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Project Title: US 101 Improvement Project

Lead Agency: California Department of Transportation

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Project Location: Cities of Thousand Oaks, Camarillo, Oxnard, and Ventura
City

Ventura County
County

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

The Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC), in coordination with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), is proposing to add high-occupancy vehicle (HOV)/express bus lanes along US Highway 101 (US 101) from post mile (PM) 4.1 to 30.9, within Ventura County, California. The project area traverses the communities of Thousand Oaks, Camarillo, Oxnard, and Ventura from approximately State Route (SR) 23 to SR 33. The existing US 101 within the proposed project corridor consists primarily of three 12-foot-wide general-purpose (GP) lanes in each direction, with 12-foot-wide auxiliary lanes at spot locations. The US 101 project improvements include one HOV/express bus lane in each direction between Moorpark Road and SR 33, with auxiliary lanes where determined to be operationally beneficial.

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

Vehicle miles traveled (VMT) is expected to increase under both the Opening Year (2040) and Design Year (2060) conditions, as such, mitigation measure VMT-1 will be implemented, which includes VMT reduction strategies. Operation under Opening Year (2040) and Design Year (2060) conditions is expected to increase regional emissions of particulate matter 10 microns or less in diameter (PM10) when compared to existing conditions. The increase in total regional particulate matter emissions is due to the re-entrained road dust that is directly proportional to the increase in VMT. As previously stated, operational impacts related to the increase in VMT will be addressed through implementation of mitigation measure VMT-1. For Cultural Resources, mitigation measure CR-MM-1 will be implemented to address project impacts on the Adolfo Camarillo Heritage Grove, a historical resource. For Biological Resources, mitigation measure NC-13 will implement mitigation ratios for impacts to sensitive natural communities and jurisdictional resources, including riparian habitats, and measure WET-3 will include aquatic resource compensatory mitigation. For monarch butterfly, mitigation measure TE-9 is included to address potential direct and indirect impacts to suitable foraging and/or breeding habitat for monarch butterfly. Mitigation measure PAL-1 will be implemented to address potential impacts on paleontological resources in the unlikely event they are discovered during project-related construction activities. For noise impacts, if the barrier systems are not feasible or reasonable under NEPA, then mitigation measure N-MM-1 would be implemented, which would redesign existing barriers as replace-in-kind barriers with the same specifications (height, length, and location).

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

There are no known areas of controversy related to the project.

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

Responsible Agencies: California Coastal Commission, California Public Utilities Commission, California Transportation Commission, City of Camarillo, City of Oxnard, City of Thousand Oaks, City of Ventura, County of Ventura, Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, Office of Historic Preservation, Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District, and Southern California Regional Rail Authority.

Trustee Agency: California Department of Fish and Wildlife