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SCH #: _____

Project Title: State Route 1, State Route 41, and Main Street Intersection Improvement

Lead Agency: Caltrans

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Project Location: Morro Bay (*City*) San Luis Obispo (*County*)

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

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in cooperation with the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) proposes to convert the two existing intersections of the State Route 1 northbound ramps, State Route 41, and Main Street into a modern roundabout with a dedicated westbound left-turn lane in the city of Morro Bay to address traffic operational deficiencies and improve multimodal access. This configuration would serve single lane approaches from State Route 1 on- and off-ramps, single lane approach from eastbound State Route 41, and single lane approach from Main Street approaches. A multilane approach is proposed for the westbound State Route 41 approach. The project would construct Americans-with-Disabilities-Act-compliant, standard Caltrans Class II bike lanes, sidewalks, and intersection crossings. Retaining walls would be installed along the western edge of the northbound State Route 1 on- and off-ramps to accommodate realignment of the ramps closer to the State Route 1 mainline.

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

The removal of vegetation, construction of retaining walls and central island, and installation of new lighting would results in potentially significant impacts to the aesthetic/ visual resources. Therefore, measures are proposed to reduce said potential impacts to less than significant with mitigation.

Mitigation Measure Aesthetics-2 would reduce potentially significant impacts associated with substantial degradation of the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings to less than significant by providing guidelines for aesthetic treatment of project features.

Mitigation Measure Aesthetics-4 would reduce the perceived visual scale of the walls, complement the scenic coastal setting, and reduce graffiti potential, require planting at the base of the retaining walls. This would reduce the project's potentially significant impacts associated with substantial degradation of the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings to less than significant.

Mitigation Measure Aethetics-5 would reduce potentially significant impacts related to lighting by ensuring that all exterior lighting would be shielded and directed downward to reduce point-source lighting created by the new streetlights to less than significant.

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

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

Responsible Agencies:
California Transportation Commission
City of Morro Bay

Trustee Agencies:
California Department of Fish and Wildlife