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Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Avenue 50 Improvement Project from Jefferson Street to Botella Place

Lead Agency: City of Indio

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Project Location: Indio and La Quinta *City* Riverside *County*

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

See attachment.

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

The Initial Study evaluated potential environmental impacts to aesthetics, agricultural and forestry resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, tribal cultural resources, utilities and service systems and wildfire. Of all potential effects evaluated, impacts in the areas of biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, noise, transportation, and tribal cultural resources were identified, but will be reduced to a less than significant levels with implementation of mitigation measures MM BIO 1, MM BIO 2, MM BIO 3, MM CR 1, MM CR 2, MM GEO 1, MM TRAFFIC 1, MM NOI 1, MM NOI 2, MM NOI 3, MM NOI 4, and MM TCR 1. The City did not identify any significant, unavoidable impacts.

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 identified.

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

- City of La Quinta

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal Attachment (Avenue 50 Improvement Project from Jefferson Street to Botella Place)

Project Description:

The City of Indio proposes to improve a portion of Avenue 50 from Jefferson Street to Botella Place to its ultimate Indio General Plan configuration as well as construct drainage improvements consistent with Indio's Master Drainage Plan (MDP). The southern portion of Avenue 50 between Jefferson Street and Madison Street (approximately a mile) is within the City of La Quinta while the remaining roadway portions are within Indio. The proposed roadway improvements in La Quinta are consistent with the La Qunita General Plan configuration.

Existing conditions generally include a three-lane roadway and incomplete segments of sidewalks or trails. Proposed improvements generally include widening Avenue 50 from one travel lane to two travel lanes in each direction, closing gaps in existing sidewalks and trails, and constructing a Class IV bike lane, curb and gutter, and drainage improvements per the Indio MDP. New streetlights are proposed in Indio. No landscaping is proposed.

The Project will provide storm drain lines at varying lengths that are currently not provided by the existing roadway. The storm drain lines function as underground retention/infiltration basins for the street subareas. Each storm drain line is a 60-inch diameter perforated high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe embedded in a trench filled with clean washed stones (gravel), located under the median or sidewalk/parkway on both sides of Avenue 50. Catch basins with local depressions are placed at the low points of the street and at the downstream end of each storm drain pipe to collect and convey the street flow to the underground pipe for storage and infiltration. The proposed facilities, with regular maintenance, will convey flows safely to the underground retention and ground infiltration with the additional benefit of groundwater recharging, in accordance with the requirements of the Indio MDP.

Some areas proposed for improvements require right-of-way (ROW) acquisition and storm drain easements; these areas are on Avenue 50 in both Indio and La Quinta. Project construction will also require temporary construction easements extending up to 10 feet outside of street ROW for properties adjacent to the Project site. Project construction would last approximately 18 months.