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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Vehicle and Pedestrian Safety Project

Lead Agency: Caltrans District 4

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Project Location: State Route 1 (PM 0.0 - 50.5) in Marin County
City *County*

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

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to install and replace curve warning signs, advisory speed plaques, horizontal alignment signs, pedestrian crossing signs, vehicle feedback signs, and Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) at 32 locations along SR 1 in Marin County between post miles 0.0 and 50.5. An Initial Study has been prepared by Caltrans District 4. On the basis of this study, it is determined that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the environment for the following reasons: The project would have no effect on Agriculture and Forestry Resources, Geology and Soils, Mineral Resources, Noise, Population and Housing, Recreation, Transpiration, Utilities and Service Systems, and Wildfire.The project would have less than significant effects to Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Energy, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Public Services, and Tribal Cultural Resources.

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

With the following mitigation measures incorporated, the project would have less than significant effects to Aesthetics and Land Use and Planning:
MM-AES-08: Enhance Visual Compatibility of Signage. In visually sensitive locations, paint the back of the signs and sign hardware using federally approved standard colors to compliment surrounding environment and minimize visual impacts on scenic character.

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

Known controversy associated with the project primarily concerns potential visual impacts within the State Route 1 coastal corridor. The California Coastal Commission (CCC) has previously expressed concern that installation of large numbers of curve warning and traffic control signs could adversely affect scenic resources and community character within the Coastal Zone. As a result of agency coordination, the scope of the project was substantially reduced from more than 800 potential curve warning sign locations to 32 targeted safety improvement locations, and the total number of proposed signs was further reduced through project refinement. Additional aesthetic mitigation measures, including treatment of sign back panels to reduce visual contrast, have been incorporated to minimize impacts. While the CCC has indicated concerns regarding consistency with Coastal Act visual resource policies, Caltrans maintains that the proposed improvements are necessary to address documented roadway and pedestrian safety needs and believes the project can be implemented while minimizing visual impacts.

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

California Coastal Commission, Marin Local Coastal Program, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Native American Heritage Commission, and State Historic Preservation Officer.