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SCH #: _____

Project Title: San Benito U.S. Route 101 Pavement Rehabilitation Project

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Project Location: Multiple locations, San Benito County, CA

City

County

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

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to rehabilitate pavement and drainage systems, upgrade traffic safety systems, replace transportation management system elements, and improve wildlife connectivity on U.S. Route 101 in San Benito County, from post miles 0.0 (Monterey-San Benito County line) to 7.55 (San Benito-Santa Clara County line). The project proposes a 0.15-foot rubberized hot mix asphalt overlay of 30.290 lane miles of flexible Class 2 pavement, and upgrades to metal beam guardrail, concrete barriers, and end treatments to meet Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware standards. The project also proposes replacement of one traffic census station and repair of loops at two additional traffic census stations. In addition, the project proposes the restoration of 28 culverts at 12 locations, including installation of a wildlife undercrossing and directional fencing at two locations to direct animals to the crossing structures.

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

Project work has the potential to affect biological resources. Caltrans standard measures, best management practices, and several dozen avoidance and minimization measures would be incorporated into the project to protect biological resources. The project also includes three mitigation measures for biological resources. These include requirements to replace removed trees and vegetation at 1:1 or 3:1 ratios for impacts to non-jurisdictional and jurisdictional areas, respectively. Caltrans will also mitigate for potential impacts to California tiger salamander upland habitat at a 1-to-1 ratio onsite through restoration of impacted habitats. Permanent impacts to suitable habitat are proposed for mitigation at a 3-to-1 ratio, or as required by regulatory agencies, using mitigation credits at a California Department of Fish and Wildlife-approved California tiger salamander mitigation bank.

Project work has the potential to affect paleontological resources. Caltrans will retain a Principal Paleontologist that meets Caltrans qualifications to prepare or oversee preparation of a Paleontological Mitigation Plan during the project Plans, Specifications, and Estimates phase. The Paleontological Mitigation Plan provides detailed information about the implementation of mitigation fieldwork (construction monitoring, fossil recovery), laboratory techniques for fossil preparation and identification, and the designation of a curation facility, also known as a repository, to receive the fossils. Elements of the Paleontological Mitigation Plan shall conform to Caltrans guidelines. Paleontological Monitoring during construction would be required as a component of the 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.

None known.

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

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
National Marine Fisheries Service
California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 3
Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 3 Central Coast
State Water Resources Control Board
California Office of Historic Preservation
California Transportation Commission