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SCH #**Project Title:** I-10/Oak Valley Parkway Interchange Improvements ProjectLead Agency: **California Department of Transportation**Contact Person: **Hannah Duarte**Mailing Address: **464 W 4th St, MS 820**Phone: **(909) 472-5756**City: **San Bernardino**Zip: **92401**County: **San Bernardino****Project Location:** County: **Riverside**City/Nearest Community: **Beaumont**Cross Streets: **Oak Valley Parkway intersections with Desert Lawn Drive and Golf Club Drive**Zip Code: **92223**Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): **33 ° 56 ' 41.51 " N / 117 ° 0 ' 11.17 " W** Total Acres: **77.23**Assessor's Parcel No.: **414-090-030**Section: **4/5/32**Twp.: **2S/3S**Range: **1W**Base: **San Bern**Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: **Interstate 10**Waterways: **Little San Geronio Creek and Noble Creek**Airports: **N/A**Railways: **UPRR**Schools: **Three Rings/Tournament Hills****Document Type:**CEQA: ☒ NOP☐ Draft EIRNEPA: ☐ NOIOther: ☐ Joint Document☐ Early Cons☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR☐ EA☐ Final Document☐ Neg Dec

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☐ FONSI**Local Action Type:**☐ General Plan Update☐ Specific Plan☐ Rezone☐ Annexation☐ General Plan Amendment☐ Master Plan☐ Prezone☐ Redevelopment☐ General Plan Element☐ Planned Unit Development☐ Use Permit☐ Coastal Permit☐ Community Plan☐ Site Plan☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)☒ Other: **Transportation****Development Type:**☐ Residential: Units _____ Acres _____☐ Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____☐ Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____☐ Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____☐ Educational: _____☐ Recreational: _____☐ Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____☒ Transportation: Type **Interchange**☐ Mining: Mineral _____☐ Power: Type _____ MW _____☐ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____☐ Hazardous Waste: Type _____☐ Other: _____**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**☒ Aesthetic/Visual☐ Fiscal☐ Recreation/Parks☒ Vegetation☒ Agricultural Land☒ Flood Plain/Flooding☐ Schools/Universities☒ Water Quality☒ Air Quality☐ Forest Land/Fire Hazard☐ Septic Systems☐ Water Supply/Groundwater☒ Archeological/Historical☒ Geologic/Seismic☐ Sewer Capacity☒ Wetland/Riparian☒ Biological Resources☐ Minerals☒ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading☒ Growth Inducement☐ Coastal Zone☒ Noise☒ Solid Waste☒ Land Use☐ Drainage/Absorption☒ Population/Housing Balance☒ Toxic/Hazardous☒ Cumulative Effects☐ Economic/Jobs☒ Public Services/Facilities☒ Traffic/Circulation☒ Other: **GHG/Climate Change****Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

Transportation/Vacant/Hotels and Motels/Retail Stores/Commercial Services

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

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Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date June 23, 2025 Ending Date July 24, 2025

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 6/17/25

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

Interstate 10/Oak Valley Parkway Interchange Improvements Project

Project Description

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Project Purpose and Need

Purpose:

The purpose of the proposed Project is to improve operations and safety on I-10 and Oak Valley Parkway by improving traffic circulation along Oak Valley Parkway to meet existing and projected access demands.

It is to also provide multi-modal and transit accommodation by creating connectivity through the northwestern portion of the City. The Project is also proposed to reduce future Beaumont Transit delays by improving traffic operations. The Project purpose also includes improving existing and future goods movement along Oak Valley Parkway, an identified truck route, as well as improving commute times between residential communities and the commercial centers of Beaumont.

Lastly, the purpose is to meet the requirements of the City of Beaumont General Plan designation of I-10 and Oak Valley Parkway as major evacuation routes for the City and provide adequate emergency services access.

Need:

The current I-10/Oak Valley Parkway Interchange presents operational deficiencies needed to be addressed by this Project. First, the traffic exiting the freeway at Oak Valley Parkway, eastbound and westbound, is backing up onto I-10 during the peak traffic hours due to limited off-ramp storage capacity. Second, existing freeway segment at the interchange is experiencing recurring traffic congestion including transit delays and a high frequency of vehicle collisions due to volume of vehicles that have difficulty merging onto the freeway during peak congestion periods. The

existing on- and off-ramps do not provide maintenance vehicle pullouts or ramp metering at the on-ramps, and the current interchange needs to be updated to current Caltrans geometric and design standards.

Third, there is an absence of multimodal facilities along Oak Valley Parkway west of the interchange that creates a gap in the community bikeway and pedestrian network, forcing the community to rely on vehicular travel to access goods and services, resulting in an increase in overall delay.

Fourth, Oak Valley Parkway is identified in the City of Beaumont General Plan as an emergency evacuation route and areas west and north of the interchange are defined by CalFire as a high Fire Hazard Severity Zones, which needs adequate capacity for emergency service ingress and for egress during evacuation events.