

# Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

**Form F**

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SCH #: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title: Foothill Boulevard Improvement Project

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Project Location: City of Fontana

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

The proposed project involves widening approximately 4,700 feet of Foothill Boulevard from four to six lanes between Hemlock Avenue and Almeria Avenue, adding Class II bike lanes, a raised landscaped median, and sidewalks. It also includes widening 260 feet of Beech Avenue south of Foothill Boulevard, installing a traffic signal at the Foothill/Beech intersection, and replacing the historic Malaga Bridge with a new structure raised to accommodate truck and bus clearance, while relocating the original bridge within the project area. The project requires partial acquisitions from 42 parcels, mostly narrow strips along the right-of-way, and the relocation of existing utilities.

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

The proposed project has potentially significant environmental impacts in several categories under Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines, warranting detailed analysis in an Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Aesthetic impacts may result from the removal of vegetation and changes to scenic vistas, which could be mitigated through context-sensitive landscaping and architectural design of the new bridge. Biological Resource impacts, including potential harm to sensitive species and habitats, would require pre-construction surveys, habitat restoration, and biological monitoring. Geology and Soils concerns, such as erosion and seismic risks, would be addressed through erosion control best practices and geotechnical design. Noise impacts from construction and increased traffic could be reduced by restricting construction hours, installing noise barriers, and using quieter equipment. Cultural Resource impacts stem from the relocation of the historic Malaga Bridge, which may necessitate documentation and oversight by qualified professionals. Tribal Cultural Resources may also be at risk, necessitating formal consultation with tribal representatives and potential monitoring during ground disturbance (AB 52).

NEPA compliance would include Section 7 consultation for biological impacts, Section 106 review for cultural and tribal resources, and disclosure of aesthetic, geological, and noise impacts per 40 CFR §1502, alongside a public scoping process.

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

None known.

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

Responsible Agencies (those with permitting or approval authority):

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) – Oversight if project involves state highway intersections or funding. California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Region 8) – For 401 Water Quality Certification under the Clean Water Act. California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) – For Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (LSAA) under Fish and Game Code §1600. San Bernardino County Transportation Authority – If they are involved in planning, funding, or implementing the project. Local Utility Providers – For utility relocation permits and coordination. City of Fontana – For local road improvements, encroachment permits, and CEQA lead agency coordination if applicable.

Trustee Agencies (those with jurisdiction over natural resources held in trust):

California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) – For biological resources including listed species and habitats. California State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) – For review under Section 106 and/or CEQA review of historic resources. Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) – For tribal cultural resource oversight and facilitating AB 52 consultations.

Because Foothill Boulevard, as part of Historic U.S. Route 66 / State Route 66, is listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, any physical alteration or potential impact to the roadway or associated features may trigger federal consultation requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).