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SCH #**Project Title:** Bridge Preventative Maintenance Program – Group 5 ProjectLead Agency: Tulare County Resource Management AgencyContact: Gary Mills, Chief Planner, Env. Planning DivisionMailing Address: 5961 S. Mooney Blvd.Phone: 559-624-7199City: VisaliaZip: 93277-9394County: Tulare County**Project Location:** County: TulareCity/Nearest Community: throughout Tulare CountyCross Streets: See attached Table 2

Zip Code: _____

Assessor's Parcel No: See attached Table 1

Total Acres: _____

Latitude/Longitude: ____° ____' ____" N / ____° ____' ____" W Section: ____ Township: ____ Range: ____ Base: MDBMWithin 2 Miles: State Hwy: _____ Waterways: See attached Table 2

Airports: _____ Railways: _____ Schools: _____

Document Type:CEQA: ☐ NOP ☐ Draft EIR
☐ Early Cons ☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR
☐ Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) _____
☒ Mit Neg Dec ☐ Other: _____NEPA: ☐ NOI ☐ EA
☐ Draft EIS
☐ FONSIOther: ☐ Joint Document
☐ Final Document
☐ Other _____**Local Action Type:**☐ General Plan Update
☐ General Plan Amendment
☐ General Plan Element
☐ Community Plan☐ Specific Plan
☐ Master Plan
☐ Planned Unit Dev.
☐ Site Plan☐ Rezone
☐ Pre-zone
☐ Use Permit
☐ Land Division (Sub.)☐ Annexation
☐ Redevelopment
☐ Coastal Permit
☒ Other Maintenance**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 _____
☐ Mining: Mineral _____
☐ Power: Type _____ MW
☐ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
☐ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
☒ Other: Bridge preventative maintenance**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**☒ Aesthetic/Visual
☒ Agricultural Land
☒ Air Quality
☒ Archaeological/Historical
☒ Biological Resources
☐ Coastal Zone
☒ Drainage/Absorption
☐ Economic/Jobs
☒ Other: Tribal Cultural Res.☐ Fiscal
☒ Flood Plain/Flooding
☒ Forest Land/Fire Hazard
☒ Geologic/Seismic
☒ Minerals
☒ Noise
☒ Population/Housing Balance
☒ Public Services/Facilities
☒ Other: Greenhouse Gases☒ Recreation/Parks
☒ Schools/Universities
☒ Septic Systems
☒ Sewer Capacity
☒ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading
☒ Solid/Waste
☒ Toxic/Hazardous
☒ Transportation/Traffic/Circulation
☒ Other: _____☒ Vegetation
☒ Water Quality
☒ Water Supply/Groundwater
☒ Wetland/Riparian
☒ Growth Inducing
☒ Land Use
☒ Cumulative Effects
☒ Other: Energy
☒ Other: _____**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:** See attached table 1 for General Plan designations and zoning.**Project Description:** See Attached

Table 1. Project APN, General Plan Designation, and Zoning

Bridge Number	APN	General Plan Designation	Zoning
46C0036	111-180-015	VA-Valley Agriculture	AE-20 Exclusive Agricultural Zone – 20 Acre Minimum
	111-180-062		
	111-180-064		
46C0058	045-100-009	VA-Valley Agriculture	AE-40 Exclusive Agricultural Zone – 40 Acre Minimum
46C0059	045-100-009	VA-Valley Agriculture	AE-40 Exclusive Agricultural Zone – 40 Acre Minimum
	045-100-021		AE-80 Exclusive Agricultural Zone – 80 Acre Minimum
46C0087	305-060-013	FA-Foothill Agriculture	AE-40 Exclusive Agricultural Zone – 40 Acre Minimum
	305-060-014		
	305-190-021		
46C0106	318-130-005	VA-Valley Agriculture	AE-40 Exclusive Agricultural Zone – 40 Acre Minimum
	318-290-002		
46C0108	319-100-002	VA-Valley Agriculture	AE-40 Exclusive Agricultural Zone – 40 Acre Minimum
	319-110-005		
46C0202	325-030-005	FA-Foothill Agriculture	FA – Foothill Agricultural
46C0204	325-210-053	Mountain Framework Plan area/Great Western Divide South Half Plan (Unadopted)	A-1 Agricultural
	325-210-065		
46C0205	344-190-004	Mountain Framework Plan area/Great Western Divide South Half Plan (Unadopted)	A-1 Agricultural
	344-190-007		
46C0226	035-250-003	VA-Valley Agriculture	AE-20 Exclusive Agricultural Zone – 20 Acre Minimum
	035-250-008		
	035-260-002		
	035-260-013		
46C0269	228-010-019	VA-Valley Agriculture	AE-40 Exclusive Agricultural Zone – 40 Acre Minimum
	228-010-021		
46C0309	210-160-027	VA-Valley Agriculture	AE-20 Exclusive Agricultural Zone – 20 Acre Minimum
	210-170-008		
46C0318	318-120-014	VA-Valley Agriculture	AE-40 Exclusive Agricultural Zone – 40 Acre Minimum
	316-180-008		
	316-180-012		
46C0330	053-120-007	VA-Valley Agriculture	AE-20 Exclusive Agricultural Zone – 20 Acre Minimum
	053-160-006		
46C0403	111-050-042	VA-Valley Agriculture	AE-40 Exclusive Agricultural Zone – 40 Acre Minimum
	111-130-011		
46C0408	103-110-006	UR-Urban Reserve	AE-20 Exclusive Agricultural Zone – 20 Acre Minimum
	103-500-001		Government/Public
46C0420	077-040-029	UR-Urban Reserve	AE-40 Exclusive Agricultural Zone – 40 Acre Minimum
	077-040-031		

Project Description:

Tulare County (County), in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), proposes to perform maintenance on 17 bridges throughout various locations within the County. A summary of the 17 bridges, including bridge number and location, included in the Project is listed in the table below.

The County is responsible for the maintenance of 359 bridges within the boundaries of Tulare County. In 2015, the County developed a BPMP, that includes five category groups of maintenance activities, with the following objectives: maintain the existing bridge inventory in a structurally safe and serviceable condition; correct minor structural defects; repair deficiencies early in a bridge's life prior to encountering major, more costly rehabilitation, reconstruction, or replacement; and extend the service life of existing bridges. Group 5 includes scour countermeasures (streambed degradation or localized scour), which is often the highest priority, and the repair, restoration, and strengthening of structural elements.

The purpose of the Project is to extend the service life of 17 bridges within the County considered to be in generally good condition. Preventative maintenance activities are needed to provide improved safety and operations on each facility.

The proposed Project would implement preventive maintenance measures primarily consisting of scour protection repairs and other miscellaneous work including but not limited to deck treatment, spall repair, structural connection repairs, joint repairs, bridge bearing repairs, and overlay (asphalt concrete) removal. Erosion control will be placed where necessary and disturbed areas will be revegetated. A summary of specific work items per bridge is included below:

Table 2. Project Location and Work Description

Bridge Number	Facility Carried/Intersected	Location	Work Description
46C0036	Rd. 168/Tulare Irrigation District (TID) Canal	0.1 mi N of SR 198	• Clear debris/rubble in TID Canal • Grout exposed piles and place grout bags in front of piers
46C0058	D60 / Cross Creek	2.05 mi S of AVE 352	• Partially grouted rock slope protection (RSP) along the whole creek width
46C0059	D60 / Cross Creek	1.95 mi S of AVE 352	• Clear debris/rubble in Cross Creek • South abutment rubble to be removed and replaced with properly sized RSP • Drop structure downstream of bridge • Grout exposed piles at abutments • Partially grouted riprap along full length of channel
46C0087	M120 / Deer Creek	0.5 mi E of RD 272	• Grout exposed pier piles and place cut-off walls at piers • Partially grouted riprap at abutments and piers • Methacrylate deck treatment • Roadway approach work
46C0106	Road 144 / Deer Creek	0.1 mi S of AVE 72	• Grout exposed pier piles and place partially grouted riprap around piers • Methacrylate deck treatment • Roadway approach work
46C0108	Avenue 88 / Deer Creek	0.2 mi E of RD 176	• Place partially grouted riprap around piers • Methacrylate deck treatment • Clear debris within Deer Creek
46C0202	M112 / Deer Creek	5.86 mi SE of M120	• Replace left rotated wingwall • Add cut-off walls to both abutment footings
46C0204	M112 / Tyler Creek	0.3 mi N of M56	• Place downdrains around wingwalls • Repaint areas where the paint system is damaged or no longer effective
46C0205	SR56 (Hot Springs Rd.)/Deer Creek	16.4 mi E of M109	• Cut-off wall at abutment 1

Bridge Number	Facility Carried/Intersected	Location	Work Description
46C0226	Avenue 428 / Friant Kern Canal	0.4 mi E of RD 144	• Methacrylate deck treatment • Reset bearings at abutment 4 • Remove AC from sliding steel plate joint to allow for joint movement • Place RSP or turf reinforcement mat at abutments
46C0269	Road 80 / Elk Bayou	1.1 mi N of AVE 160	• Remove asphalt concrete surfacing (and re-stripe deck) • Place RSP at piers and abutments • Replace bridge rail
46C0309	Avenue 220 / Lewis Creek	0.25 mi E of RD 244	• Grout and place cut-off walls at abutments
46C0318	Road 136 / Deer Creek	0.6 mi S of AVE 78	• Place partially grouted riprap at piers • Clear debris within Deer Creek • Deck treatment – Polyester concrete overlay
46C0330	Road 180 / Cottonwood Creek	0.4 mi N of AVE 352	• Place RSP along channel and around wingwalls • Clear debris within Cottonwood Creek • Roadway approach work
46C0403	Avenue 304 / Crocker Cut	0.2 mi E of RD 180	• Construct cut-off wall along downstream • Remove asphalt concrete (AC) at both approaches and along bridge
46C0408	Road 152 / Mill Creek	0.4 mi N of SR 198	• Place partially grouted riprap at piers • Replace or add additional grout bags at upstream portions of abutments
46C0420	Road 108 / Saint Johns River	0.75 mi S of AVE 328	• Grout exposed piles • Place partially grouted riprap along full channel width • Methacrylate deck treatment • Place RSP within Saint Johns River

Temporary road closures and detours will take place at select bridge sites. The anticipated duration of the road closures will be approximately 4–6 hours depending upon access needs of residents and available detour options. Temporary construction easements (TCEs) and partial right-of-way (ROW) will likely be needed on a limited basis to accommodate the construction of the proposed preventative maintenance activities. Full ROW takes are not anticipated. Construction at all bridge locations is expected to be completed in approximately 12 months.

The Project is federally funded through the Highway Bridge Program, as such it requires compliance with both the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The lead agency for the CEQA compliance is the County, and the lead agency for the NEPA compliance is Caltrans.

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with an "X." If the document has already been sent to the agency, denote that with an "s."

☒ Air Resources Board	☐ Office of Emergency Services
☐ Boating & Waterways, Department of	☒ Office of Historic Preservation
☒ California Highway Patrol	☐ Office of Public School Construction
☒ Caltrans District #6	☐ Parks & Recreation, Department of
☐ Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	☐ Pesticide Regulation, Department of
☐ Caltrans Planning	☐ Public Health, Department of
☐ Central Valley Flood Protection Board	☒ Public Utilities Commission
☐ Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	☒ Regional WQCB # 5F
☐ Coastal Commission	☒ Resources Agency
☐ Colorado River Board	☐ S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Commission
☒ Conservation, Department of	☐ San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers and Mtns Conservancy
☐ Corrections, Department of	☐ San Joaquin River Conservancy
☐ Delta Protection Commission	☐ Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
☐ Education, Department of	☐ State Lands Commission
☒ Energy Commission	☐ SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
☒ Fish & Wildlife Region #4	☒ SWRCB: Water Quality
☒ Food & Agriculture, Department of	☐ SWRCB: Water Rights
☒ Forestry & Fire Protection, Department of	☐ Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
☒ General Services, Department of	☒ Toxic Substances Control, Department of
☐ Health Care Services, Department of	☐ Water Resources, Department of
☐ Housing & Community Development	☐ Other: <u>U.S. Forest Service</u>
☐ Integrated Waste Management Board	☐ Other: <u>U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service</u>
☒ Native American Heritage Commission	☐ Other: <u>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers</u>
☐ Other: <u>San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District</u>	☐ Other: <u>U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service</u>
☐ Other: <u>Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner</u>	☐ Other: <u>U.S. Naval Facilities Engineering Command</u>
☐ Other: <u>Tulare County Association of Governments</u>	☐ Other: <u>Tulare County Resources Conservation District</u>
☐ Other: <u>Tulare County Farm Bureau</u>	☐ Other: <u>Tulare County Office of Emergency Services</u>
☐ Other: <u>Tulare County Fire Warden</u>	☐ Other: <u>Tulare County Sheriff's Office</u>
☐ Other: <u>Tulare County HHSA – Environmental Health</u>	☐ Other: <u>Tulare County U.C. Cooperative Extension</u>
☐ Other: <u>Tulare County Local Agency Formation Commission</u>	☐ Other: <u>Tulare County Resource Management (Fire, Flood, PW)</u>

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

Starting Date: September 24, 2025

Ending Date: October 24, 2025

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Date: 9/23/2025

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