

**Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal**

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**2019059099**Project Title: I-10 Pavement Rehabilitation ProjectLead Agency: Department of Transportation, Caltrans District 8Contact Name: Antonia ToledoEmail: Toledo, Antonia@DOTPhone Number: (909)806-2541Project Location: Riverside*City*Riverside County, California*County*

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

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to rehabilitate the existing asphalt concrete (AC) pavement on Interstate 10 (I-10) from west of the SR-177/I-10 Separation, at Post Mile (PM) R104.9, to 1.05 miles west of the Wiley's Well Road Overcrossing (PM R134.0) in the County of Riverside. Rehabilitation activities include, removal and replacement of existing inside and outside shoulders, guardrails, rumble strips, drainage inlets, and dikes, and installation of oversized drains. The proposed project will also involve upgrades to ramp facilities for ADA compliance, and installation of two temporary detour lanes in the existing median, extension of existing rock slope protection (RSP) at 44 bridge locations, and hydroseeding the median for erosion control and vegetation restoration.

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

The project has potential to directly impact desert tortoise in the form of vegetation removal, new pavement, grading, and in the form of direct exposure due to possible vehicle strikes. With the implementation of the measures in Appendix D Environmental Commitments Record, the impacts to desert tortoise and DTCH would be less than significant with mitigation incorporated. In addition, compensatory mitigation for desert tortoise and DTCH would be incorporated in coordination with CDFW. Mitigation for DTCH and desert tortoise would be at a minimum 1:1 ratio by land purchase or in-lieu fee credit.

As described in Section 2.3.1, under the Build Alternative, direct, permanent impacts are anticipated for blue palo verde – ironwood woodland, up to 62.01 acres within the PIA in desert washes located near bridges. Direct, permanent impacts are also anticipated for 0.29 acres of mesquite thickets, a community of special concern. Implementing avoidance and minimization measures would minimize impacts to blue palo verde – ironwood woodland community and mesquite thickets community. Included in the measures is the requirement for a qualified biologist to perform a pre-construction plant survey, no more than a week prior to ground-breaking activities, to identify and flag or fence any rare plant individuals found in the project area.

Also included in this project is permanent fencing (BIO-28); which will be installed at key wildlife crossings in the project area (e.g., PM 132-134) to direct wildlife, including but not limited to desert tortoise, American badger, and southern mule deer, into the highway undercrossings.

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

None known at this time.

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

United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE)

United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)

California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)

California/Regional Water Quality Control Board