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County of San Bernardino
385 North Arrowhead Avenue, Second Floor
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From: San Bernardino County
Department of Public Works
Environmental Management Division
825 E. Third Street, Room 123
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0835

Project Description

Project Title: San Bernardino Avenue Widening Project (H14750)

Project Location: The project is located along San Bernardino Avenue, extending from Cherry Avenue east to Fontana Avenue, in the City of Fontana, San Bernardino County. All work will occur within the existing roadway right-of-way and associated easement areas, which include 54 parcels (Attachment 4) where permanent and temporary easements or entry rights have been secured. The project corridor is located south of Interstate 10 and north of Sierra Avenue, providing a key east-west connection through the Fontana area.

Project Description: The San Bernardino County Department of Public Works (DPW) proposes the full depth reconstruction and widening of approximately 1.25 miles of San Bernardino Avenue, extending from Cherry Avenue east to Fontana Avenue in the City of Fontana. The roadway will be reconstructed to an 80-foot curb separation, with a maximum excavation depth of 1.35 feet for the road surface and approximately 4 feet for drainage structures. Improvements include pulverizing asphalt and cold planing, installing ADA compliant concrete ramps and driveway approaches, placing asphalt concrete driveways and asphalt dike, and constructing concrete curb, gutter, sidewalks, spandrels, and cross gutters at multiple locations. The project also includes relocation of fencing and block walls, as well as traffic signal relocations at Cherry Avenue, Redwood Avenue, Live Oak Avenue, Hemlock Avenue, and Fontana Avenue. Drainage facilities will be reconstructed east of Cherry Avenue, east of Live Oak Avenue, and west of Fontana Avenue. Additional work consists of constructing three concrete bus stop pads, removing approximately 35 mature trees and stumps, and demolishing three residential structures and one storage building to accommodate easement acquisitions.

Utility relocations will also be required, including approximately 10 steel Southern California Edison power poles, several wooden AT&T poles, fire hydrants, water valves, meters, and gas meters. Irrigation systems will be adjusted as needed. Construction will use heavy equipment such as dump trucks, pavers, rollers, backhoes, concrete mixers, and loaders, and surplus pulverized material will be exported from the site. Staging areas will be limited to paved or previously disturbed locations. Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2027 and last approximately 90 days. The project will not increase traffic capacity, will not require traffic detours or night construction lighting, and will remain entirely within the existing right-of-way and acquired easements covering 54 parcels.

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Exempt Status: (check one)

- ☐ Ministerial [Sec. 21080(B)(1); 15268];
- ☐ Declared Emergency [Sec. 21080(B)(3); 15269(a)];
- ☐ Emergency Project [Sec. 21080(B)(4); 15269(b)];
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section: Section 15301 (Class 1 - Existing Facilities), Section 15302 - Replacement or Reconstruction and Section 15303 - New Construction of Small Structures
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:
- ☐ Other Exemption:

Reasons why this project is exempt: Section 15301(c) (Existing Facilities) as it involves reconstruction and minor alteration of an existing roadway, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, drainage facilities, and utilities within the current right-of-way with no increase in capacity. It is also exempt under Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction) as the project includes demolition and replacement of roadway pavement, sidewalks, and drainage facilities in the same location, serving the same purpose and capacity as existing facilities. In addition, the project qualifies under Section 15303 (New Construction of Small Structures) for the construction of ADA ramps, sidewalk extensions, and bus stop pads, which are minor in scale and accessory to the overall roadway improvements. The project is located in a fully developed urban corridor and will not result in significant impacts to biological or cultural resources.

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