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1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, Ca. 95814

REF: BLYTHE AREA RESPONSE TO SCH # 2019069014

The Blythe Area Office of the California Highway Patrol received the "Notice of Completion" environmental impact document for the proposed Interstate 10, Blythe Pavement Rehabilitation project, State Clearing House # 2019069014. After review, the Blythe Area has identified potential impact(s) this project could have to operations.

The Blythe Area is supportive of the planned project however, we have concerns involving increased response times, collisions due to traffic congestion and back-up, calls for service, and difficulty with enforcement duties over the proposed 22 mile project length. Additionally, the installation of two temporary detour lanes in the existing median may make the above concerns more problematic.

If you have any questions regarding these concerns, please contact Lieutenant Art Fleck at (760) 922-6141.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Art Fleck".

A. FLECK, Lieutenant  
Commander

cc: Border Division  
Special Projects Section



**M e m o r a n d u m**

Date: July 13, 2019

To: Blythe Area (660)

From: **DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL**  
Special Projects Section

File No.: 063.A17617.A14585.Noc.Doc

Subject: ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT REVIEW AND RESPONSE  
SCH# 2019069014

Special Projects Section (SPS) recently received the referenced "Notice of Completion" environmental impact document from the State Clearinghouse (SCH).

Due to the project's geographical proximity to the Blythe Area, please use the attached checklist to assess its potential impact to local Area operations and public safety. If it is determined that departmental input is advisable, your written comments referencing the above SCH number must be mailed to the State Clearinghouse at 1400 Tenth Street, Room 121, Sacramento, CA 95814. Your written comments must be received by SCH no later than **July 5, 2019**. For reference, additional information can be found in General Order 41.2, Environmental Impact Documents.

For project tracking purposes, SPS must be notified of Blythe Area's assessment of the project (including negative reports). Please e-mail a copy of Area's response to Associate Governmental Program Analyst Mary H. Uhazi at [muhazi@chp.ca.gov](mailto:muhazi@chp.ca.gov). For questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Uhazi at (916) 843-3370.

  
J. S. MASON, SSM III  
Commander

Attachments: Checklist  
Project File

cc: Border Division



**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT  
EVALUATION/RESPONSE CHECKLIST  
FOR AREA/SECTION**

Reference: General Order 41.2

	Action	Reference GO 41.2
<input type="checkbox"/>	Review memorandum for the due date(s).	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Determine if the proposed project might impact local operations and/or public safety. Examples include: housing developments, large commercial projects, large recreational developments or expansions, landfill or quarry operations, hazardous materials storage and/or dump sites, highway construction/improvement projects, new schools, airport improvements, annexations/incorporations, off-highway vehicle facilities, and Indian gaming facilities.	Page 5
<input type="checkbox"/>	Review environmental impact documents to identify issues or concerns with possible impact to departmental operations (i.e., increased response times, enforcement, emergency services, service calls, telecommunications, public safety).	
<b>Responses</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>If comments are advisable:</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Correspondence should focus primarily on traffic safety, congestion, or other impacts to the CHP's mission; however, <b>Areas shall not indicate to the lead agency that additional personnel, facilities, vehicles, etc., are a means to mitigate departmental service issues.</b>	Page 7
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ensure the State Clearinghouse number (SCH#) is included in all correspondence.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Comments shall be provided directly to the State Clearinghouse at 1400 Tenth Street, Room 121, Sacramento, CA 95814, or the lead agency as deemed appropriate, no later than the designated due date. Provide a copy to Special Projects Section (SPS) via electronic mail (e-mail).	
<input type="checkbox"/>	For project tracking purposes, SPS must be notified of Area/Section's assessment of the project. After mailing your comments to the SCH or lead agency, send a scanned copy via e-mail to SPS.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>If no impact is determined:</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Via e-mail, please respond "no impact to _____ Area's local operations and/or public safety by SCH# _____ was identified," by the designated SCH due date to the SPS analyst listed on the Environmental Document Review and Response memorandum. Ensure the SCH# is included.	