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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Avenue 48 Widening Project

Lead Agency: County of Riverside

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Project Location: Cities of Coachella and Indio and County of Riverside
City *County*

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

The County of Riverside Transportation Department, in cooperation with the Cities of Coachella and Indio, propose to widen Avenue 48 from two lanes to five lanes from Van Buren Street eastward to Dillon Road (approximately 0.3 mile). Six-foot-wide sidewalks and five foot wide bicycle lanes would be constructed in the eastbound and westbound directions of Avenue 48. The project also includes re-striping of pavement along an approximately 600 foot long section of Avenue 48 west of Van Buren Street and along an approximately 500 foot long section of Avenue 48 east of Dillon Road. A new signal would be constructed at the intersection of Luzon Street and Avenue 48, and the existing signal at the intersection of Dillon Road and Avenue 48 would be modified.

The purpose of the proposed project is to alleviate congestion and improve traffic operations through the project area.

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

The proposed project could result in potentially significant effects related to air quality, biological resources, cultural/tribal resources, hazards/hazardous wastes, hydrology and water quality, noise, and transportation/traffic. Implementation of mitigation measures identified for each of these resource topics would reduce potentially significant impacts to a less than significant level. Compliance with SCAQMD Rule 403, Caltrans' Standard Specifications Sections 14-9.03, 7-1.02, and 18 and Wind Erosion Control BMP (WE-1) would mitigate project-construction dust and emissions to a less than significant level. Pre-construction nesting bird surveys and burrowing owl clearance surveys would ensure impacts to migratory bird species and to burrowing owls would be less than significant. BMPs will be incorporated into project design and project management to minimize significant impacts on biological resources. A qualified archaeological monitor will be present during project-related ground-disturbing activities in undisturbed native sediments to ensure impacts to cultural resources would be less than significant. Compliance with State Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 would ensure impacts to buried cultural resources inadvertently discovered during construction would be less than significant. Impacts related to the project creating a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment are considered less than significant with implementation of mitigation measures. A SWPPP will be prepared that describes the BMPs that will be implemented to control erosion, sediment, tracking, construction materials, construction wastes, and non-storm water flows during construction, maintenance, and monitoring activities. Project construction will comply with the provisions of Caltrans' Section 14-8.02, Noise Control to ensure that project construction occurs within allowable hours to minimize potentially significant impacts during construction. Temporary impacts to traffic flow as a result of project construction will be minimized through construction phasing and signage and a traffic control plan.

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

There are no known areas of controversy associated with the proposed Avenue 48 Widening Project.

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

Responsible Agencies:
The Cities of Coachella and Indio

Trustee Agencies:
California Regional Water Quality Control Board