps (freshwater), freshwater marsh, and wetlands at 15-280 meters in elevation.	A	The BSA does not contain suitable freshwater marsh and wetland habitats capable of supporting this species.

			Bloom Time: July to October		
slender-horned spineflower	*Dodecahema leptoceras*	FE, SE, CNPS 1B.1	Found in chaparral, cismontane woodland, and alluvial fan sage scrub habitats, as well as flood-deposited terraces and washes with sandy soils. Associated vegetation includes *Encelia*, *Dalea*, *Lepidospartum*, etc. at 200-765 meters (~656-2,510 feet) in elevation. Bloom Time: May to June	HP	The BSA contains suitable alluvial fan sage scrub habitat and flood deposited terraces. The PIA consists of the paved travel way, concrete lined channels and access roads, and previously disturbed areas and contains no suitable habitat.
Santa Ana River woolly-star	*Eriastrum densifolium* ssp. *sanctorum*	FE, SE, CNPS 1B.1	Inhabits coastal scrub and chaparral habitats in sandy soils, river floodplains, or terraced fluvial deposits at 180-705 meters (~591-2,313 feet) in elevation. Bloom Period: May to September	HP	The BSA contains suitable coastal scrub, floodplains, and terraced fluvial deposits. The PIA consists of the paved travel way, concrete lined channels and access roads, and previously disturbed areas and contains no suitable habitat.
Alvin meadow bedstraw	*Galium californicum* ssp. *primum*	CNPS 1B.2	Inhabits chaparral and lower montane coniferous forest habitats. Species grows in the shade of trees and shrubs at the lower edge of the pine belt, in pine forest-chaparral ecotone. Occurs in	A	The BSA does not contain suitable habitat and is below the species elevational range.

			granitic, sandy soils at 1,460-1,830 (4,800-6,000 feet) meters in elevation. Bloom Time: May to July		
Los Angeles sunflower	*Helianthus nuttallii* ssp. *parishii*	CNPS 1A	Occurs in marshes and swamps (coastal salt and freshwater) and wetlands at 35-1,525 (115-5,000 feet) meters in elevation.	A	The BSA does not contain suitable coastal salt and freshwater marsh and wetland habitats capable of supporting this species.
mesa horkelia	*Horkelia cuneata* var. *puberula*	CNPS 1B.1	Found on sandy or gravelly sites within chaparral, cismontane woodland, and coastal scrub habitats at 15-1,645 meters (~ 49-5,397 feet) in elevation. Bloom Time: March to July	HP	The BSA contains potentially suitable coastal scrub habitat. The PIA consists of the paved travel way, concrete lined channels and access roads, and previously disturbed areas and contains no suitable habitat.
Robinson's pepper-grass	*Lepidium virginicum* var. *robinsonii*	CNPS 4.3	Found in chaparral and coastal sage scrub habitats with dry soils at 4-1,435 meters (~ 13-4,708 feet) in elevation. Bloom Time: March to June	HP	The BSA contains potentially suitable coastal scrub habitat. The PIA consists of the paved travel way, concrete lined channels and access roads, and previously disturbed areas and contains no suitable habitat.
Parish's desert-thorn	*Lycium parishii*	CNPS 2B.3	Inhabits coastal scrub and Sonoran Desert scrub at -3-570 meters (~ -10-1,870 feet) in elevation. Bloom Time: March to April	HP	The BSA contains potentially suitable coastal scrub habitat. The PIA consists of the paved travel way, concrete lined channels and access roads, and previously disturbed areas and contains no suitable habitat.

Parish's bush-mallow	*Malacothamnus parishii*	CNPS 1A	Inhabits coastal scrub and chaparral habitats. Bloom Time: June to July	HP	The BSA contains potentially suitable coastal scrub habitat. The PIA consists of the paved travel way, concrete lined channels and access roads, and previously disturbed areas and contains no suitable habitat.
Pringle's monardella	*Monardella pringlei*	CNPS 1A	Inhabits coastal sage scrub habitat. Range is mainly confined to southwestern San Bernardino County, CA. Bloom Time: May to June	HP	The BSA contains potentially suitable coastal scrub habitat. The PIA consists of the paved travel way, concrete lined channels and access roads, and previously disturbed areas and contains no suitable habitat.
Gambel's water cress	*Rorippa gambellii*	FE, ST, CNPS 1B.1	Known from southern California in Los Angeles, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties. Found in undisturbed, lake margins, streams, swamps, marshes, ponds, and wetlands. Bloom Time: April-October	A	The BSA does not contain suitable marsh and wetland habitats capable of supporting this species.
Parish's gooseberry	*Ribes divaricatum* var. *parishii*	CNPS 1A	Found in wetland-riparian and coastal sage scrub habitats. Bloom Time: February to April	HP	The BSA contains potentially suitable coastal scrub habitat. The PIA consists of the paved travel way, concrete lined channels and access roads, and previously disturbed areas and contains no suitable habitat.
chaparral ragwort	*Senecio aphanactis*	CNPS 2B.2	Inhabits chaparral, cismontane woodland, and coastal scrub habitats on drying alkaline flats at 20-	A	The BSA does not contain suitable drying alkaline flats capable of supporting this species.

			1,020 meters (~66-3,346 feet) in elevation. Bloom Time: February to May		
salt spring checkerbloom	*Sidalcea neomexicana*	CNPS 2B.2	Occurs within playas; chaparral; coastal scrub; lower montane coniferous forest; wetlands; and Mojavean desert scrub, especially within alkali springs and marshes at 3-2,380 (~10-7,800 Feet) meters in elevation. Bloom Time: April to June	A	The BSA does not contain suitable playas, wetland, and alkali springs and marshes capable of supporting this species.
prairie wedge grass	*Sphenopholis obtusata*	CNPS 2B.2	Occurs in cismontane woodland, meadows, seeps, along rivers and springs and alkaline desert seeps at 15-2,625 meters (~10-8,625 feet) in elevation. Bloom Time: April to July	A	The BSA does not contain suitable cismontane woodland, meadows, and alkaline seeps and springs capable of supporting this species.
San Bernardino aster	*Symphyotrichum defoliatum*	CNPS 1B.2	Inhabits meadows and seeps, cismontane woodland, coastal scrub, lower montane coniferous forest, marshes and swamps, and valley and foothill grassland habitats. Occurs in vernally mesic grassland or near	A	The BSA does not contain suitable meadows, seeps, marshes, and wetland habitats capable of supporting this species.

			ditches, streams and springs, and disturbed areas at 3-2,045 meters (~10-6,709 feet) in elevation. Bloom Time: July to November		
San Diego ambrosia	*Ambrosia pumila*	FE, CNPS 1B.1	Occurs in the valleys of chaparral, coastal scrub, and valley and foothill grassland habitats within sandy loam, clay, and (sometimes) alkaline soils. Found on margins or near vernal pools or artificially disturbed areas at 3-580 meters (~10-11,745 feet) in elevation. Bloom Time: April to October	HP	The BSA contains potentially suitable coastal scrub habitat and artificially disturbed areas. The PIA consists of the paved travel way, concrete lined channels and access roads, and previously disturbed areas and contains no suitable habitat.
thread-leaved brodiaea	*Brodiaea filifolia*	FT, SE, CNPS 1B.1	Found in chaparral (openings); cismontane woodland; coastal scrub; playas; valley and foothill grassland; vernal pool; and wetland habitats but is typically associated with annual grassland and vernal pools. Often surrounded by shrubland habitats in openings on clay soils	HP	The BSA contains potentially suitable coastal scrub habitat and artificially disturbed areas. The PIA consists of the paved travel way, concrete lined channels and access roads, and previously disturbed areas and contains no suitable habitat.

			at 15-1,030 meters (~49-3,379 feet) in elevation. Bloom Time: March to June		
western spleenwort	*Asplenium vespertinum*	CNPS 4.2	Planted in soil or on rocks. Found in shaded, moist, calcareous rock outcrops, such as limestone, dolomite, or shale cliffs, and talus slopes, escarpments, and boulder-strewn woodlands at (200-1000 meters) in elevation. Bloom Time: February to June	A	No suitable habitat is present within the BSA. The historic record does not indicate any observed records in the BSA.
Nevin's barberry	*Berberis nevinii*	FE, SE, CNPS 1B.1	Found on steep, north-facing slopes or in low grade sandy washes. Inhabits chaparral, cismontane woodland, coastal scrub, and riparian scrub (CNDDB 2019); species naturally occurs at elevations below 650 meters in elevation (Jepson Interchange 2012). Bloom Time: March to May	HP	The BSA contains potentially suitable coastal scrub habitat and artificially disturbed areas. The PIA consists of the paved travel way, concrete lined channels and access roads, and previously disturbed areas and contains no suitable habitat.
Catalina mariposa lily	*Calochortus catalinae*	CNPS 4.2	Inhabits valley and foothill grassland,	HP	The BSA contains potentially suitable coastal scrub habitat and artificially disturbed areas. The PIA consists of the paved travel way, concrete lined channels and access roads,

			chaparral, coastal scrub, and cismontane woodland habitats in heavy soils, open slopes, and openings in brush at 15-700 meters (~49-2,297 feet) in elevation. Bloom Time: March to May		and previously disturbed areas and contains no suitable habitat.
Palmer's mariposa-lily	*Calochortus palmeri var. palmeri*	CNPS 1B.2	Inhabits meadows and seeps, chaparral, and lower montane coniferous forest habitats in vernally moist places within yellow-pine forest and chaparral at 195-2,530 meters (~640-7,710 feet) in elevation. Bloom Time: May to July	A	The BSA does not contain suitable meadows, seeps, chaparral and lower montane coniferous forest habitats capable of supporting this species.
Plummer's mariposa-lily	*Calochortus plummerae*	CNPS 4.2	Occurs in coastal scrub, chaparral, valley and foothill grassland, cismontane woodland, and lower montane coniferous forest habitat on rocky and sandy sites, usually of granitic or alluvial material at 60-2,500 meters (~197-8,202 feet) in elevation.	HP	The BSA contains potentially suitable coastal scrub habitat and artificially disturbed areas. The PIA consists of the paved travel way, concrete lined channels and access roads, and previously disturbed areas and contains no suitable habitat.

			Can be very common after fire. Bloom Time: May to July		
La Panza mariposa-lily	*Calochortus simulans*	CNPS 1B.3	Found in sand (often granitic), grassland to yellow-pine forest at < 1100 meters in elevation. Bloom Time: April to June	A	The historic records do not indicate any observed species to occur within the BSA. Suitable habitat is absent within the BSA.
San Bernardino Mountains owl's-clover	*Castilleja lasiorhyncha*	CNPS 1B.2	Inhabits chaparral, meadows and seeps, pebble plain, pavement plain, upper montane coniferous forest, riparian woodland, and wetland habitats. Can be found in Mesic to drying soils in open areas of stream and meadow margins or in vernally wet areas at 1,140-2,320 meters (~3,740-7,612 feet) in elevation. Bloom Time: May to August	A	The BSA does not contain suitable meadows, seeps, chaparral, riparian woodland and wetland habitats capable of supporting this species.
Peninsular spineflower	*Chorizanthe leptotheca*	CNPS 4.2	Occurs in chaparral, coastal scrub, lower montane coniferous forest habitats on granitic soils within	HP	The BSA contains potentially suitable coastal scrub habitat and artificially disturbed areas. The PIA consists of the paved travel way, concrete lined channels and access roads, and previously disturbed areas and contains no suitable habitat.

			alluvial fans at 300-1,900 meters (~984-6,234 feet) in elevation. Bloom Time: May to August		
Southern Sierra woolly sunflower	*Eriophyllum lanatum var. obovatum*	CNPS 4.3	Found in open conifer forest; at 1300--2500 meters in elevation. Bloom Time: June to July	A	The BSA does not contain suitable open conifer forest habitat capable of supporting this species.
hot springs fimbristylis	*Fimbristylis thermalis*	CNPS 2B.2	Found in wet mineralized soils near hot springs and in seepage meadows; at 110--1340 meters in elevation. Bloom Time: July to September	A	The BSA does not contain suitable hot spring habitat capable of supporting this species.
Pine green-gentian	*Frasera neglecta*	CNPS 4.3	Found in dry, open woodland; at 1400--2500 meters in elevation. Bloom Time: May to July	A	The BSA does not contain suitable habitat capable of supporting this species.
California satintail	*Imperata brevifolia*	CNPS 2B.1	Occurs in coastal scrub; chaparral; riparian scrub; Mojavean desert scrub; meadows and seeps (alkali); riparian scrub; and wetland habitats. Found in mesic	A	The BSA does not contain suitable meadows, seeps, and wetland habitats capable of supporting this species.

			sites, alkali seeps, and riparian areas at 3-1,495 meters in elevation. Bloom Time: September to May		
southern California black walnut	*Juglans californica*	CNPS 4.2	Chaparral, coastal scrub, cismontane woodland, and riparian woodland on slopes, canyons, and alluvial habitats at 50-900 meters (~164-2,953 feet) in elevation. Bloom Time: March to May	A	The BSA does not contain suitable habitat capable of supporting this species.
Duran's rush	*Juncus duranii*	CNPS 4.3	Occurs in creek banks, wet places, in montane conifer forest; at 1800--2750 meters in elevation. Bloom Time: July to August	A	The BSA does not contain suitable habitat capable of supporting this species.
ocellated Humboldt lily	*Lilium humboldtii ssp. ocellatum*	CNPS 4.2	Found in oak canyons, chaparral, yellow-pine forest; at < 1800 meters in elevation. Bloom Time: March to August	A	The BSA does not contain suitable oak canyons habitats capable of supporting this species.
California muhly	*Muhlenbergia californica*	CNPS 4.3	Usually found near streams or seeps within coastal scrub,	A	The BSA does not contain suitable habitat capable of supporting this species. The historic record does not indicate species to occur within the BSA.

			chaparral, lower montane coniferous forest, and meadows and seeps at 100-2,000 meters (~328-6,562 feet) in elevation. Bloom Time: June to September		
black bog-rush	*Schoenus nigricans*	CNPS 2B.2	Inhabits alkaline marshes, swamps, and wetlands at 120-1,525 meters (~394-5,003 feet) in elevation. Bloom Time: August to September	A	The BSA does not contain suitable alkaline marshes, swamps and wetland habitats capable of supporting this species.
Laguna Mountains jewel flower	*Streptanthus bernardinus*	CNPS 4.3	Inhabits chaparral, lower montane coniferous forest, and upper montane coniferous forest within clay or decomposed granite soils, sometimes in disturbed areas such as streamsides or roadcuts, at 1,440-2,500 meters (~4,724-8,202 feet) in elevation. Bloom Time: June to August	A	The BSA does not contain suitable habitat capable of supporting this species.
southern jewelflower	*Streptanthus campestris*	CNPS 1B.3	Found within open, rocky areas in chaparral lower montane coniferous forest, and	A	The BSA does not contain suitable habitat capable of supporting this species.

			pinyon and juniper woodlands at 605-2,590 meters (~1,985-8,497 feet) in elevation. Bloom Time: May to June		
Invertebrates					
Crotch bumble bee	*Bombus crotchii*	SCE	Inhabits coastal California, east to the Sierra-Cascade crest, and south into Mexico. Food preference includes *Antirrhinum, Phacelia, Clarkia, Dendromeco, Eschscholzia*, and *Eriogonum* species.	HP	The BSA contains suitable coastal scrub habitat primarily composed of CA buckwheat. The PIA consists of the paved travel way, concrete lined channels and access roads, and previously disturbed areas and contains no suitable habitat.
quino checkerspot butterfly	*Euphydryas editha quino*	FE	Found in chaparral and coastal sage shrub habitats in parts of Riverside and San Diego counties, especially within sunny openings and a high density of Plantago erecta, P. insularis, and Orthocarpus purpurescens.	A	The BSA is outside of the species current range.
Delhi Sands flower-loving fly	*Rhaphiomidas terminatus abdominalis*	FE	Inhabits interior dunes. Found only in areas of the Delhi Sands formation in southwestern San Bernardino and northwestern Riverside counties. Requires fine, sandy soils, often with wholly or partly consolidated dunes and sparse vegetation.	A	The BSA does not contain suitable interior dunes composed of Delhi Sands formation capable of supporting this species.

			Oviposition requires shade.		
Monarch butterfly	*Danaus plexippus*	FC	It inhabits open fields and meadows with milkweed. The iconic black and orange monarch butterfly is known for its astonishing long-distance annual migration and reliance on milkweed as its obligate larval host plant.	A	The BSA does not contain the obligate larval host plant. Suitable habitat is absent from the BSA.
White cuckoo bee	*Neolarra alba*	No Formal Status	Known only from localities in Southern California, this species is cleptoparasitic in the nests of perdita bees (CNDDB 2020). Neolarra is a genus of small bees. It historically occurs from Southern California east to Tennessee and Georgia, and from Alberta south to northern Mexico. Habitat includes xeric conditions of southwestern and midwestern United States (Shanks 1977).	A	The BSA does not contain suitable habitat capable of supporting this species.
Fish					
Santa Ana sucker	*Catostomus santaanae*	FT	Found in aquatic, south coast flowing waters. Endemic to Los Angeles Basin south coastal streams. A habitat generalist that prefers sand-rubble-boulder bottoms, cool, clear water, and algae.	A	Perennial waters necessary for obligate-aquatic fish species, fish passage, and/or spawning habitat are absent from the BSA.

arroyo chub	*Gila orcuttii*	SSC	An aquatic species that inhabits South coast flowing waters. It is native to streams from Malibu Creek to the San Luis Rey River basin. Introduced into streams in Santa Clara, Ventura, Santa Ynez, Mojave & San Diego river basins. Can be found in slow water stream sections with mud or sand bottoms. Feeds heavily on aquatic vegetation and associated invertebrates.	A	Perennial waters necessary for obligate-aquatic fish species, fish passage, and/or spawning habitat are absent from the BSA.
steelhead southern California DPS	*Oncorhynchus mykiss irideus* pop. 10	FE	An aquatic species that inhabits South coast flowing waters. Federal listing refers to populations from Santa Maria River south to southern extent of range (San Mateo Creek in San Diego County). Southern steelhead likely have greater physiological tolerances to warmer water and more variable conditions.	A	Perennial waters necessary for obligate-aquatic fish species, fish passage, and/or spawning habitat are absent from the BSA.
Amphibians					

western spadefoot	*Spea hammondii*	SSC	Inhabits cismontane woodland; coastal scrub; valley & foothill grassland; vernal pools; and wetland habitats. Occurs primarily in grassland habitats but can be found in valley-foothill hardwood woodlands. Vernal pools are essential for breeding and egg-laying.	A	The BSA does not contain suitable aquatic breeding vernal pool and wetland habitats capable of supporting this species.
Reptiles					
Southern California legless lizard	*Anniella stebbinsi*	SSC	Found in a variety of habitats including broadleaved upland forest; chaparral; and coastal scrub habitats, south of the Transverse Range and extending to northwestern Baja California. Occurs in moist, sandy, or loose loamy soils under sparse vegetation. Soil preference is high moisture soils.	HP	The BSA contains suitable coastal scrub habitat. The PIA consists of the paved travel way, concrete lined channels and access roads, and previously disturbed areas and contains no suitable habitat.
California glossy snake	*Arizona elegans occidentalis*	SSC	Patchily distributed in the southern San Joaquin Valley, Transverse and Peninsular ranges, and south to Baja California. Species is a generalist reported from a range of	HP	The BSA contains suitable grassland and coastal scrub habitats. The PIA consists of the paved travel way, concrete lined channels and access roads, and previously disturbed areas and contains no suitable habitat.

			scrub and grassland habitats, often with loose or sandy soils.		
orange-throated whiptail	*Aspidoscelis hyperythra*	WL	Inhabits low-elevation coastal scrub; chaparral; cismontane woodland; and valley-foothill hardwood habitats. Prefers washes and other sandy areas with patches of brush and rocks. Perennial plants are necessary for termites, its main food source.	HP	The BSA contains suitable coastal scrub habitat. The PIA consists of the paved travel way, concrete lined channels and access roads, and previously disturbed areas and contains no suitable habitat.
coastal whiptail	*Aspidoscelis tigris stejnegeri*	SSC	Found in deserts and semi-arid areas with sparse vegetation and open areas. Also found in woodland & riparian areas within firm, sandy, or rocky substrate.	HP	The BSA contains suitable coastal scrub and riparian areas. The PIA consists of the paved travel way, concrete lined channels and access roads, and previously disturbed areas and contains no suitable habitat.
San Diego banded gecko	*Coleonyx variegatus abbotti*	SSC	Inhabits coastal and cismontane habitats in southern California. Found in granite or rocky outcrops in coastal scrub and chaparral habitats.	A	The BSA does not contain suitable coastal scrub or chaparral habitats with granite or rocky outcrops capable of supporting this species. The BSA is generally regarded as outside of the species range.
red-diamond rattlesnake	*Crotalus ruber*	SSC	Occurs in chaparral; Mojavean desert scrub; Sonoran Desert scrub; woodland; grassland; and desert areas, often in rocky and dense vegetation, from coastal	A	The BSA is generally regarded as outside of the species range, suitable habitat features lacking.

			San Diego County to the eastern slopes of the mountains. Needs rodent burrows, cracks in rocks or surface cover objects.		
coast horned lizard	*Phrynosoma blainvillii*	SSC	Frequents a variety of habitats, including chaparral; cismontane woodland; coastal bluff scrub; coastal scrub; desert wash; pinon & juniper woodlands; riparian scrub; riparian woodland; and valley & foothill grassland habitats. Most common in lowlands along sandy washes with scattered low bushes.	HP	The BSA contains suitable coastal scrub, grassland, and riparian habitats. The PIA consists of the paved travel way, concrete lined channels and access roads, and previously disturbed areas and contains no suitable habitat.
southern rubber boa	*Charina umbratica*	ST	Found within meadow and seep, riparian forest, riparian woodland, wetland, and upper montane coniferous forest habitats. Known from the San Bernardino and San Jacinto mountains. Species is found in a variety of montane forest habitats, including in the vicinity of streams or wet meadows. Species requires loose, moist soil for burrowing;	A	The BSA does not contain suitable habitat to support this species.

			seeks cover in rotting logs, rock outcrops, and under surface litter (CNDDB 2019).		
southern mountain yellow-legged frog	*Rana muscosa*	FE, SE	Highly aquatic; species is always encountered within a few feet of water. Tadpoles may require 2 - 4 years to complete their aquatic development.	A	No suitable habitat within the Proposed Project limits.
Birds					
tricolored blackbird	*Agelaius tricolor*	ST, SSC	Largely endemic to California. Inhabits freshwater marsh, marsh and swamp, swamp, and wetland habitats. Species is highly colonial and most numerous in the Central Valley & vicinity. Species requires open water, protected nesting substrate, and foraging area with insect prey within a few kilometers of the colony.	A	The BSA does not contain suitable freshwater marsh and wetland habitats capable of supporting this species.
southern California rufous-crowned sparrow	*Aimophila ruficeps canescens*	WL	A resident in Southern California coastal sage scrub and sparse mixed chaparral habitat. Frequents relatively steep, often rocky hillsides with grass and forb patches.	HP	The BSA contains marginally suitable coastal scrub habitat (low potential). The PIA consists of the paved travel way, concrete lined channels and access roads, and previously disturbed areas and contains no suitable habitat.

Bell's sage sparrow	*Artemisiospiza belli belli*	WL	Primarily nests in chaparral habitat dominated by fairly dense stands of chamise. Found in coastal sage scrub in south of range. Species is a ground-nester that nests beneath shrubs or in a shrub 6-18 inches above ground. Territories are about 50 yards apart.	HP	The BSA contains marginally suitable coastal scrub habitat (low potential). The PIA consists of the paved travel way, concrete lined channels and access roads, and previously disturbed areas and contains no suitable habitat.
burrowing owl	*Athene cunicularia*	SSC, BLM Sensitive	Found within coastal prarie; coastal scrub; Great Basin grassland; Great Basin scrub; Mojavean desert scrub; Sonora desert scrub; and valley and foothill grassland, often within dry annual or perennial grasslands, deserts, and scrublands with low-growing vegetation; depends on other mammal burrows, particularly the California ground squirrel.	HP	The BSA contains suitable coastal scrub and grassland habitats. The PIA consists of the paved travel way, concrete lined channels and access roads, and previously disturbed areas and contains no suitable habitat. California ground squirrels were observed in the BSA near Terrace Road, burrowing owl is known for using ground squirrel burrows for shelter and nesting.
Swainson's hawk	*Buteo swainsoni*	ST	Inhabits Great Basin grassland, riparian forest, riparian woodland, and valley and foothill grassland habitats. Species	HP	The BSA contains suitable grassland habitat. Nesting potential low as BSA is considered within its historic range. The PIA consists of the paved travel way, concrete lined channels and access roads, and previously disturbed areas and contains no suitable habitat.

			breeds in grasslands with scattered trees, juniper-sage flats, riparian areas, savannahs, & agricultural or ranch lands with groves or lines of trees. Requires adjacent suitable foraging areas such as grasslands, or alfalfa or grain fields supporting rodent populations.		
western yellow-billed cuckoo	*Coccyzus americanus occidentalis*	FT, SE, WL	Found within riparian forest. A riparian forest nester that nests along broad, lower flood-bottoms of larger river systems. Species nests in riparian jungles of willow, often mixed with cottonwoods, with lower story of blackberry, nettles, or wild grape.	A	The BSA does not contain suitable riparian forest capable of supporting this species.
southwestern willow flycatcher	*Empidonax traillii extimus*	FE, SE	Occurs within riparian woodlands of Southern California.	A	The BSA does not contain suitable riparian woodland habitat capable of supporting this species.
merlin	*Falco columbarius*	WL	Found within estuary, Great Basin grassland, and valley and foothill grassland habitats. Can be found near the seacoast, tidal estuaries, open woodlands, savannahs, edges of grasslands	HP	The BSA contains suitable grassland habitat. The PIA consists of the paved travel way, concrete lined channels and access roads, and previously disturbed areas and contains no suitable habitat.

			and deserts, and farms & ranches. Clumps of trees or windbreaks are required for roosting in open country.		
California black rail	*Laterallus jamaicensis coturniculus*	ST, WL, FP	Inhabits brackish marsh, freshwater marsh, marsh and swamp, salt marsh, and wetland habitats. Inhabits freshwater marshes, wet meadows and shallow margins of saltwater marshes bordering larger bays. Needs water depths of about 1 inch that do not fluctuate during the year and dense vegetation for nesting habitat.	A	The BSA does not contain suitable marsh and wetland habitats capable of supporting this species. The PIA consists of the paved travel way, concrete lined channels and access roads, and previously disturbed areas and contains no suitable habitat.
coastal California gnatcatcher	*Polioptila californica californica*	FT, SSC	Found in low, coastal sage scrub or coastal bluff scrub within arid washes on top of mesas and slopes. An obligate, permanent resident of coastal sage scrub below 2,500 feet in Southern California. Not all areas classified as coastal sage scrub are occupied.	HP	The BSA contains marginal coastal scrub habitat (low potential). The PIA consists of the paved travel way, concrete lined channels and access roads, and previously disturbed areas and contains no suitable habitat.
least Bell's vireo	*Vireo bellii pusillus*	FE, SE	A summer resident of Southern California within riparian forest, riparian scrub, or	A	The BSA does not contain suitable riparian habitat capable of supporting this species.

			riparian woodland habitats; nests are along margins of bushes or twigs projecting into pathways, usually willow, *Baccharis*, or mesquite species, in low riparian in vicinity of water or in dry river bottoms below 2,000 feet in elevation.		
California Condor	*Gymnogyps californianus*	FE, SE, FP	Inhabits chaparral and valley and foothill grassland habitats. It requires vast expanses of open savannah, grasslands, and foothill chaparral in mountain ranges of moderate altitude. Deep canyons containing clefts in the rocky walls provide nesting sites. Condors forage up to 100 miles from the nest.	A	The BSA does not contain suitable nesting habitat capable of supporting this species.
Mammals					
northwestern San Diego pocket mouse	*Chaetodipus fallax fallax*	SSC	A western San Diego county resident, inhabits coastal scrub, chaparral, grassland, sagebrush, and other habitat types with sandy, herbaceous areas associated with rocks or coarse gravel.	HP	The BSA contains potentially suitable coastal scrub and grassland habitats. The PIA consists of the paved travel way, concrete lined channels and access roads, and previously disturbed areas and contains no suitable habitat.

San Bernardino kangaroo rat	*Dipodomys merriami parvus*	FE, SCE, SSC	Found within coastal sage scrub and alluvial scrub vegetation on sandy loam substrates that is characteristic of alluvial fans and floodplains. Needs early to intermediate seral stages.	HP, CH	The BSA contains suitable alluvial scrub habitat and CNDDB documented occurrences. The PIA consists of the paved travel way, concrete lined channels and access roads, and previously disturbed areas and contains no suitable habitat.
Stephen's kangaroo rat	*Dipodomys stephensi*	FE, ST	Occurs primarily in coastal scrub and valley and foothill grassland habitat, as well as sagebrush with sparse canopic cover. Prefers buckwheat, chamise, brome grass and filaree species. Will burrow into firm soil.	HP	The BSA contains marginal coastal scrub habitat (low potential). The PIA consists of the paved travel way, concrete lined channels and access roads, and previously disturbed areas and contains no suitable habitat.
western mastiff bat	*Eumops perotis californicus*	SSC	Found in many open, semi-arid to arid habitats, including conifer & deciduous woodlands, coastal scrub, grasslands, chaparral, etc. Roosts in crevices in cliff faces, high buildings, trees, and tunnels.	HP	The BSA contains suitable coastal scrub and grassland habitats. The PIA consists of the paved travel way, concrete lined channels and access roads, and previously disturbed areas and contains no suitable habitat.

western yellow bat	*Lasiurus xanthinus*	SSC	Found in many open, semi-arid to arid habitats, including conifer & deciduous woodlands, coastal scrub, grasslands, chaparral, etc. Roosts in crevices in cliff faces, high buildings, trees and tunnels.	HP	The BSA contains suitable coastal scrub and grassland habitats. The PIA consists of the paved travel way, concrete lined channels and access roads, previously disturbed areas, tree removal, and may include fan palms due to close proximity to the PIA at Little League Drive OC Bridge. Western yellow bat is known for roosting within palm skirts.
San Diego black-tailed jackrabbit	*Lepus californicus bennettii*	SSC	Inhabits coastal sage scrub habitats in Southern California. Intermediate canopy stages of shrub habitats, open shrub/herbaceous, and tree/herbaceous edges.	HP	The BSA contains suitable coastal scrub habitat. The PIA consists of the paved travel way, concrete lined channels and access roads, and previously disturbed areas and contains no suitable habitat.
pocketed free-tailed bat	*Nyctinomops femorosaccus*	SSC	Inhabits a variety of arid areas in Southern California, including pinyon-juniper woodlands, Sonoran Desert scrub, palm oasis, desert wash, desert riparian, Joshua tree woodland, and riparian scrub habitats.	HP	The BSA contains potentially suitable riparian and Riversidian alluvial fan sage scrub habitats. The PIA consists of the paved travel way, concrete lined channels and access roads, and previously disturbed areas and contains no suitable habitat.
southern grasshopper mouse	*Onychomys torridus ramona*	SSC	Found in chenopod scrub, preferably low to moderate shrub cover, within desert areas, especially with friable soils for digging. Feeds almost exclusively on arthropods, especially scorpions and orthopteran insects.	HP	The BSA contains potentially suitable coastal scrub habitat (low potential). The PIA consists of the paved travel way, concrete lined channels and access roads, and previously disturbed areas and contains no suitable habitat.

Los Angeles pocket mouse	*Perognathus longimembris brevinasus*	SSC	Occurs in coastal scrub habitat, lower elevation grasslands, and coastal sage communities within the Los Angeles Basin. Prefers open ground with fine, sandy soils. May not dig extensive burrows and hides under weeds and dead leaves instead.	HP	The BSA contains suitable coastal scrub and grassland habitats and CNDDB documented occurrences. The PIA consists of the paved travel way, concrete lined channels and access roads, and previously disturbed areas and contains no suitable habitat.
American badger	*Taxidea taxus*	SSC	Found in a variety of habitats. Most abundant in drier open stages of most shrub, forest, and herbaceous habitats, with friable soils. Needs sufficient food, friable soils and open, uncultivated ground. Preys on burrowing rodents. Digs burrows.	HP	The BSA contains suitable coastal scrub, riparian, and grassland habitats. The PIA consists of the paved travel way, concrete lined channels and access roads, and previously disturbed areas and contains no suitable habitat.

Absent [A] - no habitat present and no further work needed. Critical Habitat [CH]- USFWS critical habitat is present. Habitat Present [HP] - habitat is or may be present. The species may be present. Status: Federal Endangered (FE); State Candidate Endangered (SCE); State Candidate Threatened (SCT); State Endangered (SE); State Watch List (WL); Fully Protected (FP); State Species of Special Concern (SSC); California Native Plant Society (CNPS): 1A- plants presumed extirpated in CA and either rare or extinct elsewhere, 1B- plants rare, threatened, or endangered in CA and elsewhere, 2A- plants presumed extirpated in CA, but more common elsewhere, 2B- plants rare, threatened, or endangered in CA, but more common elsewhere, 3- plants about which more information is needed-CNPS review list, 4- plants of limited distribution.

Appendix C. Avoidance, Minimization and/or Mitigation Summary

In order to be sure that all of the environmental measures identified in this document are executed at the appropriate times, the following mitigation program (as articulated on the proposed Environmental Commitments Record [ECR] which follows) would be implemented. During project design, avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation measures will be incorporated into the project's final plans, specifications, and cost estimates, as appropriate. All permits will be obtained prior to implementation of the project. During construction, environmental and construction/engineering staff will ensure that the commitments contained in this ECR are fulfilled. Following the construction and appropriate phases of project delivery, long-term mitigation maintenance and monitoring will take place, as applicable. As the following ECR is a draft, some fields have not been completed, and will be filled out as each of the measures is implemented. Note: Some measures may apply to more than one resource area. Duplicative or redundant measures have not been included in this ECR.

Permit Type	Agency	Date Received	Expiration	Notes
WDR	Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board			
1602	California Department of Fish & Wildlife			
408	United States Army Corps of Engineers			
404	United States Army Corps of Engineers			
401	United States Army Corps of Engineers			

Date of ECR: June 27, 2022
Date of Approved ED & Type: June 2022; CEQA IS-MND

Project Phase:
☒ PA/ED (*DED/FED*)
☐ PS&E Submittal_____ %
☐ Construction

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS RECORD

(State Route 66 and Interstate 215 Roadway Rehabilitation, and Pedestrian Facilities and Bridge Upgrading)

08-SBd-66, PM 20.1/S23
08-SBd-215, PM 14.9

EA 08-1G66U
PN 0821000054
Generalist: Natasha Walton
ECL: TBD

Avoidance, Minimization, and/or Mitigation Measures	Page	Environmental Analysis Source	Responsible for Development and/or Implementation of Measure	Timing/ Phase	SS, SSP, or NSSP	Action(s) Taken to Implement Measure/if checked No, add Explanation here	PS&E Task Complete	Construction Task Complete	Environmental Compliance	
							Date / Initials	Date / Initials	YES	NO
CULTURAL RESOURCES										
CR-1: Buried Cultural Resources. If cultural materials are discovered during construction, all earthmoving activity within 60	13	District Environmen-tal Cultural Resources Environmen-	District Cultural Studies District Design	Design Con-struction						

feet of the discovery area will be diverted until a qualified archaeologist can assess the nature and significance of the find.		tally Sensitive Area/Archae-ological Monitoring Area Action Plan (November 22, 2021)	Resident Engineer Contractor							
CR-2: Human Remains. If human remains are discovered, State Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 states that further disturbances and activities shall cease in any area or nearby area suspected to overlie remains, and the county coroner contacted. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5097.98, if the remains are thought to be Native American, the coroner will notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC), which will then notify the most likely descendent (MLD). At this time, the person who discovered the remains will contact the District 8 Native American Coordinator Gary Jones at (909) 261-8157 so that they may work with the MLD on the respectful treatment and disposition of the remains. Further provisions of PRC Section 5097.98 are to be followed as applicable.	13	District Environmen-tal Cultural Resources Environmen-tally Sensitive Area/Archae-ological Monitoring Area Action Plan (November 22, 2021)	District Cultural Studies District Design Resident Engineer Contractor	Final Design Con-struction						

CR-3: Environmentally Sensitive Areas. There shall be designated environmentally sensitive areas (ESAs), where all project related activities or inadvertent disturbances shall be prohibited	13	District Environmental Cultural Resources Environmentally Sensitive Area/Archaeological Monitoring Area Action Plan (November 22, 2021)	District Cultural Studies District Design Resident Engineer Contractor	Final Design Construction						
CR-4: Archaeological Monitors. An archaeological monitor is assigned to monitor job site activities within the archaeological monitoring area (AMA). Do not work within the AMA unless the archaeological monitor is present. If archaeological resources are discovered within an AMA, comply with Caltrans Standard Plans Section 14-2.02.	13	District Environmental Cultural Resources Environmentally Sensitive Area/Archaeological Monitoring Area Action Plan (November 22, 2021)	District Cultural Studies District Design Resident Engineer Contractor	Final Design Construction						
BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES										
Bio-General-1: Equipment Staging, Storing & Borrow Sites. All equipment staging, storing, and borrow sites require the approval of the Caltrans biologist.	Appendix C	District Biological Studies Natural Environment Study (Minimal	District Design District Environmental Planning	Final Design Construction						

		Impacts) (June 13, 2022)	Resident Engineer Contractor							
Bio-General-2: Temporary Artificial Lighting Restrictions. Artificial lighting must be directed at the work site to minimize light spillover outside of the construction footprint if project activities occur at night.	Ap-pen-dix C	District Biological Studies Natural Environment Study (Minimal Impacts) (June 13, 2022)	District Design District Environmental Planning Resident Engineer Contractor	Final Design Con-struction						
Bio-General-7: Worker Environmental Awareness Program (WEAP). A qualified biologist must present a biological resource information program/WEAP for Riversidian alluvial fan sage scrub habitat and special-status species found within the BSA prior to Project activities to all personnel that will be present within the Project limits for longer than 30 minutes at any given time.	Ap-pen-dix C	District Biological Studies Natural Environment Study (Minimal Impacts) (June 13, 2022)	District Design District Environmental Planning Resident Engineer Contractor	Con-struction						
Bio-General-8: Biological Monitor. The qualified biologist must monitor project activities weekly to ensure that measures are being implemented and documented at the following	Ap-pen-dix C	District Biological Studies Natural Environment Study (Minimal	District Design District Environmental Planning	Final Design Con-struction						

location: Lytle Creek Channel Bridge (SBD-66-PM 21.5), East Branch Lytle Creek Channel Bridge (SBD-66-PM 21.3), and Little League Drive Overcrossing Bridge (SBD-215-PM 14.9).		Impacts) (June 13, 2022)	Resident Engineer Contractor							
Bio-General-9: Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA). To address impacts to Riversidian alluvial fan sage scrub habitat, San Bernardino Kangaroo Rat designated critical habitat, and special-status species delineate the construction access road as shown on the plans and/or described in the specifications at the following location: Lytle Creek Bridge Access Road (SBD-66-PM 21.5).	Ap-pen-dix C	District Biological Studies Natural Environment Study (Minimal Impacts) (June 13, 2022)	District Design District Environmental Planning Resident Engineer Contractor	Final Design Con-struction						
Bio-General-11: Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) Fence Removal. All fencing must be removed as a last order of work. During removal, a qualified biologist must be present.	Ap-pen-dix C	District Biological Studies Natural Environment Study (Minimal Impacts) (June 13, 2022)	District Design District Environmental Planning Resident Engineer Contractor	Final Design Con-struction						
Bio-General-12: Tree Removal Permit. If tree removal exceeds five (5) trees	36	Final Envi-ronmental Document	District Design	Final Design						

on more than one acre within a 36-month period, Caltrans shall apply for a tree removal permit from the city per San Bernardino Municipal Code Section 19.28.100.		(IS-MND) (June 2022)	District Environmental Planning Resident Engineer Contractor	Con-struction						
Bio-Avian-Project Specific Measure (PSM)-1: All Project activities on-site shall be conducted outside of the nesting bird season (generally, raptor nesting season is January 1 through September 15; and passerine bird nesting season is February 1 through September 1) to the maximum extent feasible. If Project activities begin during the non-nesting season (non-nesting season is typically from September 16 through December 31), a pre-construction survey shall be performed by a qualified biologist to verify the absence of nesting birds. A qualified biologist shall conduct the pre-activity survey within the Project area (including access routes) and a 300- foot buffer surrounding the Project area, no more than two hours prior to initiating Project activities.If	Ap-pen-dix C	District Biological Studies Natural Environment Study (Minimal Impacts) (June 13, 2022)	District Design District Environmental Planning Resident Engineer Contractor	Final Design Con-struction		*General Note:* Bio-Avian-1, now Bio-Avian-PSM-1, was modified per recommendation of the CDFW letter (May 6, 2022) regarding the draft IS-MND.				

project activities cannot avoid the nesting season, then preconstruction nesting bird surveys must be conducted within 3-days prior to of the start of Project activities construction by a qualified biologist to locate and avoid nesting birds. Pre-construction nesting bird surveys shall focus on both direct and indirect evidence of nesting, including nest locations and nesting behavior. The qualified avian biologist will make every effort to avoid potential nest predation as a result of survey and monitoring efforts. If an active avian nest containing eggs or young is located during the pre-construction nesting bird surveys, a no-construction buffer shall be established, marked on the ground, and monitored by the qualified biologist until the young have fledged or the nest is no longer active. Nest buffers are species-specific and shall be at least 100 feet for passerines and 300 feet for raptors. A smaller or larger buffer may be determined by the qualified biologist familiar with the										

nesting phenology of the nesting species and based on nest and buffer monitoring results. Established buffers shall remain on site until a qualified biologist determines the young have fledged or the nest is no longer active. Active nests and adequacy of the established buffer distance shall be monitored daily by the qualified biologist until the qualified biologist has determined the young have fledged or the Project has been completed. The qualified biologist has the authority to stop work if nesting pairs exhibit signs of disturbance.										
Bio-Avian-PSM-2: Pre-Construction Burrowing Owl Survey. Two burrowing owl preconstruction surveys shall be performed: one survey 14 days prior to Project activities, and one survey 24 hours prior to Project activities within and adjacent to suitable habitat areas (e.g. staging areas, fallow fields, annual grassland). No less than 14 days and 24 hours prior to the initiation of any Project activities within	Ap-pen-dix C	District Biological Studies Natural Environment Study (Minimal Impacts) (June 13, 2022)	District Design District Environmental Planning Resident Engineer Contractor	Final Design Con-struction		*General Note:* Bio-Avian-2, now Bio-Avian-PSM-2, was modified per recommendation of the CDFW letter (May 6, 2022) regarding the draft IS-MND.				

suitable and adjacent suitable habitat, a qualified biologist shall conduct take avoidance surveys in accordance with the Staff Report on Burrowing Owl Mitigation (Department of Fish and Game, March 2012). If no burrowing owl(s) are observed onsite during the take avoidance survey, a letter shall be prepared by the qualified biologist documenting the results of the survey. The letter shall be submitted to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). If burrowing owl(s) are observed on site during the take avoidance survey, areas occupied by burrowing owls shall be avoided. If burrowing owls cannot be avoided by the Project, then the qualified biologist shall prepare and submit a passive relocation program in accordance with Appendix E (i.e., Example Components for Burrowing Owl Artificial Burrow and Exclusion Plans) of the 2012 Staff Report on Burrowing Owl Mitigation										

(CDFG 2012) to CDFW for review/approval prior to the commencement of disturbance activities on site and propose mitigation at no less than a 2:1 ratio for permanent loss of occupied burrow(s) and habitat consistent with the 2012 Staff Report on Burrowing Owl Mitigation. Survey results shall be submitted to CDFW within 30 days of completion of surveys following the guidelines provided in Appendix D of the Staff Report on Burrowing Owl Mitigation (Department of Fish and Game, March 2012).										
Bio-General-Project Specific Measure (PSM)-14: Lake and Streambed Alteration. Prior to construction and issuance of any grading permit, the Project applicant should obtain written correspondence from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) stating that notification under section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code is not required for the Project, or the Project applicant should obtain a	Ap-pen-dix C	District Biological Studies Natural Environment Study (Minimal Impacts) (June 13, 2022)	District Design District Environmental Planning Resident Engineer Contractor	Final Design Con-struction		*General Note:* Measure added per recommendation of the CDFW letter (May 6, 2022) regarding the draft IS-MND.				

CDFW-executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement, authorizing impacts to Fish and Game Code section 1602 resources associated with the Project.										
Bio-General-PSM-17: Night Access Restriction. To avoid impacts to San Bernardino kangaroo rat and its designated critical habitat, work is only allowed two hours after sunrise to two hours before sunset at the following location: Lytle Creek Bridge Access Road (SBD-66-PM 21.5). If work within the no-work exclusionary timeframe is necessary, a stop-work order will be enforced until such time as Caltrans can work with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to identify whether a section 7 permit is necessary. This stop-work order may last for 135 calendar days or more, with the contractor responsible for all standby costs in the interim period.	Ap-pen-dix C	District Biological Studies Natural Environment Study (Minimal Impacts) (June 13, 2022)	District Design District Environmental Planning Resident Engineer Contractor	Final Design Con-struction						
Bio-General-Project Specific Measure (PSM)-18: Removal of Nests. Weekly inspection of the project site		District Biological Studies Natural	District Design	Final Design		*General Note:* Measure modified per recommendation of the				

for swallow nest building activity shall begin by February 15. If swallows begin colonizing the bridges prior to beginning bridge work, all nest precursors (mud placed by swallows for construction of nests) shall be washed down at least once daily until swallow's cease trying to construct nests. This activity shall not result in harm or death to swallows (adult, juvenile, nestling or eggs). If intact swallow nests must be removed, they shall be removed prior to nesting season, when the nest is completely inactive (approximately September or October but shall be confirmed by a qualified bat biologist) and prior to potential use by overwintering bats, and in such a way that the nest is left in place and kept intact and not dropped to the ground and inspected by the qualified bat biologist for eggs, hatchlings or juvenile swallows as well as bat occupation prior to removal, and under the direct supervision of a qualified bat biologist with a Memorandum of Understanding from CDFW	Ap-pen-dix C	Environment Study (Minimal Impacts) (June 13, 2022)	District Environmental Planning Resident Engineer Contractor	Con-struction		CDFW letter (May 6, 2022) regarding the draft IS-MND.				

to handle bats. If the nest is occupied by eggs, hatchlings, juvenile birds, or bats, the nests shall be left undisturbed until, either the birds have fledged, the nest is no longer active, or if bats are occupying, the bats have left for the season, as confirmed by a qualified bat biologist. If bats must be relocated outside of the breeding season, a Bat Avoidance and Minimization plan shall be submitted to CDFW for review and approval. A qualified bat biologist is required for removal of swallow nests due to documented occurrences of bat roosting behavior within swallow nests.										
Bio-General-PSM-19: Special-Status Small Mammal Avoidance. Caltrans shall provide to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) a set of avoidance and minimization measures aimed at avoiding special-status small mammals, including San Bernardino kangaroo rat (SBKR) and Los Angeles pocket mouse (LAPM) from Project-related impacts. The proposed avoidance and	Ap-pen-dix C	District Biological Studies Natural Environment Study (Minimal Impacts) (June 13, 2022)	District Design District Environmental Planning Resident Engineer Contractor	Final Design Con-struction		*General Note:* Measure added per recommendation of the CDFW letter (May 6, 2022) regarding the draft IS-MND.				

minimization measures shall be provided to CDFW for review and approval no fewer than 30 days prior to the initiation of Project activities. If complete avoidance of LAPM, SBKR, or any other special-status small mammal cannot be achieved, mitigation of no less than 2:1 will be required for LAPM and other non-state-listed special-status small mammals. If complete avoidance of state-listed SBKR cannot be achieved, a California Endangered Species Act (CESA) Incidental Take Permit (ITP) and mitigation at no less than a 5:1 (replacement to impact) ratio for loss of habitat is recommended. Project activities should not begin until a CESA ITP is obtained for SBKR.										
Bio-General-PSM-19: Special-Status Small Mammal Avoidance. Caltrans shall provide to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) a set of avoidance and minimization measures aimed at avoiding special-status small mammals, including San Bernardino kangaroo rat	Ap-pen-dix C	District Biological Studies Natural Environment Study (Minimal Impacts) (June 13, 2022)	District Design District Environmental Planning Resident Engineer Contractor	Final Design Con-struction		*General Note:* Measure added per recommendation of the CDFW letter (May 6, 2022) regarding the draft IS-MND.				

(SBKR) and Los Angeles pocket mouse (LAPM) from Project-related impacts. The proposed avoidance and minimization measures shall be provided to CDFW for review and approval no fewer than 30 days prior to the initiation of Project activities. If complete avoidance of LAPM, SBKR, or any other special-status small mammal cannot be achieved, mitigation of no less than 2:1 will be required for LAPM and other non-state-listed special-status small mammals. If complete avoidance of state-listed SBKR cannot be achieved, a California Endangered Species Act (CESA) Incidental Take Permit (ITP) and mitigation at no less than a 5:1 (replacement to impact) ratio for loss of habitat is recommended. Project activities should not begin until a CESA ITP is obtained for SBKR.										
Bio-General-PSM-20: Litter Control and Disposal. The pick up and removal of litter, trash, and debris shall occur daily.	Ap-pen-dix C	District Biological Studies Natural Environment Study (Minimal	District Design District Environmental Planning	Final Design Con-struction		*General Note:* Measure added per the Natural Environment Study (Minimal Impacts) (June 13, 2022.				

		Impacts) (June 13, 2022)	Resident Engineer Contractor							
Bio-Plant-PSM-1: Special-Status Plants. Impacts to Riversidian alluvial fan sage scrub (RAFSS) and special-status plants, including state-listed Santa Ana River woolly star (SAWS), shall be avoided by establishing an appropriate avoidance buffer established by a California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)-approved botanist and marked in the field (i.e., fencing or flagging). If complete avoidance cannot be achieved, loss of RAFSS and special-status plants, including SAWS should be mitigated through the purchase of mitigation credits from a CDFW-approved bank, or by land acquisition and conservation at a minimum 3:1 (replacement-to-impact) ratio. Note that a higher ratio may be warranted if the proposed mitigation lands are located far from the Project site (i.e., within a separate watershed). If the Project has the potential to impact a state-listed plant species, such as	Ap-pen-dix C	District Biological Studies Natural Environment Study (Minimal Impacts) (June 13, 2022)	District Design District Environmental Planning Resident Engineer Contractor	Final Design Con-struction		*General Note:* Measure added per recommendation of the CDFW letter (May 6, 2022) regarding the draft IS-MND.				

SAWS, Caltrans should apply for a California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit with CDFW.										
Bio-Plant-PSM-2: Oak Tree Replacement Plan. Any removed native oaks (Quercus spp.) shall be replaced in kind at a minimum ratio of 3:1 with a 5-gallon container, and replaced trees shall be maintained and monitored for three (3) years. At year three, all trees shall have 100 percent survival rate. Nonnative, invasive vegetation shall be no more than 5 percent within a radius of 15 feet of plantings and watering shall have been discontinued at least one year prior to completion of the maintenance and monitoring period.	Ap-pen-dix C	District Biological Studies Natural Environment Study (Minimal Impacts) (June 13, 2022)	District Design District Environmental Planning Resident Engineer Contractor	Final Design Con-struction		*General Note:* Measure added per recommendation of the CDFW letter (May 6, 2022) regarding the draft IS-MND. However, the replacement ratio and monitoring period are less than that recommended by CDFW.				
Bio-Bat-PSM-2: Preconstruction Bat Emergence Surveys. To avoid impacts to special-status and regulatory bat species, preconstruction bat night-time emergence surveys must be conducted fourteen (14) days prior to construction by a qualified bat biologist to locate and avoid roosting bats at the	Ap-pen-dix C	District Biological Studies Natural Environment Study (Minimal Impacts) (June 13, 2022)	District Design District Environmental Planning Resident Engineer Contractor	Final Design Con-struction		*General Note:* Measure modified per recommendation of the CDFW letter (May 6, 2022) regarding the draft IS-MND.				

following locations: Lytle Creek Basin OH Bridge, Lytle Creek Channel Bridge, East Branch Lytle Creek Channel Bridge, Little League Drive OC Bridge, I-215 drainage facility near the Little League Drive OC. Surveys shall be conducted by a qualified bat biologist on a warm night when nighttime lows are no less than 45°F and during dry weather conditions. Surveys should be conducted from approximately 15 minutes before sunset to 1 hour after sunset. Project activities may proceed as planned if no evidence of bat occupation (e.g., guano, urine staining, or vocalizations) at a given structure is identified during the surveys. Project activities at a given structure must begin within 14 days of the nighttime survey or the survey will need to be repeated. The project qualified bat biologist will identify the bats to the species level and evaluate the colony to determine its size and significance and presence of a maternal colony. If evidence of bat occupation is identified during surveys, the qualified bat										

biologist shall then provide additional measures to avoid impacts to roosting bats as recommended by CDFW which may include replacing existing bat roosts with new roosting habitat in conjunction with a three (3) year monitoring period by a CDFW approved bat biologist. Measures provided shall be specific to the individual roost, species present, and proposed construction activities, and shall include, but not be limited to the following: a) postponement of project activities to outside of the bat maternity season (typically, maternity season is April 1 through August 31) if a maternity colony is identified to be occupying a given structure, and b) monitoring of project activities by a qualified bat biologist. Project activities that do not produce noise or vibrations substantially higher than ambient conditions may be conducted if a non-maternal roosting colony is present, at the qualified bat biologist's discretion if recommended by CDFW. If the qualified bat biologist										

determines that non-maternal colony roosting bats are disturbed by construction activities, construction activities in the vicinity shall cease immediately and additional avoidance measures (e.g., installation of a noise shroud or sound curtain) and coordination with CDFW shall be required before activities within the vicinity resume.										
Bio-Bat-PSM-3: Tree Removal. If impacts to trees are unavoidable the following steps shall be required. Caltrans shall identify specific trees to be modified or removed and notify the qualified bat biologist. The qualified bat biologist shall assess the potential of each tree to house a maternity colony. If crevice and/or cavity features are present, summer night-time surveys shall be conducted to determine if a maternity colony is present. If a maternity colony is present, tree removal and/or modification shall occur outside the bat maternity season (typically April 1 through August 31) in the fall (after flightless young have	Ap-pen-dix C	District Biological Studies Natural Environment Study (Minimal Impacts) (June 13, 2022)	District Design District Environmental Planning Resident Engineer Contractor	Final Design Con-struction		*General Note:* Measure modified per recommendation of the CDFW letter (May 6, 2022) regarding the draft IS-MND.				

become volant) and under the supervision of a qualified bat biologist. If no crevice and/or cavity features are present, the qualified bat biologist shall supervise the following two-step process of tree removal that shall occur over a 2-day period to avoid direct mortality of foliage-roosting species: (1) On Day 1, branches and limbs that do not contain crevices or cavities shall be removed using hand tools or chainsaws. The goal is to create a disturbance sufficient to cause any bats roosting in the tree to leave that night and not return, but not at a level of intensity that will cause bats to fly out of the tree during the disturbance itself (i.e., during the daytime, when leaving the roost will likely result in predation). (2) On Day 2, the remainder of the tree may be removed.										
TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION/BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES										
TR-1: Traffic Management Plan: Prior to construction, a traffic management plan will be prepared and coordinated with local emergency	45	Final Environmental Document (IS-MND) (June 2022)	District Design District Traffic Management	Final Design Construction						

responders and implemented to minimize traffic delays and associated idling emissions during construction.			District Environmental Planning Resident Engineer Contractor							
VISUAL/AESTHETICS										
VIS-1: Tree Replacement: Any trees removed shall be replaced in kind at a minimum ratio of 3:1 with a 5-gallon container, and replaced trees shall be maintained and monitored for three (3) years. At year three, all trees shall have a 100 percent survival rate. Nonnative, invasive vegetation shall be no more than 5 percent within a radius of 15 feet of plantings and watering shall have been discontinued at least one year prior to completion of the maintenance and monitoring period.	4	District Landscape Architecture Studies Scenic Resource Evaluation and Visual Impact Assessment Memoran-dum (June 6, 2022)	District Design District Landscape Architecture District Environmental Planning Resident Engineer / Contractor	Final Design Con-struction		*General Note:* Measure added per recommendation of the CDFW letter (May 6, 2022) regarding the draft IS-MND. However, the replacement ratio and monitoring period are less than that recommended by CDFW.				
VIS-2: Wall Aesthetics: Wall aesthetics shall be provided to diminish the perceived height of the retaining wall and improve compatibility with pedestrians.	4	District Landscape Architecture Studies Scenic Resource Evaluation	District Design District Landscape Architecture	Final Design Con-struction						

		and Visual Impact Assessment Memoran-dum (June 6, 2022)	District Environmental Planning Resident Engineer / Contractor							
VIS-3: Erosion Control. Erosion control shall be provided for all disturbed soil areas per water board guidelines or as determined by the district landscape architect.	4	District Landscape Architecture Studies Scenic Resource Evaluation and Visual Impact Assessment Memoran-dum (June 6, 2022)	District Design District Landscape Architecture District Environmental Planning Resident Engineer / Contractor	Final Design Con-struction						
VIS-4: Invasive Plant Species Removal. All invasive plant species found within the project limits shall be removed.	4	District Landscape Architecture Studies Scenic Resource Evaluation and Visual Impact Assessment Memoran-dum (June 6, 2022)	District Design District Landscape Architecture District Environmental Planning Resident Engineer Contractor	Final Design Con-struction						

VIS-5: Revegetation. Revegetation shall be maximized to provide biologically appropriate habitats for the regional ecology.	4	District Landscape Architecture Studies Scenic Resource Evaluation and Visual Impact Assessment Memoran-dum (June 6, 2022)	District Design District Landscape Architecture District Environmental Planning Resident Engineer Contractor	Final Design Con-struction						
VIS-6: Minimization of Vegetation Removal and Ground Work. Vegetation and tree removal (especially for larger trees), trenching, and impacts caused by grading and sloping shall be minimized.	4	District Landscape Architecture Studies Scenic Resource Evaluation and Visual Impact Assessment Memoran-dum (June 6, 2022)	District Design District Landscape Architecture District Environmental Planning Resident Engineer Contractor	Final Design Con-struction						
HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY										
HYDRO-2: Stormwater Treatment. Permanent treatment of stormwater runoff will be implemented to the maximum extent practicable in accordance with the	62	Final Envi-ronmental Document (IS-MND) (June 2022)	District Design District Hydraulics	Final Design Con-struction		*General Note:* HYDRO-2 has replaced HYDRO-1 since District Stormwater Design has determined that				

Caltrans National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit (NPDES No. CAS000002) and Caltrans Construction General Permit (NPDES No. CAS000003).:			District Biological Studies Resident Engineer Contractor			HYDRO-1 may not be feasible for this project.				
AIR QUALITY										
AQ-1: Air Quality. The proposed project shall comply with Caltrans Standard Specifications Section 14-9, Air Quality, which requires contractors to comply with all federal, state, regional, and local rules, regulations, and ordinances related to air quality.	37	Final Environmental Document (IS-MND) (June 2022)	District Design District Environmental Engineering Resident Engineer Contractor	Final Design Construction	SS 14-9					
HAZARDOUS WASTE / MATERIALS										
HAZ-1: Treated Wood Waste. Until disposal, treated wood waste from the guardrail and signposts shall be stored in metal containers approved by the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) for the transportation and temporary storage of hazardous waste. Treated wood waste shall be managed under Health & Safety Code §25230 et seq.	1	District Environmental Engineering Studies Initial Site Assessment Checklist (April 28, 2022)	District Design District Environmental Engineering Resident Engineer Contractor	Final Design Construction						

Treated wood waste shall be disposed of at one of the following: 1) an approved California disposal site operating under a regional water quality control board (RWQCB) permit that includes acceptance of treated wood waste, or 2) a California disposal site operating under a Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) permit that includes acceptance of treated wood waste.										
HAZ-2: Aerially Deposited Lead (ADL). An ADL investigation shall be performed prior to construction to determine if ADL is present in the soil within the proposed project construction area and new right of way acquisitions. The ADL contamination level in the soil will be determined and classified per the 2016 ADL agreement between the Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). If the soil is classified as non-regulated or regulated soil, the methods of soil handling and disposal will be	1	District Environ-mental Engineering Studies Initial Site Assessment Checklist (April 28, 2022)	District Design District Environmental Engineering Resident Engineer Contractor	Final Design Con-struction						

implemented and a lead compliance plan will be required for health and safety										
HAZ-3: Lead Striping/Markings/Paint. A lead investigation shall be performed prior to construction to determine the lead content of pavement striping, pavement markings, and bridge paint, if found on the bridge railing. If any of these materials are found to contain lead, then proper handling and disposal of these materials shall be implemented.	1	District Environ-mental Engineering Studies Initial Site Assessment Checklist (April 28, 2022)	District Design District Environmental Engineering Resident Engineer Contractor	Final Design Con-struction						
HAZ-4: Asbestos in Bridges. An asbestos investigation shall be performed prior to construction to evaluate the asbestos-containing material (ACM) in bridges. If ACM is found at regulated levels, then proper handling of these materials shall be implemented.	1	District Environ-mental Engineering Studies Initial Site Assessment Checklist (April 28, 2022)	District Design District Environmental Engineering Resident Engineer Contractor	Final Design Con-struction						
HAZ-5: Use of Local Material. For local material, such as rock, gravel, earth, structure backfill, pervious backfill, imported borrow, and culvert bedding, obtained from a (1) noncommercial source, or (2)	1	District Environ-mental Engineering Studies Initial Site Assessment	District Design District Environmental Engineering	Final Design Con-struction						

source not regulated under California jurisdiction, a local material plan shall be submitted for each material at least 60 days before placing the material and comply with Caltrans Standard Provision 6-1.03B.		Checklist (April 28, 2022)	Resident Engineer Contractor							
HAZ-6: Electrical Equipment. The contractor for the project shall properly manage the removal and disposal of all electrical equipment containing hazardous material as specified under Caltrans Revised Standard Specifications 14-11.15 and 87-21.03A.	55	Final Environmental Document (IS-MND) (June 2022)	District Design District Environmental Engineering Resident Engineer Contractor	Final Design Construction	SS 14-11.15 & SS 87-21.03 A					
WILDFIRE										
WF-1: Wildfire Prevention. At the Little League Drive Overcrossing project location, I-215 PM 14.9, the contractor for the project shall follow Cal Fire guidelines for equipment use, control of flammable materials, use of fuel breaks, and fire monitoring when fire hazard conditions are elevated as specified under Caltrans Standard Special Provision 7-1.02M(2).	77	Final Environmental Document (IS-MND) (June 2022)	District Design Resident Engineer Contractor	Final Design Construction	SSP 7-1.02M (2)					

GREENHOUSE GAS										
GHG-1: Emissions Reductions. The proposed project shall comply with Caltrans Standard Specifications Section 7-1.02A and 7-1.02C, Emissions Reductions, which require contractors to comply with all laws applicable to the project and to certify that they are aware of and will comply with all California Air Resources Board (ARB) emission reduction regulations.	49	Final Environmental Document (IS-MND) (June 2022)	District Design District Environmental Engineering Resident Engineer Contractor	Final Design Construction	SS 7-1.02A & 7-1.02C					
GHG-2: Energy-Efficient Lighting. The proposed project shall incorporate the use of energy-efficient lighting, such as light-emitting diode (LED) pedestrian signals, to help reduce the project's CO2 emissions.	49	Final Environmental Document (IS-MND) (June 2022)	District Design District Environmental Engineering Resident Engineer Contractor	Final Design Construction						
GHG-3: Recycling. The proposed project would recycle construction debris as practicable.	49	Final Environmental Document (IS-MND) (June 2022)	District Design District Environmental Engineering Resident Engineer	Final Design Construction						

			Contractor							
GEOLOGY										
GEO-1: Subsurface Investigations. Subsurface investigations shall be performed during the design phase of the project to determine if additional foundation options for the bridges and/or mitigation strategies would be required to stabilize the material on the project site.	48	Final Environmental Document (IS-MND) (June 2022)	District Design Resident Engineer Contractor	Final Design Construction						
NOISE & VIBRATION										
NOI-1: Noise Control. The proposed project must comply with Caltrans Standard Specification Section 14-8.02 and all local noise standards.	1	Noise Memorandum (May 10, 2022)	District Design District Environmental Engineering Resident Engineer Contractor	Final Design Construction	SS 14-8.02					

Appendix D. Title VI Policy Statement

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Appendix E. List of Caltrans Technical Studies

Aerially Deposited Lead Study (To be performed)

Air Quality Memorandum (May 10, 2022)

Asbestos-Containing Material Study (To be performed)

Community Impact Assessment Scoping Assessment – Scoping Checklist (June 23, 2022)

Environmentally Sensitive Area/Archaeological Monitoring Area Action Plan (November 22, 2021)

Final Second Supplemental Historic Property Survey Report (May 2, 2022)

Summary Floodplain Encroachment Report (January 5, 2022) – One for each of three of the project bridges (no. 54-0423, no. 54-1043, & no. 54-0533)

Historic Property Survey Report (November 5, 2021)

Initial Site Assessment Checklist (April 28, 2022)

Location Hydraulic Study (January 5, 2022) – One for each of three of the project bridges (no. 54-0423, no. 54-1043, & no. 54-0533)

Natural Environment Study (Minimal Impacts) (June13, 2022)

Noise Memorandum (May 10, 2022)

Paleontological Resources Memorandum (April 18, 2022)

Scenic Resource Evaluation and Visual Impact Assessment Memorandum (June 2, 2022)

Scoping Questionnaire for Water Quality Issues (June 16, 2022)

Supplemental Historic Property Survey Report (February 2, 2022)

Traffic Management Plan Data Sheet (September 20, 2021)

Transportation Air Quality Conformity Findings Checklist (June 16, 2022)

Visual Impact Questionnaire (February 17, 2022)

Appendix F. Federal Transportation Improvement Program Project Listing

FOUND 31 PROJECTS

2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program
San Bernardino County
State Highway - Project Listing
Including Amendments 1 - 16
(In $000`s)

FTIP ID	LEAD AGENCY	COUNTY	CONFORM CATEGORY	AIR BASIN	PROJECT COST	RTP ID	SYSTEM
20190009	CALTRANS	San Bernardino	NON-EXEMPT	MDAB	$16,734	2016A319	State

PRIMARY PROGRAM CODE	PROJECT LIMITS	MODELING	FTIP AMENDMENT
CAY60 - BRIDGE RESTORATION & REPLACEMENT- LN ADDITIONS: GM	From Bridge Structure to Bridge Structure Post Miles: Begin 14.20 End 15.20	YES	21-00

DESCRIPTION

From Lone Pine Intersection to Junction I-15: Widen two BNSF Bridge Structures from 2-4 lanes. Construct retaining walls.

PHASE	FUND SOURCE	PRIOR	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	FUTURE	TOTAL
ROW	AGENCY	$0	$200	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$200
CON	AGENCY	$0	$16,534	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$16,534
TOTAL	TOTAL	$0	$16,734	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$16,734

FTIP ID	LEAD AGENCY	COUNTY	CONFORM CATEGORY	AIR BASIN	PROJECT COST	RTP ID	SYSTEM
SBDLS01	CALTRANS	San Bernardino	EXEMPT - 93.126	SCAB	$146,730	REG0701	State

PRIMARY PROGRAM CODE	PROJECT LIMITS	MODELING	FTIP AMENDMENT
SHP04 - SAFETY		NO	21-08

DESCRIPTION

GROUPED PROJECTS FOR SAFETY IMPROVMNTS - SHOPP COLLISION REDUCTION PROGRAM-PROJECTS ARE CONSISTENT WITH 40 CFR PART 93.126 EXEMPT TABLES 2 & 3 CATEGORIES -RAILROAD/HIWAY XING, SAFER NON-FED AID SYSTEM ROADS, SHOULDER IMPROVMTS, TRAFFIC CONTRL DEVICES & OPER ASSIST OTHER THAN SIGNALIZATION PROJECTS @ INDIVIDUAL INTERSECTIONS, PAVEMT MARKING DEMOS, TRUCK CLIMBING LNS O/S THE URBANIZED AREA

PHASE	FUND SOURCE	PRIOR	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	FUTURE	TOTAL
CON	SHOPP - ADVANCE CONSTRUCTION	$0	$45,415	$71,097	$18,748	$11,470	$0	$0	$0	$146,730
TOTAL	TOTAL	$0	$45,415	$71,097	$18,748	$11,470	$0	$0	$0	$146,730

FTIP ID	LEAD AGENCY	COUNTY	CONFORM CATEGORY	AIR BASIN	PROJECT COST	RTP ID	SYSTEM
SBDLS011	CALTRANS	San Bernardino	EXEMPT - 93.126	SCAB	$21,129	REG0701	State

PRIMARY PROGRAM CODE	PROJECT LIMITS	MODELING	FTIP AMENDMENT
SHP03 - ROADWAY REHABILITATION		NO	21-08

DESCRIPTION

GROUPED PROJECTS FOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS - SHOPP MANDATES PROGRAM-PROJECTS ARE CONSISTENT WITH 40 CFR PART 93.126 EXEMPT TABLES 2 AND 3 CATEGORIES-RAILROAD/HIGHWAY CROSSING, SAFER NON-FEDERAL AID SYSTEM ROADS. SHOULDER IMPROVEMENTS, TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES AND OPERATING ASSISTANCE OTHER THAN SIGNALIZATION PROJECTS. INTERSECTION SIGNALIZATION PROJECTS AT INDIVIDUAL INTERSECTIONS, PAVEMENT MARKING

PHASE	FUND SOURCE	PRIOR	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	FUTURE	TOTAL
CON	SHOPP - ADVANCE CONSTRUCTION	$0	$2,510	$18,619	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$21,129
TOTAL	TOTAL	$0	$2,510	$18,619	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$21,129

FTIP ID	LEAD AGENCY	COUNTY	CONFORM CATEGORY	AIR BASIN	PROJECT COST	RTP ID	SYSTEM
SBDLS02	CALTRANS	San Bernardino	EXEMPT - 93.126	SCAB	$267,123	REG0701	State

PRIMARY PROGRAM CODE	PROJECT LIMITS	MODELING	FTIP AMENDMENT
SHP03 - ROADWAY REHABILITATION		NO	21-08

DESCRIPTION

GROUPED PROJECTS FOR PAVEMENT RESURFACING AND/OR REHABILITATION - SHOPP ROADWAY PRESERVATION PROGRAM-PROJECTS ARE CONSISTENT W/40 CFR PART 93.126 EXEMPT TABLES 2-PAVEMENT RESURFACING AND/OR REHAB. EMERGENCY RELIEF (23 U.S.C.125) WIDENING NARROW PAVEMENTS OR RECONSTRUCTING BRIDGES (NO ADDL TRAVEL LANES)

PHASE	FUND SOURCE	PRIOR	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	FUTURE	TOTAL
CON	SHOPP - ADVANCE CONSTRUCTION	$0	$34,667	$27,581	$67,036	$137,839	$0	$0	$0	$267,123
TOTAL	TOTAL	$0	$34,667	$27,581	$67,036	$137,839	$0	$0	$0	$267,123

FTIP ID	LEAD AGENCY	COUNTY	CONFORM CATEGORY	AIR BASIN	PROJECT COST	RTP ID	SYSTEM
SBDLS03	CALTRANS	San Bernardino	EXEMPT - 93.126	SCAB	$59,971	REG0701	State

PRIMARY PROGRAM CODE	PROJECT LIMITS	MODELING	FTIP AMENDMENT
SHP02 - ROADSIDE REHABILITATION		NO	21-01

SBDLS02	Exempt Grouped Projects for Pavement Resurfacing and/or Pavement Rehabilitation - SHOPP Roadway Preservation Program							2021 FTIP Amendment #21-08
Agency	**County**	**District EA**	**Notes**	**Project Description**	**Program Year (FFY)**	**Federal Funds**	**State Funds**	**Total Project Cost (in $1000's)**
Caltrans	SBd	0G691	2020 SHOPP Carryover from 2018 SHOPP. Funding change per SHOPP Amendment #18H-016, approved by CTC May 13-14, 2020.	SR-18 in and near Arrowhead, from 48th Street to Route 138. Repair, reline and replace culverts. PA&ED is the only authorized phase- all other phases future funding in 2021/22. Also see Resolution FP-17-13 approved by CTC October 18-19, 2017 allocation of PA&ED. PS&E and RW Sup Only.	2020/21	$1,012	$0	$1,012
Caltrans	SBd	0G690	2020 SHOPP Carryover from 2018 SHOPP. Funding change per SHOPP Amend #18H-017 approved by CTC May 13-14, 2020.	On SR-18 near Big Bear and Lucerne Valley, at various locations, from Route 38 at Big Bear Lake Dam to Artic Canyon Wash. Reline or replace culverts. SHOPP Amendment #18H-000 approved by CTC March 21-22, 2018. PS&E and R/W Support Funding Only.	2020/21	$3,193	$0	$3,193
Caltrans	SBd	1G520	2020 SHOPP Carryover from 2018 SHOPP, approved by CTC May 13-14, 2020.	On SR-18 in and near Adelanto, from Route 395 Junction to Los Angeles County line. Cold plane pavement and place Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) and Rubberized Hot Mix Asphalt (RHMA) pavement. SHOPP Amendment #18H-000 approved by CTC March 21-22, 2018 PS&E and R/W Support Authorized Only.	2020/21	$18,808	$0	$18,808
Caltrans	SBd	1J300	New 2020 SHOPP Project. CTC May 13-14, 2020 Approval.	On SR-18 in Apple Valley and Victorville, from Apple Valley Inn Road/Dale Evans Parkway to Route 15. Rehabilitate pavement, rehabilitatate drainage systems, upgrade facilities to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, and upgrade signs. PA&ED Only.	2020/21	$1,867	$0	$1,867
Caltrans	SBd	1J720	New 2020 SHOPP Project. CTC May 13-14, 2020 Approval.	On I-40 in and near Barstow, from Route 15 to 3.4 miles west of National Trails Highway; also on Main Street spur (PM S0.0/S0.8). Pavement rehabilitation, upgrade signs and lighting, upgrade curb ramps to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, and upgrade safety devices. PA&ED Only.	2020/21	$1,132	$0	$1,132
Caltrans	SBd	1G660	New 2020 SHOPP Project. CTC May 13-14, 2020 Approval.	On SR-66 in San Bernardino, from Pepper Avenue to H Street (PM20.14/23.156). Rehabilitate pavement and upgrade facilities to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. PA&ED Only.	2020/21	$1,073	$0	$1,073
Caltrans	SBd	1J280	New 2020 SHOPP Project. CTC May 13-14, 2020 Approval.	On SR-83 in Ontario, fom south of Cedar Street to Route 10. Rehabilitate pavement and upgrade facilities to Americans with Diabilities Act (ADA) standards. PA&ED Only.	2020/21	$3,342	$0	$3,342
Caltrans	SBd	1J630	New 2020 SHOPP Project. CTC May 13-14, 2020 Approval.	On I-215 in the cities of Colton and San Bernardino, from south of Route 10 to Mill Street. Rehabilitatate pavement, upgrade safety devices, upgrade facilities to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, and enhance highway worker safety. PA&ED Only.	2020/21	$645	$0	$645
Caltrans	SBd	1J270	New 2020 SHOPP Project. CTC May 13-14, 2020 Approval.	On SR-247 in and near Yucca Valley, from Route 62 to north of Gin Road. Rehabilitate pavement and widen shoulders. PA&ED Only.	2020/21	$1,494	$0	$1,494

SBDLS02			Exempt Grouped Projects for Pavement Resurfacing and/or Pavement Rehabilitation - SHOPP Roadway Preservation Program			2021 FTIP Amendment #21-08		
Agency	**County**	**District EA**	**Notes**	**Project Description**	**Program Year (FFY)**	**Federal Funds**	**State Funds**	**Total Project Cost (in $1000's)**
Caltrans	SBd	1J310	New 2020 SHOPP Project. CTC May 13-14, 2020 Approval.	On SR-18 near Big Bear Lake, from Arrowbear Drive to Route 38. Rehabilitate culverts and install Changeable Message Sign (CMS). PS&E and RW Sup Only.	2021/22	$1,283	$0	$1,283
				FY 2021-22 100% SHOPP AC funded	**Subtotal**	**$27,581**	**$0**	**$27,581**
Caltrans	SBd	1G660	Project cost increase per PCR, October 21-22, 2020 CTC approval.	On SR-66 in San Bernardino, from Pepper Avenue to H Street (PM20.14/23.156). Rehabilitate pavement and upgrade facilities to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. PS&E and RW Sup Only.	2022/23	$3,864	$0	$3,864
Caltrans	SBd	1J280	New 2020 SHOPP Project. CTC May 13-14, 2020 Approval.	On SR-83 in Ontario, fom south of Cedar Street to Route 10. Rehabilitate pavement and upgrade facilities to Americans with Diabilities Act (ADA) standards. PS&E and RW Sup Only.	2022/23	$7,325	$0	$7,325
Caltrans	SBd	1J630	New 2020 SHOPP Project. CTC May 13-14, 2020 Approval.	On I-215 in the cities of Colton and San Bernardino, from south of Route 10 to Mill Street. Rehabilitatate pavement, upgrade safety devices, upgrade facilities to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, and enhance highway worker safety. RW CAp and CON CAp/Sup Only.	2022/23	$17,770	$0	$17,770
Caltrans	SBd	1G640	New 2020 SHOPP Project. CTC May 13-14, 2020 Approval.	On US-395 in and near Hesperia, Victorville, and Adelanto, from Route 15 to 3,1 miles north of Route 58. Rehabilitate pavement (PM R3.98/11.2 and PM 16.6/35.5), install Changeable Message Signs (CMS), upgrade guardrail and sign panels, and upgrade facilities to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. RW Cap and CON Cap/Sup Only.	2022/23	$38,077	$0	$38,077
				FY 2022-23 100% SHOPP AC funded	**Subtotal**	**$67,036**	**$0**	**$67,036**
Caltrans	**SBd**	**1J300**	**PCR SHOPP Amendment #20H-008, CTC June 23-24, 2021 approval.**	**On SR-18 in Apple Valley and Victorville, from Apple Valley Inn Road/Dale Evans Parkway to Route 15. Rehabilitate pavement, rehabilitatate drainage systems, upgrade facilities to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, and upgrade signs. RW Cap and CON Cap/Sup Only**	**2023/24**	**$20,320**	**$0**	**$20,320**
Caltrans	SBd	1J720	New 2020 SHOPP Project. CTC May 13-14, 2020 Approval.	On I-40 in and near Barstow, from Route 15 to 3.4 miles west of National Trails Highway; also on Main Street spur (PM S0.0/S0.8). Pavement rehabilitation, upgrade signs and lighting, upgrade curb ramps to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, and upgrade safety devices. RW Cap and CON Cap//Sup Only	2023/24	$45,151	$0	$45,151
Caltrans	SBd	1G660	Project cost increase per PCR, October 21-22, 2020 CTC approval.	On SR-66 in San Bernardino, from Pepper Avenue to H Street (PM20.14/23.156). Rehabilitate pavement and upgrade facilities to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. RW Cap and CON Cap/Sup Only.	2023/24	$14,675	$0	$14,675
Caltrans	SBd	1J280	New 2020 SHOPP Project. CTC May 13-14, 2020 Approval.	On SR-83 in Ontario, fom south of Cedar Street to Route 10. Rehabilitate pavement and upgrade facilities to Americans with Diabilities Act (ADA) standards. RW Cap and CON Cap/Sup Only.	2023/24	$29,892	$0	$29,892
Caltrans	SBd	1J270	New 2020 SHOPP Project. CTC May 13-14, 2020 Approval.	On SR-247 in and near Yucca Valley, from Route 62 to north of Gin Road. Rehabilitate pavement and widen shoulders. RW Cap and CON Cap/Sup Only.	2023/24	$20,619	$0	$20,619

(In $000`s)

DESCRIPTION

GROUPED PROJECTS FOR SHOULDER IMPROVEMENTS - SHOPP ROADSIDE PRESERVATION PROGRAM-PROJECTS ARE CONSISTENT WITH 40 CFR PART 93.126 EXEMPT TABLES 2 CATEGORY -PAVEMENT RESURFACING AND OR REJABILITATION. EMMERGENCY RELIEF (23U.S.C. 125) WIDENING NARROW PAVEMENTS OR RECONSTRUCTING BRIDGES (NO ADDLT TRAVEL LANES

PHASE	FUND SOURCE	PRIOR	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	FUTURE	TOTAL
CON	SHOPP - ADVANCE CONSTRUCTION	$0	$1,780	$2,859	$39,372	$15,960	$0	$0	$0	$59,971
TOTAL	TOTAL	$0	$1,780	$2,859	$39,372	$15,960	$0	$0	$0	$59,971

FTIP ID	LEAD AGENCY	COUNTY	CONFORM CATEGORY	AIR BASIN	PROJECT COST	RTP ID	SYSTEM
SBDLS04	CALTRANS	San Bernardino	EXEMPT - 93.126	SCAB	$61,758	REG0701	State

PRIMARY PROGRAM CODE	PROJECT LIMITS	MODELING	FTIP AMENDMENT
SHP01 - OPERATIONS		NO	21-16

DESCRIPTION

GROUPED PROJECTS FOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS - SHOPP MOBILITY PROGRAM-PROJECTS ARE CONSISTENT W/40 CFR PART 93.126 EXEMPT TABLES 2 & 3-RAILROAD/HIWAY XING, SAFER NON-FED AID SYSTEM ROADS, SHOULDER IMPRVMTS,TRAFFIC CONTROL DEV., &OPERATING ASSIST OTHER THAN SIGNALIZATION PROJECTS, INTERSECT SIGNALIZATION PROJS AT INDIVIDUAL INTERSECTS, PAVEMENT MARKING DEMOS,TRUCK CLIMBING LNS OUTSIDE URBAN AREA, LIGHT

PHASE	FUND SOURCE	PRIOR	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	FUTURE	TOTAL
CON	SHOPP - ADVANCE CONSTRUCTION	$0	$8,184	$3,164	$50,410	$0	$0	$0	$0	$61,758
TOTAL	TOTAL	$0	$8,184	$3,164	$50,410	$0	$0	$0	$0	$61,758

FTIP ID	LEAD AGENCY	COUNTY	CONFORM CATEGORY	AIR BASIN	PROJECT COST	RTP ID	SYSTEM
SBDLS05	CALTRANS	San Bernardino	EXEMPT - 93.126	SCAB	$31,303	REG0701	State

PRIMARY PROGRAM CODE	PROJECT LIMITS	MODELING	FTIP AMENDMENT
SHP03 - ROADWAY REHABILITATION		NO	21-16

DESCRIPTION

GROUPED PROJECTS FOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS, SHOULDER IMPROVEMENTS, PAVEMENT RESURF AND/OR OTHER REHAB - (PROJECTS ARE CONSISTENT WITH 40 CFR PART 93.126 EXEMPT TABLES 2 & 3) R/R/HIWAY XING, SAFER NON FED-AD SYSTEM ROADS, SHOULDER IMPROVMENTS, TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES&OPERATING ASSIST OTHER THAN SIGNALIZATION PROJECTS OR PROJECTS AT INDIVIDUAL SIGNALS, PAVEMT. MARK DEMOS, TRUCK CLIMBING LNS OUTSIDE UR

PHASE	FUND SOURCE	PRIOR	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	FUTURE	TOTAL
CON	SHOPP - ADVANCE CONSTRUCTION	$0	$16,031	$15,272	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$31,303
TOTAL	TOTAL	$0	$16,031	$15,272	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$31,303

FTIP ID	LEAD AGENCY	COUNTY	CONFORM CATEGORY	AIR BASIN	PROJECT COST	RTP ID	SYSTEM
SBDLS07	CALTRANS	San Bernardino	EXEMPT - 93.126	SCAB	$79,827	REG0702	State

PRIMARY PROGRAM CODE	PROJECT LIMITS	MODELING	FTIP AMENDMENT
SHP01 - OPERATIONS		NO	21-16

DESCRIPTION

GROUPED PROJECTS FOR BRIDGE REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION - SHOPP PROGRAM-PROJECTS ARE CONSISTENT WITH 40 CFR PART 93.123 EXEMPT TABLES 2 CATEGORY WIDENING NARROW PAVEMENTS OR RECONSTRUCTING BRIDGES (NO ADDITIONAL TRAVEL LANES)

PHASE	FUND SOURCE	PRIOR	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	FUTURE	TOTAL
CON	SHOPP - ADVANCE CONSTRUCTION	$0	$4,925	$39,602	$7,605	$27,695	$0	$0	$0	$79,827
TOTAL	TOTAL	$0	$4,925	$39,602	$7,605	$27,695	$0	$0	$0	$79,827

FTIP ID	LEAD AGENCY	COUNTY	CONFORM CATEGORY	AIR BASIN	PROJECT COST	RTP ID	SYSTEM
SBDLS09	CALTRANS	San Bernardino	EXEMPT - 93.126	SCAB	$45,466	REG0701	State

PRIMARY PROGRAM CODE	PROJECT LIMITS	MODELING	FTIP AMENDMENT
SHP04 - SAFETY		NO	21-10

DESCRIPTION

GROUPED PROJECTS FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROJECTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY (PROJECTS ARE CONSISTENT WITH 40 CFR PART 93.126,127,128 EXEMPT)

PHASE	FUND SOURCE	PRIOR	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	FUTURE	TOTAL
CON	SHOPP - ADVANCE CONSTRUCTION	$0	$36,364	$9,102	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$45,466
TOTAL	TOTAL	$0	$36,364	$9,102	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$45,466

SBDLS07			Exempt Grouped Projects for Bridge Rehabilitation and Reconstruction - SHOPP Bridge Preservation Program					2021 FTIP Amendment #21-16
Agency	**County**	**District EA**	**Notes**	**Project Description**	**Program Year (FFY)**	**Federal Funds**	**State Funds**	**Total Project Cost (in $1000's)**
Caltrans	SBd	1G830	PCR per SHOPP Amendment 20H-004, CTC December 2-3, 2020 approval. 2020 SHOPP Carryover from 2018 SHOPP, approved by CTC May 13-14, 2020.	On I-40 near Needles, at the Halfway Hills Wash Bridge No. 54-0799L/R. Replace bridges, replace and expand Rock Slope Protection (RSP) limits. SHOPP Amendment #18H-000 approved by CTC March 21-22, 2018 PA&ED and R/W Support Funding Only.	2020/21	$1,958	$0	$1,958
Caltrans	SBd	1J210	2018 SHOPP Amendment #18H-016 approved by CTC May 13-14, 2020. Update project description and project cost per PCR.	On SR-60 in Chino, at Ramona Avenue Overcrossing No. 54-0745 (PM R1.37). Improve freight corridor movement by removing vertical clearance constraint. PA&ED is the only authorized phase in FY 17/18, all others FY 20/21 and FY 21/22. Resolution FP-17-13 approved by CTC October 18-19, 2017 allocation of PA&ED. PS&E and RW Sup Only.	2020/21	$1,430	$0	$1,430
Caltrans	SBd	1F400	New 2020 SHOPP Project. CTC May 13-14, 2020 Approval.	On SR-66 in the city of San Bernardino, at Lytle Creek Channel Bridge No. 54-0533 (PM 14.9). Upgrade bridge rails and widen bridges. PA&ED Only.	2020/21	$697	$0	$697
Caltrans	SBd	1J540	New 2020 SHOPP Project. CTC May 13-14, 2020 Approval.	On I-15 in Ontario, at S15-E10 Connector Overcrossing No. 54-0910F. Seismic retrofit and bridge rail upgrade to make standard. PA&ED Only.	2020/21	$840	$0	$840
				FY 2020-21 100% SHOPP AC funded	**Subtotal**	**$4,925**	**$0**	**$4,925**
Caltrans	SBd	1G830	PCR per SHOPP Amendment 20H-004, CTC December 2-3, 2020 approval. 2020 SHOPP Carryover from 2018 SHOPP, approved by CTC May 13-14, 2020.	On I-40 near Needles, at the Halfway Hills Wash Bridge No. 54-0799L/R. Replace bridges, replace and expand Rock Slope Protection (RSP) limits. SHOPP Amendment #18H-000 approved by CTC March 21-22, 2018 Construction Funding Only.	2021/22	$20,656	$0	$20,656

SBDLS07			Exempt Grouped Projects for Bridge Rehabilitation and Reconstruction - SHOPP Bridge Preservation Program					2021 FTIP Amendment #21-16
Agency	**County**	**District EA**	**Notes**	**Project Description**	**Program Year (FFY)**	**Federal Funds**	**State Funds**	**Total Project Cost (in $1000's)**
Caltrans	SBd	1J210	2018 SHOPP Amendment #18H-016 approved by CTC May 13-14, 2020. Update project description and project cost per PCR.	On SR-60 in Chino, at Ramona Avenue Overcrossing No. 54-0745 (PM R1.37). Improve freight corridor movement by removing vertical clearance constraint. PA&ED is the only authorized phase in FY 17/18, all others FY 20/21 and FY 21/22. Resolution FP-17-13 approved by CTC October 18-19, 2017 allocation of PA&ED. RW Cap and CON Cap/Sup Only.	2021/22	$11,510	$0	$11,510
Caltrans	SBd	1F400	New 2020 SHOPP Project. CTC May 13-14, 2020 Approval.	On SR-66 in the city of San Bernardino, at Lytle Creek Channel Bridge No. 54-0533 (PM 14.9). Upgrade bridge rails and widen bridges. PS&E and RW Sup Only.	2021/22	$2,557	$0	$2,557
Caltrans	SBd	1J540	New 2020 SHOPP Project. CTC May 13-14, 2020 Approval.	On I-15 in Ontario, at S15-E10 Connector Overcrossing No. 54-0910F. Seismic retrofit and bridge rail upgrade to make standard. PS&E and RW Sup Only.	2021/22	$1,982	$0	$1,982
Caltrans	**SBd**	**1M590**	**New. SHOPP Amendment #20H-012. CTC December 8-9, 2021 Approval.**	**On I-15 in Hesperia, at Joshua Street Overcrossing No. 54-0666; also on Route 40 near Barstow at Nebo Street Undercrossing No. 54-0662L; also on Route 40 near Needles at Fenner Iverhead No. 54-1270L. Apply polyester concrete overlay to bridge decks and replace bridge rails. PA&ED Only.**	**2021/22**	**$570**	**$0**	**$570**
				FY 2021-22 100% SHOPP AC funded	**Subtotal**	**$39,602**	**$0**	**$39,602**
Caltrans	SBd	0R380	PCR SHOPP Amendment #20H-009, CTC June 23-24, 2021 approval.	On I-40 near Needles, from Park Moabi Road to Topock Road at the Colorado River Bridge No. 54-0415. Bridge rehabilitation and/or replacement. Caltrans will be the lead agency and will share half of all costs with Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) as indicated via a signed Letter of Intent. (Long Lead Project). PA&ED is the only authorized phase (Prior Year). PS&E $3,759 and RW Sup $431 are preliminary estimates for information only for FY 22/23. All other phases are preliminary estimates for information only for FY 25/26: RW Cap $169, and CON Cap $28,800 and CON Sup $8,332 = Total $37,301.	2022/23	$4,190	$0	$4,190
Caltrans	**SBd**	**1M590**	**New. SHOPP Amendment #20H-012. CTC December 8-9, 2021 Approval.**	**On I-15 in Hesperia, at Joshua Street Overcrossing No. 54-0666; also on Route 40 near Barstow at Nebo Street Undercrossing No. 54-0662L; also on Route 40 near Needles at Fenner Iverhead No. 54-1270L. Apply polyester concrete overlay to bridge decks and replace bridge rails. PS&E, RW and CON Cap/Sup Only.**	**2022/23**	**$3,415**	**$0**	**$3,415**
				FY 2022-23 100% SHOPP AC funded	**Subtotal**	**$7,605**	**$0**	**$7,605**
Caltrans	SBd	1F400	New 2020 SHOPP Project. CTC May 13-14, 2020 Approval.	On SR-66 in the city of San Bernardino, at Lytle Creek Channel Bridge No. 54-0533 (PM 14.9). Upgrade bridge rails and widen bridges. RW Cap and CON Cap/Sup Only.	2023/24	$10,175	$0	$10,175
Caltrans	SBd	1J540	New 2020 SHOPP Project. CTC May 13-14, 2020 Approval.	On I-15 in Ontario, at S15-E10 Connector Overcrossing No. 54-0910F. Seismic retrofit and bridge rail upgrade to make standard. RW Cap and CON Cap/Sup Only.	2023/24	$17,520	$0	$17,520

Appendix G. Initial Site Assessment Checklist

INITIAL SITE ASSESSMENT (ISA) CHECKLIST - ESR Rev. #4

DATE: **04/28/2022**

PROJECT INFORMATION: **TWO LOCATIONS**

District	**08**	County	**SBd**	Route	**66**	Postmile	**20.1/23.2**	EA	**1G66U**	PN	**0821000054**
District	**08**	County	**SBd**	Route	**215**	Postmile	**14.9/14.9**	EA	**1G66U**	PN	**0821000054**

Description of Work:

The project scope includes cold plane and overlay pavement, upgrading curb ramps to ADA Standards, installing and/or replacing detectable warning surface (DWS), adding sidewalk and bus pads, improving drainage facilities, upgrading bridge railings and widening bridges (SR-66: Lytle Creek Basin OH, East Branch Lytle Creek, Lytle Creek Channel, I-215: Little League Dr. OC), including pier and abutments modification and extension, structural pile modification and extension, and relocating 30" drainage pipe, relocating OH utilities to underground, upgrading existing bridge end treatments to the latest standards, for example Crash Cushion. ESR Rev. #1 the proposed ROW acquisition and TCE limits have been updated. In addition, conceptual structure plans have been developed and potential equipment staging areas are identified. ESR Rev. #2 added a 7-foot sidewalk in addition to the standard shoulder widening on the south side of Little League Drive OC. ESR Rev. #3 install a special design retaining wall on the north side of Route 66, near the Terrace Road intersection. The Lytle Basin Overhead Staging Area was relocated due to ongoing development at previous proposed location. There will also be drainage facility improvements on the I-215 near the Little League Drive OC. ESR Rev. #4 Proposed Right of Way acquisition and Temporary Construction Easement (TCE) limits have updated. In addition, striping impacted areas on SR66/I215 intersection and I215 under Little League Drive Overcrossing have Added.

Project Engineer	**Batoul Karamimehr**	Telephone:	**(951) 961-8780**
Environmental Coordinator	**Natasha Walton**	Telephone:	**(909) 260-4891**
DATE ISA NEEDED	**12/14/2021**		

Attach the project location map and an aerial photo to this checklist to show the location of proposed R/W and all known and/or potential hazardous waste sites.

1. Project Features: New R/W? **YES** Excavation? **YES** Railroad Involvement? **YES**
   Structure Demolition/Modification? **YES** Utility Relocation? **YES**
2. Project Setting: Rural - **NO** Urban - **YES**
   Current Land Uses: **Conventional Highway**
   Adjacent Land Uses: **Light Industrial, Commercial, Residential**
   (Industrial light industry, commercial, agriculture, residential, other)
3. Check Federal, State, and local environmental and health regulatory agency records as necessary to see if any known hazardous waste site is in or near the project area. If a known site is identified, show its location on the attached map and attach additional sheets as needed to provide all information available pertinent to the proposed project. IS PROJECT
4. AFFECTING SITES LISTED ON CORTESE LIST? IF YES, DESCRIBE SITE: _____
5. Conduct Field Inspection **GeoTracker, EnviroStor & Mineral hazards Info Maps** Date **02/24/2021**

Storage Structures/Pipelines:				**Contamination: (spills, leaks, illegal dumping, etc.)**		**Hazardous Materials: (asbestos, lead, etc.)**	
USTs	**NO**			Surface Staining	**NO**	Buildings	**NO**
Surface tanks	**NO**			Oil Sheen	**NO**	Sprayed-on Fireproofing	**NO**
Sumps	**NO**	Ponds	**NO**	Odors	**NO**	Pipe Wrap	**NO**
Drums	**NO**	Basins	**NO**	Vegetation damage	**NO**	Friable Tile	**NO**
Transformers	**NO**			Other	**N/A**	Acoustical Plaster	**NO**
Landfill	**NO**					Serpentine	**NO**
Other	**N/A**					Paint **NO**	Other **N/A**

Other comments and/or observations:

1G660 and 1F400 projects have been combined into 1G66U.

Once project scope is complete, a field investigation will be tasked out to evaluate asbestos-containing material (ACM) in bridges, aerially deposited lead (ADL) in soil, and lead content in striping, pavement marking and bridge paint (if paint is found on bridge railing) and new R/W area.

This ISA checklist will be updated per the findings in the field investigation.

Include the following in the PS&E package:

SSP 6-1.03B: Conditions for use of local material.

SSP 14-11.14 for the removal and disposal of Treated Wood Waste (TWW) from sign and/or guardrail wood posts.

ISA DETERMINATION:

Does the project have potential hazardous waste involvement? **TBD**

If there is known or potential hazardous waste involvement, is additional ISA work needed before task orders can be prepared for the Preliminary Site Investigation? **NO** If yes, explain, and give estimate of additional time required:

ISA CONDUCTED BY: Neil Azzu **DATE:** **04/28/2022**

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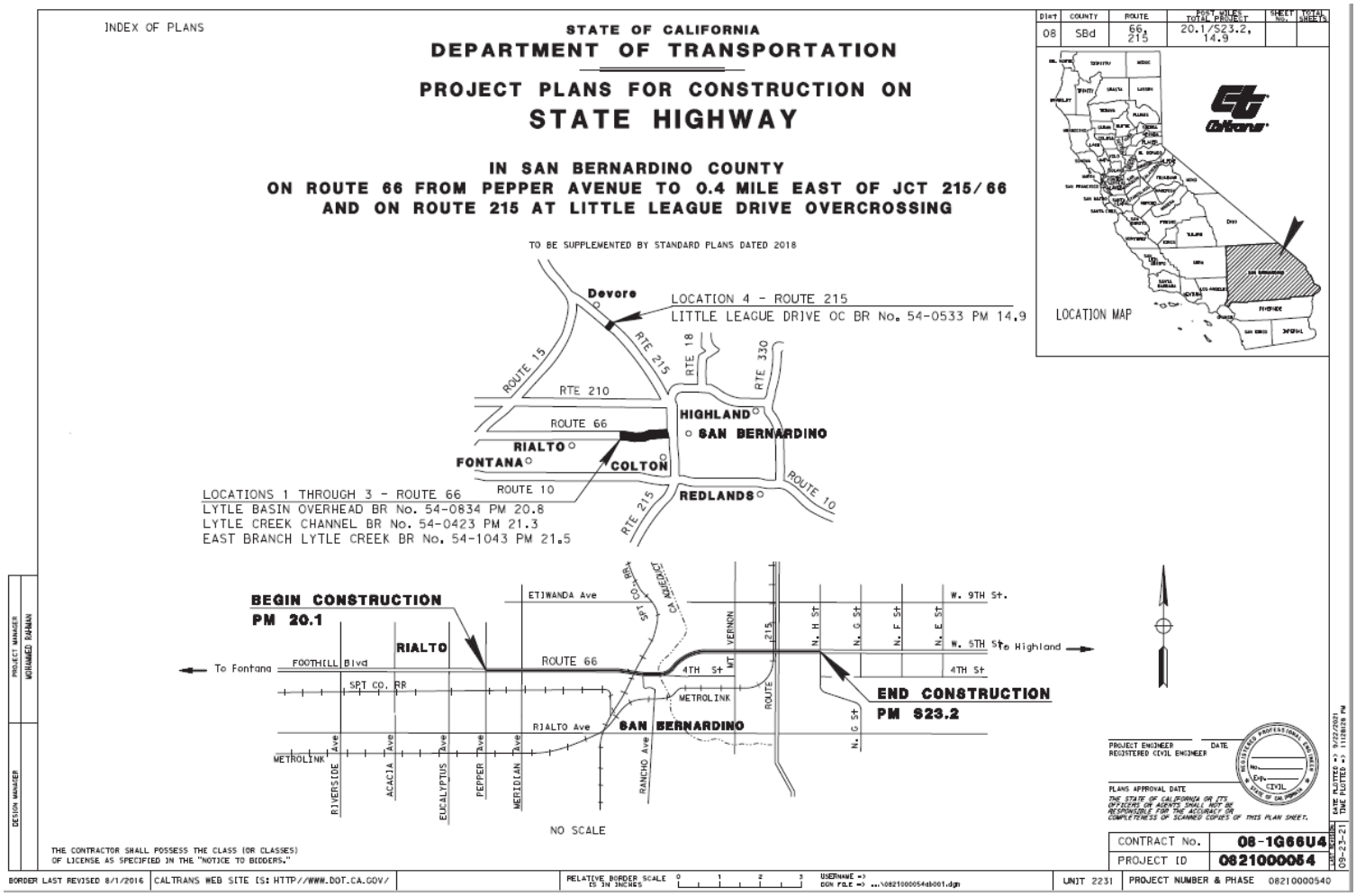
PROJECT INFORMATION

District	**08**	County	**SBd**	Route	**66**	Postmile	**20.1/23.2**	EA	**1G66U**	PN	**0821000054**
District	**08**	County	**SBd**	Route	**215**	Postmile	**14.9/14.9**	EA	**1G66U**	PN	**0821000054**



Little League OC (I-215)

Lytle Creek Channel Bridge (SR 66)