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SCH #: 2021080037

Project Title: I-405 Sepulveda Pass ExpressLanes Project

Lead Agency: California Department of Transportation, District 7 (DOT)

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Project Location: Los Angeles, Los Angeles County

City *County*

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

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 7, as assigned by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in coordination with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro), are proposing to improve traffic conditions on the I-405 starting in the south at I-10 and terminating in the north at US-101 (Post Miles 28.4 to 41.4). Caltrans and LA Metro propose the following improvements to reduce congestion, encourage carpooling and transit, improve trip reliability, reduce degradation of the carpool and general-purpose lanes, increase person throughput, apply technology to help manage traffic, support safer travel, and help motorists travel more efficiently throughout the project corridor. The range of improvements under consideration includes converting the existing high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane, also known as carpool lane, to a high-occupancy toll (HOT) lane, also known as an Expresslane; converting the HOV lane to an Expresslane and adding a second ExpressLane; or maintaining the existing HOV lane and adding a second HOV lane in each direction. Additionally, the No Build Alternative is under consideration.

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

The Build Alternatives would have no impact on agriculture and forestry resources and mineral resources.

In addition, the Build Alternatives would have a less than significant impact on air quality, cultural resources, energy, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, population and housing, public services, recreation, tribal cultural resources, utilities and service systems, and wildfire.

The Build Alternatives would have potentially significant or significant impacts related to aesthetics, biological resources, geology, noise, and transportation. The project would implement MM-VIS-12, MM-NC-4, MM-PS-3, MM-AS-1, MM-AS-12, MM-PAL-1, MM-N-10, and MM-TR-1 to reduce all potentially significant impacts to the furthest extent possible. However, even with the implementation of MM-TR-1, impacts associated with transportation would remain significant and unavoidable.

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

The Draft EIR/EIS will be released for a 68-day public circulation period from November 13, 2026, to January 19, 2027. During this time, feedback from stakeholder agencies and the public will be gathered regarding any questions related to the environmental analysis presented in the Draft EIR/EIS. Three public hearings (presented in in-person and virtual format) and three neighborhood listening sessions will also be held in order to capture any comments or concerns from the public regarding the proposed Project. Any areas of controversy regarding the environmental analysis presented in the Draft EIR/EIS will be adequately addressed and formally addressed in the project's Final EIR/EIS once it is prepared.

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

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California Transportation Commission, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, State Water Resources Control Board, Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, City of Los Angeles, California Highway Patrol