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SCH #

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Project Title: I-5/SR-78 Interchange Improvements Project

Lead Agency: California Department of Transportation Contact Person: Amanda D'Elia

Mailing Address: 4050 Taylor Street, MS 242

Phone: (858) 289-1274

City: San Diego

Zip: 92110

County: San Diego

Project Location: County: San Diego City/Nearest Community: Oceanside/Carlsbad

Cross Streets: Interstate 5 and State Route 78 Interchange

Zip Code: 92054

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes, and seconds): _____

Total Acres: _____

Assessor's Parcel No.: _____ Section: _____ Twp.: _____ Range: _____ Base: _____

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 5, 78 Waterways: Loma Alta Creek, Buena Vista Creek, Buena Vista Lagoon

Airports: None Railways: SDNR – Coaster & Sprinter Schools: Surfside High (Continuation), Palmquist Elementary, South Oceanside Elementary, Buena Vista Elementary, Audeo Charter II, See additional attached

Document Type:

CEQA:

NOP Early Cons

Neg Dec Mit Neg Dec Draft EIR Supplement/Subsequent EIR

(Prior SCH No.) _____ Other: _____

NEPA:

NOI EA Draft EIS FONSI

Other:

Joint Document Final Document Other: _____

Local Action Type:

<input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Update	<input type="checkbox"/> Specific Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Rezone	<input type="checkbox"/> Annexation
<input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Master Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Prezone	<input type="checkbox"/> Redevelopment
<input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Element	<input type="checkbox"/> Planned Unit Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Use Permit	<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Permit
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Site Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Transportation</u>

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 State Highway – Interchange Improvements
 - Mining: Mineral _____
 - Power: Type _____ MW _____
 - Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
 - Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 - Other: _____
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Project Issues Discussed in Document:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic/Visual | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geologic/Seismic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Soil Erosion/Compaction/
Grading |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Land | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Growth Inducement | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Use | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toxic/Hazardous |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Archeological/Historical | <input type="checkbox"/> Minerals | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Circulation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vegetation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coastal Zone | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing
Balance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Quality |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cumulative Effects | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Supply/Groundwater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage/Absorption | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation/Parks | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetland/Riparian |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic/Jobs | <input type="checkbox"/> Schools/Universities | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal | <input type="checkbox"/> Septic Systems | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Floodplain/Flooding | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Capacity | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forest Land/Fire Hazard | | |
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Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Transportation

Project Description:

The purpose of the Interstate 5/State Route 78 (I-5/SR-78) Interchange Improvement Project is to improve safety and traffic flow at the interchange. The project will focus on addressing the heavily traveled westbound SR-78 to southbound I-5 connection, as well as improving access to local communities, coastal resources and recreational destinations. These improvements aim to reduce congestion on SR-78, limit cut-through traffic on local streets, and improve travel conditions for residents, visitors, and regional commuters.

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with an "X". If you have already sent your document to the agency, please denote that with an "S".

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Resources Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # <u>11</u> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # <u>9</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board | <input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy | <input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish and Wildlife Region # <u>5</u> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>CA Transportation Commission</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing and Community Development | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Historic Preservation | |

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

Starting Date April 29, 2026

Ending Date May 29, 2026

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: _____

Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Contact: _____

Phone: _____

Phone: _____

Signature of Lead Agency Representative: *Koji Tsunoda* Date: 4/29/2026

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

Full list of schools within 2-mile buffer:

- Laurel Elementary
- Jefferson Middle School
- Oceanside Unified School District Adult Transition Program
- Mission Elementary
- Oceanside High School
- Surfside High (Continuation)
- Lincoln Middle School
- Palmquist Elementary
- South Oceanside Elementary
- Buena Vista Elementary
- Carlsbad Seaside Academy
- Magnolia Elementary
- Valley Middle
- Jefferson Elementary
- Kelly Elementary
- Christa McAuliffe Elementary
- Coastal Academy Charter
- Casita Center for Science/Math/Technology
- Bella Mente Montessori Academy
- Grapevine Elementary
- Hope Elementary
- Calavera Hills Elementary
- Calavera Hills Middle
- Audeo Charter II
- Sage Creek High