

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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Lead agencies may include 15 hardcopies of this document when submitting electronic copies of Environmental Impact Reports, Negative Declarations, Mitigated Negative Declarations, or Notices of Preparation to the State Clearinghouse (SCH). The SCH also accepts other summaries, such as EIR Executive Summaries prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15123. Please include one copy of the Notice of Completion Form (NOC) with your submission and attach the summary to each electronic copy of the document.

SCH #: 2023080368

Project Title: Hueneme Road Widening Project

Lead Agency: Ventura County Department of Public Works

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Project Location: Adjacent to the City of Oxnard, in unincorporated Ventura County

City

County

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

The County proposes to widen an approximate 1.93-mile portion of Hueneme Road, between Edison Drive and Rice Avenue, from a 2-lane roadway to a 4-lane roadway with buffered bike lanes, a paved median, and turn lanes (project). All existing left-turn lanes would be retained as part of the project. The total width of the new roadway would vary between 63 to 72 feet. The widened roadway would taper to the existing configuration of one travel lane in each direction approximately 1,200 feet east of Rice Avenue.

The purpose of this project is to improve vehicle and bicycle travel and safety, improve the freight movement corridor, increase connectivity for bicycle riders, and complete vehicle and bicycle improvements consistent with the County's General Plan.

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

The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared for the project is used to determine potential environmental impacts that would occur as a result of the project. The EIR identified Farmland as one resource area that would be mitigated to a less than significant level.

The project would result in the conversion of Prime Farmland/Farmland of Statewide Importance greater than the County of Ventura's (County) thresholds. The project would convert 9.2 acres of Prime Farmland/Farmland of Statewide Importance, requiring that permanent protection of off-site farmland of equal quality at a 1:1 ratio. A full description of the mitigation measures is found below:

MM-AGR-1: The County of Ventura (County) shall prepare and submit a report for the review and approval of the Planning Division in consultation with the Department of Agriculture/Weights & Measures Division which identifies a minimum of one proposed potential mitigation site suitable for ensuring the permanent protection of off-site farmland of equal quality at a 1:1 ratio (acres preserved: acres converted) through the establishment of one or more off-site agricultural conservation easements. The County shall also deposit funds to contract with a qualified third-party agricultural economic consultant to review and advise the Planning Division and Department of Agriculture/Weights & Measures Division regarding the establishment and implementation of the agricultural conservation easement(s).

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

Circulation of the Initial Study (IS) resulted in three comments that were to be addressed in the EIR, with concerns regarding Cultural and Tribal Resources and Transportation. Commenters wanted to make sure that AB 52 consultation was conducted, as well as cultural heritage sites and potential historic properties be evaluated in the EIR. Furthermore, a commenter had safety concerns related to construction vehicle trips and the use of oversized vehicles on Caltrans' right-of-way.

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

Ventura County Department of Public Works
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Regional Water Quality Control Board
California Department of Transportation District 7
California Transportation Commission
Southern California Edison