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## Notice of Preparation of a Draft EIR for the Foothill Boulevard Improvement Project

**Date:** July 9, 2025  
**To:** Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties  
**Subject:** Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report and Scoping Meeting  
**Project Title:** Foothill Boulevard Improvement Project

The City of Fontana ("City") is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Foothill Boulevard Improvement Project (Project). In accordance with Section 15082 of the CEQA Guidelines, the City has issued this Notice of Preparation (NOP) to provide responsible agencies, trustee agencies, and other interested parties with information describing the proposed Project and its potential environmental effects.

The purpose of this notice is to:

1) Serve as the Notice of Preparation for an Environmental Impact Report for the Office of Planning and Research (OPR), Responsible Agencies, public agencies involved in funding or approving the Project, and Trustee Agencies responsible for natural resources affected by the Project, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15082; and

2) Advise and solicit comments and suggestions regarding the preparation of the EIR, environmental issues to be addressed in the EIR, and any other related issues, from interested parties, including interested or affected members of the public.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Foothill Boulevard from Hemlock Avenue to Almeria Avenue, Fontana, CA. The project site is approximately 3.2 miles east of the I-15 freeway via Foothill Boulevard, and two miles south of the State Route 210 freeway via Citrus Avenue.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The proposed project would consist of widening approximately 4,700 feet of Foothill Boulevard from Hemlock Avenue to Almeria Avenue from four lanes to six lanes; construction of Class II bike lanes, a raised landscaped median, bicycle lanes and sidewalks; widening approximately 260 feet of Beech Avenue, south of Foothill Boulevard and signaling the intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Beech Avenue; and replacement of the historic Malaga Bridge and relocation of the existing bridge within the project boundary. The replacement bridge would be raised to provide adequate clearance for trucks and buses underneath the bridge on Foothill Boulevard, which would be raised to grade level. The project would include acquisition of portions of 42 parcels on both sides of Foothill Boulevard. Most acquisitions would be slivers along the roadway right-of-way frontage 9 to 10 feet wide. The project would also involve relocation of several existing utilities located in the existing right-of-way.

**EIR SCOPE:** An Initial Study has been prepared for the proposed Project. Based on the results of the Initial Study, the EIR that will be prepared for the proposed Project will include detailed analysis of the CEQA Guidelines Appendix G topical issue areas listed below.

- Aesthetics
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology and Soils
- Noise
- Tribal Cultural Resources

The EIR will address the short-term and long-term effects of the proposed Project on the environment. The EIR will also evaluate the potential for the proposed Project to cause direct and indirect growth-inducing impacts, as well as cumulative impacts. Alternatives to the proposed Project will be evaluated in the EIR. Mitigation measures will be proposed for those impacts that are determined to be potentially significant. A mitigation monitoring program will also be developed as required by CEQA Guidelines Section 15097.

**CORTESE LIST NOTICE:** Pursuant to Public Resources Code 21092.6(a), the Project site is not included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 (California Department of Toxic Substances Control list of various hazardous sites).

**RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES:** A responsible agency means a public agency other than the lead agency, which has permitting authority or approval power over some aspect of the overall Project. This Notice provides a description of the

Project and solicits comments from responsible agencies, trustee agencies, federal, state, and local agencies, and other interested parties on the scope and content of the environmental document to be prepared to analyze the environmental impacts of the Project. Comments received in response to this Notice will be reviewed and considered by the lead agency in determining the scope of the EIR. Due to time limits, as defined by CEQA, your response should be sent at the earliest possible date, but no later than thirty (30) days after publication of this notice. We need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information that is germane to you or to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the Project. Your agency may need to use the EIR prepared by the City when considering your permit or other approval for the Project.

**PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT:** The Initial Study will be available for public review and comment pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21080.4 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15082.

**NOP COMMENT PERIOD:** The City will accept responses and comments for 30 days, starting on **July 9, 2025** and ending **August 11, 2025**.

All comments must be submitted in writing, either in a letter or email. Please indicate a contact person for your agency or organization and send your responses or comments to:

City of Fontana  
Attn: Christopher Smethurst  
8353 Sierra Avenue  
Fontana, CA 92335  
Email: [csmethurst@fontanaca.gov](mailto:csmethurst@fontanaca.gov)

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** The Initial Study and associated materials are available for review during regular business hours at the Fontana City Hall located at 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, CA 92335.

The document is available online on the City's website at: <https://www.fontanaca.gov/2137/Environmental-Documents>

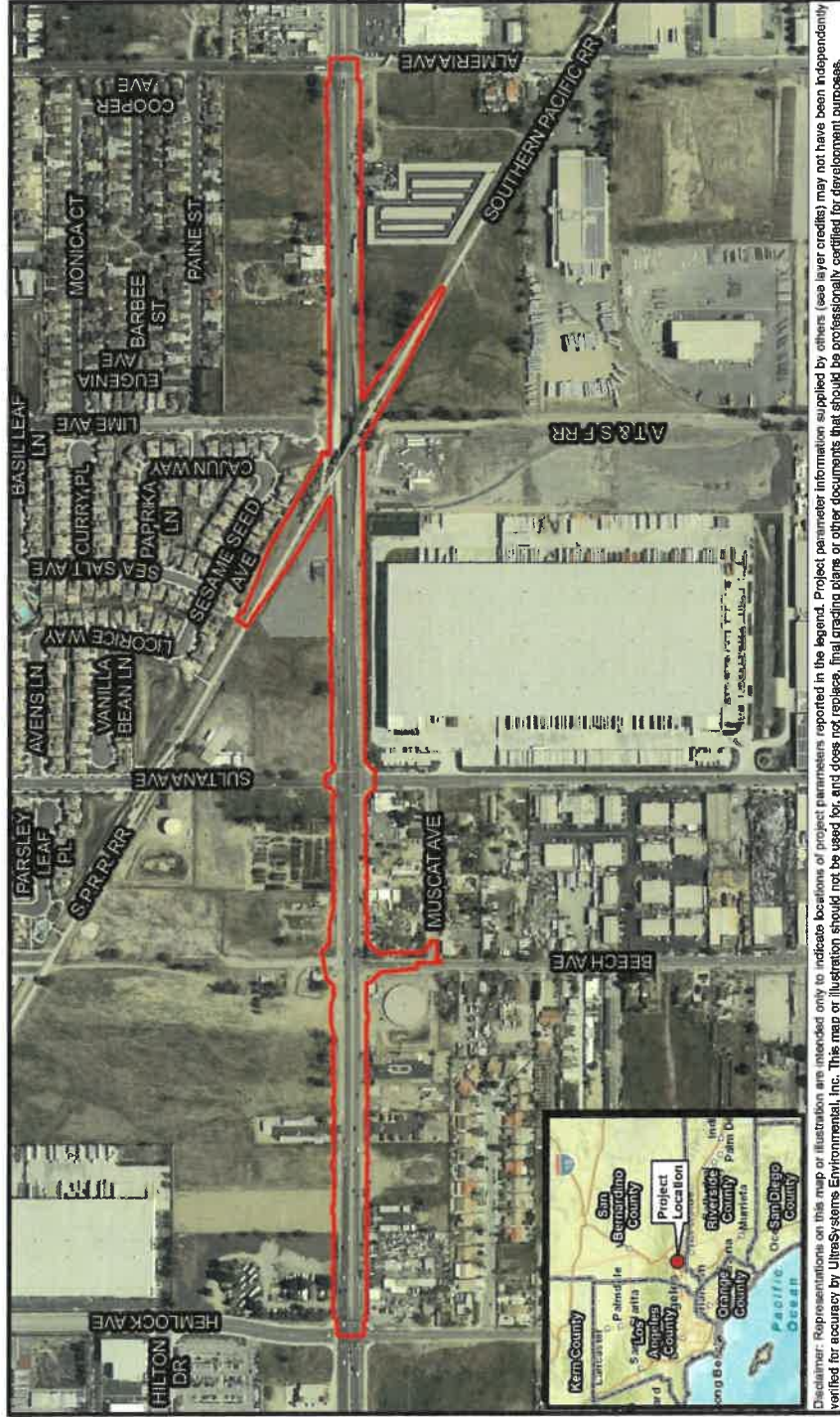
**ATTACHMENTS:**

Exhibit 1 – Project Location

Exhibit 2 – Conceptual Site Plan

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Figure 1: Project Location



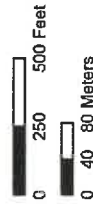
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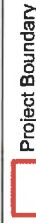
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**Legend**



**Foothill Boulevard  
 Malaga Bridge Improvements**  
 Environmental Setting  
 Photo Locations



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### Figure 2: Proposed Site Plan

