

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

To:

[X] Office of Planning and Research
U.S. Mail: Street Address:
P.O. Box 3044 1400 Tenth St., Rm 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 Sacramento, CA 95814

[X] County Clerk
County of: Riverside
Address: 2724 Gateway Dr.
Riverside, CA 92507

From:

Public Agency: Caltrans District 8
Address: 464 W. 4th Street, 6th Floor (MS 827)
San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400
Contact: Shawn Oriaz
Phone: (909)388-7034

Lead Agency (if different from above):
Address:
Contact:
Phone:

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2018121012

Project Title: State Route 86/Avenue 50 New Interchange Project

Project Applicant: City of Coachella

Project Location (include county): Intersection of SR-86 and Ave. 50, City of Coachella, Riverside County

Project Description:

The project would convert a portion of SR-86 from an at-grade signalized intersection into a grade-separated full interchange with a new OC bridge and access ramps. The project would also construct a new bridge structure over the CVSC that would replace the existing at-grade low water crossing. The construction of the bridge for Ave 50 over the CVSC would also include realignment and widening of a portion of Ave. 50, and realignment of portions of Tyler Street on both the west and east sides of SR-86. The existing 1-lane in each direction road that is located within the limits of the CVSC would become a CVSC maintenance road. The project will be constructed in 2 phases.

This is to advise that the Caltrans District 8 has approved the above (X) Lead Agency or () Responsible Agency)

described project on May 17, 2019 and has made the following determinations regarding the above (date) described project.

- 1. The project [] will [X] will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. [] An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. [X] A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [X] were [] were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [X] was [] was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [] was [X] was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [X] were [] were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

Signature (Public Agency): Shawn Oriaz Title: Senior Environmental Planner

Date: 5/17/2019 Date Received for filing at OPR: Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

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State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
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 DFW 753.5a (REV. 12/01/18) Previously DFG 753.5a

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RECEIPT NUMBER:
 59 — 5/22/19 — 068
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)
 2018121012

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY Caltrans District 8	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 5/22/19
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING OPR/SCH	DOCUMENT NUMBER	

PROJECT TITLE
 State Route 86/Avenue 50 New Interchange Project

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME Shawn Oriaz	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (909) 388-7034
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 464 W. 4th Street, 6th Floor (MS 827)	CITY San Bernardino	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 92401-1400

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency
 School District
 Other Special District
 State Agency
 Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$3,271.00	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,354.75	\$	2,354.75
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,112.00	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee			
<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash
 Credit
 Check
 Other
 TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 2,354.75

SIGNATURE X Charissa Martinez <small>Digitally signed by Charissa Martinez Date: 2019.05.22 14:13:48 -07'00'</small>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Charissa Martinez, CEQA Tech
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NOTICE

Each project applicant shall remit to the county clerk the environmental filing fee before or at the time of filing a Notice of Determination (Pub. Resources Code, § 21152; Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subdivision (d); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5). Without the appropriate fee, statutory or categorical exemption, or a valid No Effect Determination issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the Notice of Determination is not operative, vested, or final, and shall not be accepted by the county clerk.

COUNTY DOCUMENTARY HANDLING FEE

The county clerk may charge a documentary handling fee of fifty dollars (\$50) per filing in addition to the environmental filing fee (Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subd. (e); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5, subd. (g)(1)). A county board of supervisors shall have the authority to increase or decrease the fee or charge, that is otherwise authorized to be levied by another provision of law, in the amount reasonably necessary to recover the cost of providing any product or service or the cost of enforcing any regulation for which the fee or charge is levied (Gov. Code, § 54985, subd. (a)).

COLLECTION PROCEDURES FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

Filing Notice of Determination (NOD):

- Collect environmental filing fee or copy of previously issued cash receipt. *(Do not collect fee if project applicant presents a No Effect Determination signed by CDFW. An additional fee is required for each separate environmental document. An addendum is not considered a separate environmental document. Checks should be made payable to the county.)*
- Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- Attach copy of cash receipt and, if applicable, previously issued cash receipt, to NOD.
- Mail filing fees for **CRP** document to CDFW prior to filing the NOD or equivalent final approval (Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, § 753.5 (b)(5)). The CRP should request receipt from CDFW to show proof of payment for filing the NOD or equivalent approval. Please mail payment to address below made attention to the Cash Receipts Unit of the Accounting Services Branch.

If the project applicant presents a **No Effect Determination** signed by CDFW, also:

- Attach No Effect Determination to NOD *(no environmental filing fee is due)*.

Filing Notice of Exemption (NOE) *(Statutorily or categorically exempt project (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15260-15285, 15300-15333))*

- Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- Attach copy of cash receipt to NOE *(no environmental filing fee is due)*.

Within 30 days after the end of each month in which the environmental filing fees are collected, each county shall summarize and record the amount collected on the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31) and remit the amount collected to the State Treasurer. Identify the remittance on Form No. CA25 as "Environmental Document Filing Fees" per Fish and Game Code section 711.4.

The county clerk shall mail the following documents to CDFW on a monthly basis:

- ✓ A photocopy of the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31)
- ✓ CDFW/ASB copies of all cash receipts (including all voided receipts)
- ✓ A copy of all CDFW No Effect Determinations filed in lieu of fee payment
- ✓ A copy of all NODs filed with the county during the preceding month
- ✓ A list of the name, address and telephone number of all project applicants for which an NOD has been filed. If this information is contained on the cash receipt filed with CDFW under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 753.5, subdivision (e)(6), no additional information is required.

DOCUMENT RETENTION

The county shall retain two copies of the cash receipt (for lead agency and county clerk) and a copy of all documents described above for at least 12 months.

RECEIPT NUMBER

- # The first two digits automatically populate by making the appropriate selection in the County/State Agency of Filing drop down menu.
- # The next eight digits automatically populate when a date is entered.
- # The last three digits correspond with the sequential order of issuance for each calendar year. For example, the first receipt number issued on January 1 should end in 001. If a county issued 252 receipts for the year ending on December 31, the last receipt number should end in 252. CDFW recommends that counties and state agencies 1) save a local copy of this form, and 2) track receipt numbers on a spreadsheet tabbed by month to ensure accuracy.

DO NOT COMBINE THE ENVIRONMENTAL FEES WITH THE STATE SHARE OF FISH AND WILDLIFE FEES.

Mail to:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
 Accounting Services Branch
 P.O. Box 944209
 Sacramento, California 94244-2090

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

To: State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

DATE: May 21, 2019

MBI JOB No: 159814

REFERENCE: Notice of Determination

DESCRIPTION: SR-86/Avenue 50
New Interchange
Project

ATTN: Mr. Scott Morgan, 916-445-9874

SENT TO YOU VIA: Mail Blueprinter Overnight Delivery (Carrier) Federal Express
 E-Mail Your Pick-Up MBI Messenger Messenger (Other Courier) _____

No. of Copies	No. of Originals	DESCRIPTION
1		Notice of Determination – SCH #2018121012
1		Notice of Completion
1		Payment of CDFW Filing Fee - \$2,354.75
1		FONSI

SENT FOR YOUR: Approval Review Comments Per Your Request
 Files Signature Use Information _____

REMARKS: Please find enclosed the NOD, NOC, and CDFW filing check for SCH #2018121012 (SR-86/Avenue 50 New Interchange Project). **Please log in the NOD for May 22, 2019.** Should you have any questions/concerns, please contact me at (949) 855-5710. Thank you.

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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*emailed
Jessica.ditto@mbakerintl.com*

COPIES TO: _____

Michael Baker International, Inc.

BY:


Alan Ashimine
Project Manager
Environmental Services

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 (916) 445-0613
For Hand Delivery/Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

SCH # 2018121012

Project Title: State Route 86/Avenue 50 New Interchange Project

Lead Agency: California Department of Transportation District 8 Contact Person: Shawn Oriaz
Mailing Address: 464 West 4th Street Phone: (909) 388-7034
City: San Bernardino Zip: 92401-1400 County: Riverside

Project Location: County: Riverside City/Nearest Community: Coachella
Cross Streets: SR-86 and Avenue 50 Zip Code: 92236
Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 33 ° 41 ' 06 " N / 116 ° 09 ' 42.03 " W Total Acres: 125
Assessor's Parcel No.: See attachment. Section: 32,33,5 Twp.: T5S, T6S Range: 8E Base: SB
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: I-10, SR-86 Waterways: Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel
Airports: N/A Railways: Southern Pacific RR Schools: Numerous

Document Type:

CEQA: [] NOP [] Draft EIR NEPA: [] NOI Other: [x] Joint Document
[] Early Cons [] Supplement/Subsequent EIR [x] EA [x] Final Document
[] Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) [] Draft EIS [] Other:
[x] Mit Neg Dec Other: Governor's Office Planning & Research

Local Action Type:

[] General Plan Update [] Specific Plan [] Rezone [] Annexation
[] General Plan Amendment [] Master Plan [] Prezone [] Redevelopment
[] General Plan Element [] Planned Unit Development [] Use Permit [] Coastal Permit
[] Community Plan [] Site Plan [] Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) [x] Other: Interchange

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Development Type:

[] Residential: Units _____ Acres _____
[] Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ [x] Transportation: Type New Interchange
[] Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ [] Mining: Mineral _____
[] Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ [] Power: Type _____ MW
[] Educational: _____ [] Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD
[] Recreational: _____ [] Hazardous Waste: Type _____
[] Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD [] Other: _____

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

[x] Aesthetic/Visual [x] Fiscal [x] Recreation/Parks [x] Vegetation
[x] Agricultural Land [x] Flood Plain/Flooding [x] Schools/Universities [x] Water Quality
[x] Air Quality [] Forest Land/Fire Hazard [x] Septic Systems [x] Water Supply/Groundwater
[x] Archeological/Historical [x] Geologic/Seismic [x] Sewer Capacity [x] Wetland/Riparian
[x] Biological Resources [x] Minerals [x] Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading [x] Growth Inducement
[] Coastal Zone [x] Noise [x] Solid Waste [x] Land Use
[x] Drainage/Absorption [x] Population/Housing Balance [x] Toxic/Hazardous [x] Cumulative Effects
[x] Economic/Jobs [x] Public Services/Facilities [x] Traffic/Circulation [] Other: _____

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

See attachment.

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

See attachment.

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".

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Resources Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Office of Historic Preservation
<input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction
<input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol	<input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # <u>8</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # <u>7</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	<input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board	<input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
<input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality
<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # <u>6</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission	

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

Starting Date N/A Ending Date N/A

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: <u>Michael Baker International</u>	Applicant: <u>California Department of Transportation District 8</u>
Address: <u>5 Hutton Centre Drive, Suite 500</u>	Address: <u>464 West 4th Street</u>
City/State/Zip: <u>Santa Ana, CA 92707</u>	City/State/Zip: <u>San Bernardino, CA 92401</u>
Contact: <u>Alan Ashimine</u>	Phone: <u>(909) 388-7034</u>
Phone: <u>(949) 472-3505</u>	

Signature of Lead Agency Representative: *Jessie Peter* Date: 5/21/19

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

Assessor's Parcel No.:

763-020-021, 778-170-005, 778-170-009, 778-170-011, 603-300-024, 603-300-027, 603-300-028, 603-330-003, 603-330-010, 763-020-023, 763-030-010 (Source: <https://www.realquest.com/index.html>, accessed November 2018)

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

City of Coachella General Plan land use designations within and adjacent to the project site include Suburban Neighborhood, Open Space, Urban Employment Center, Suburban Retail District, Neighborhood Center, and Urban Neighborhood

City of Coachella zoning designations within and adjacent to the project site include Residential Single Family (R-S), Agricultural Reserve (A-R), Open Space (O-S), Agricultural Transition (A-T), and Commercial Tourist Planned Unit Development (C-T, PUD).

Project Description:

The City of Coachella (City), in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), proposes the construction of a new interchange at State Route 86 (SR-86) (PM R19.2/R21.6) and Avenue 50, approximately 1.1 miles north of the existing SR-86/ Avenue 52 intersection and 1.95 miles south of the existing SR-86/Dillon Road interchange. The proposed project would convert a portion of SR-86 from an at-grade signalized intersection into a grade-separated full interchange with a new overcrossing bridge and access ramps. This new overcrossing would be up to approximately 326 feet long and 122 feet wide. It would be a 2-span structure to accommodate 3 through lanes in each direction and two left-turn pockets for the eastbound and westbound directions of Avenue 50. The project would also construct a new bridge structure over the Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel (CVSC). The new bridge structure over the CVSC would be approximately 605 feet long and 120 feet wide, would be a 5-span structure to accommodate 3 through lanes in each direction and a 14-foot-wide median on Avenue 50, and would replace the existing at-grade paved low water crossing. The construction of the bridge for Avenue 50 over the CVSC would also include realignment and widening of a portion of Avenue 50 from the existing two-lane roadway to a six-lane major arterial, and realignment of portions of Tyler Street on both the west and east sides of SR-86, respectively, and, the existing 1-lane in each direction road that is located within the limits of the CVSC would become a CVSC maintenance road. The project will be constructed in two phases.

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)**

(State Route 86/Avenue 50 New Interchange Project)

FOR

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the City of Coachella have determined that Alternative 7 (Preferred Alternative) will have no significant impact on the human environment. This FONSI is based on the attached Environmental Assessment (EA), which has been independently evaluated by Caltrans and determined to adequately and accurately discuss the need, environmental issues, and impacts of the proposed project and appropriate mitigation measures. It provides sufficient evidence and analysis for determining that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required. Caltrans takes full responsibility for the accuracy, scope, and content of the attached EA (and other documents as appropriate).

The environmental review, consultation, and any other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by Caltrans pursuant to 23 USC 327 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated December 23, 2016 and executed by FHWA and Caltrans.

Date

5/7/19



David Bricker
Deputy District Director
District 8 Division of Environmental
Planning
California Department of Transportation

Memor's Office of Planning & Research

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