

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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Project Title: Interstate 215 / Keller Road New Interchange

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Project Location: Murrieta Riverside
City *County*

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

The City of Murrieta (City), in cooperation with California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 8, County of Riverside (County) and the City of Menifee, proposes a new full interchange and auxiliary lanes at Interstate 215 (I-215) and Keller Road in Riverside County. Along I-215, the project limits are from north of Clinton Keith Interchange to south of Scott Road Interchange. The project would also include traffic striping along Keller Road from Pamplona Avenue to Whitewood Road. Four alternatives are under consideration: three Build Alternatives (Alternative 2 - Spread Diamond Interchange, Alternative 3 - Partial Cloverleaf Interchange, and Alternative 5 - Compact Diamond), and the No-Build Alternative (Alternative 1). The purpose of this project includes improving connectivity to the regional transportation system and for future economic development and improving mobility for all users between the I-215, the cities of Murrieta and Menifee, and unincorporated Riverside County.

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

The Project would have significant and unavoidable impacts to greenhouse gases, less than significant impacts to biological resources and paleontological resources with mitigation incorporated, all other resources would have less than significant impact.

Mitigation measures and Avoidance and Minimization Measures for greenhouse gases would be implemented and include the following, which are detailed on pages 3-27 to 3-28 in the DEIR/EA:

GHG-1, GHG-2, GHG-3, GHG-4, GHG-5, GHG-6, GHG-7, GHG-8, GHG-9, GHG-10, GHG-11, GHG-12, and GHG-13.

Proposed mitigation measures for biological resources and paleontological resources include the following:

BIO-8: Compensation for Riparian/Riverine Habitat and Special-status Vegetation Communities. BIO-12: Compensation for Impacts on Wetland and Non-wetland Jurisdictional Waters. BIO-14: Mitigation for Impacts on Special-status Plants. BIO-21: Compensation for Least Bell's Vireo Habitat. PAL-1: Paleontological Mitigation Plan.

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

Based on public input following the public scoping process, the following areas of known controversy and issues were raised:

- Project alternatives are not consistent with the Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) with the addition of Warner Lane, therefore, a recommendation was made to either re-design the project or complete a Criteria Refinement / MSHCP Amendment to include Warner Lane as a covered road. To address the concerns from the Wildlife Agencies, an MSHCP Amendment will be completed before the final environmental document.
- Adjacent residents brought up right-of-way concerns and potential property access issues.

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

California Transportation Commission
California Air Resources Board
California Highway Patrol
California State Lands Commission
California State Water Resources Control Board
California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region # 6
City of Murrieta
City of Meniffee
Native American Heritage Commission
Office of Historic Preservation
Regional Conservation Authority
Riverside County
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board