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Project Title: Interstate 10 Wildwood Canyon Road Interchange Project

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Project Location: Yucaipa; Calimesa; Redlands
City

San Bernardino; Riverside
County

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

The City of Yucaipa (City), in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA), is proposing to establish a new interchange connection on Interstate 10 (I-10) at Wildwood Canyon Road, between approximately 0.10 mile east of the Live Oak Canyon Road/Oak Glen Road Interchange (post mile [PM] R37.0) and approximately 0.50 mile west of the County Line Road Interchange (PM R39.0), in Yucaipa, California (Project). A proposed Advanced Signage Area extends the Project Design Footprint on I-10 west of Yucaipa Boulevard Interchange to PM 35.3 in San Bernardino County and east of the Sandalwood Drive Interchange in Riverside County to PM R1.1.

Associated improvements include new connecting roadways and/or realignment of existing local roadways, overcrossing bridge structures, signage, and the protection or relocation of existing utilities. Alternative 1 (No-Build) and three Build Alternatives; Alternative 2 (Diamond Interchange Overcrossing), Alternative 3 (Skewed Diamond Interchange Overcrossing), and Alternative 4 (Diverging Diamond Interchange Overcrossing); are being evaluated for the Project.

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

Biological Resources: All Build Alternatives would result in the permanent removal of up to approximately 0.43 acre of coast live oak woodland, and permanently impact up to approximately 0.57 acre of suitable habitat for Crotch's bumble bee and up to 0.10 acre of California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) streambed. Compensatory mitigation would be required to monitor and maintain relocated or replaced oak trees (BIO-8). Coordination would be required with CDFW for an incidental take permit (BIO-14) should the Crotch's bumble bee be detected during bumble bee surveys and impacts cannot be feasibly avoided. A compensatory mitigation ratio of 2:1 is proposed for the permanent loss of CDFW streambed (WET-1). With implementation of Mitigation Measures BIO-8, BIO-14, and WET-1, impacts would be less than significant.

Aesthetics: All Build Alternatives would require removal of up to 95 mature trees during construction. A tree protection plan (VIS-5) and compensatory oak mitigation (BIO-8) would be implemented under all Build Alternatives. With implementation of these mitigation measures, impacts would be less than significant.

Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions: Operational emissions would increase under Opening and Horizon Year conditions for all Build Alternatives due to higher vehicle miles traveled, and would conflict with GHG reduction plans. Design and energy-efficiency mitigation measures, including long-life pavement design (GHG-1), water efficient and drought tolerant landscaping (GHG-2), and use of energy efficient lighting and materials (GHG-4) would reduce emissions where feasible; however, impacts 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.

No areas of controversy are known to the California Department of Transportation District 8 at this time.

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

Responsible Agencies:

City of Yucaipa
California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Fish and Game Region #6)
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional WQCB #8)
San Bernardino County Flood Control District
California Transportation Commission
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Federal Highway Administration (Air Quality Conformity Determination)

Trustee Agencies:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Fish and Game Region #6)
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional WQCB #8)