

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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Project Title: State Route 1 Auxiliary Lanes State Park Drive to Bay Avenue/Porter Street EIR/EA

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Project Location: Capitola

Santa Cruz

City

County

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

Caltrans, in association with the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, proposes improvements along State Route 1 in the City of Capitola and Santa Cruz County. Proposed improvements include the construction of auxiliary lanes, implementation of bus-on-shoulder operations, replacement of the Capitola Avenue overcrossing in the City of Capitola, construction of a pedestrian and bicycle overcrossing at Mar Vista Drive, and the installation of sound walls.

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 would have potentially significant effects on biological resources, paleontological resources, and noise. The project includes a variety of avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures (AMMs) for biological resources that include surveys, biological monitoring for various species, compensatory mitigation for jurisdictional waters, erosion control, limiting construction timing, and reducing spread of invasive species. AMMs for noise include equipping sound-control devices on construction equipment, reducing idling, constructing noise barriers, and reducing construction activities in residential areas during certain hours. Mitigation for paleontological resources includes preparing and implementing a Paleontological Mitigation Plan.

The project would have significant and unavoidable effects related to scenic vistas and scenic resources within a state scenic highway due to vegetation removal. AMMs include but are not limited to preserving vegetation, surveying trees, implementing soundwall and retaining wall treatments, and revegetation. These AMMs would reduce these impacts but not to a less than significant level.

The project would have a significant and unavoidable impact related to vehicle miles traveled (VMT) in some scenarios during project operation. Project elements such as the bush-on-shoulder and Mar Vista Drive pedestrian and bicycle overcrossing would reduce this impact but may not fully offset the expected increase in VMT.

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

Issues raised by the public during scoping include:

- The suggestion to follow the appropriate process for tribal resources consultation and associated surveys.
- Acknowledgement that the improvements proposed by the project are necessary to alleviate traffic in this area.
- Comment encouraging consideration of noise impacts from the project, given existing noise levels.
- Suggestions to prioritize pedestrian and bicycle mobility and public transportation over vehicle mobility.
- Suggestions to coordinate with other planned transportation projects.
- Suggestions to extend the proposed improvements farther along State Route 1.
- Questions about the efficacy of bus-only lanes.
- Suggestions for additional or alternate ways to facilitate traffic improvements.
- Questions about data on previous, similar projects and their efficacy.
- Concerns about securing the appropriate project budget.

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

California Transportation Commission
County of Santa Cruz
City of Capitola