

# Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title: I-10 Pavement Rehabilitation Project (1C081)

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Project Location: Riverside

*City*

Riverside County, California

*County*

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

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to rehabilitate a portion of Interstate 10 (I-10), in Riverside County, from 2.0 miles east of Dillon Road Interchange to 2.0 miles east of Cactus City Rest Area. The scope of work primarily consists of rehabilitation of existing Asphalt Concrete pavement and construction of a truck climbing lane on the eastbound roadbed. The project is located in the Coachella Valley, just east of the City of Coachella. The project limits are from Post Mile (PM) R60.7 to PM R74.3.

Other rehabilitation activities include removal and replacement of existing inside and outside shoulders, guardrails, rumble strips, drainage inlets, dikes, and oversized drains. The project also includes installation of electric vehicle charging stations at Cactus City Rest Area, widening of bridges and placement, repair, and installation of permanent desert tortoise fence. Grading will be limited to five feet outside the edge of shoulder, except at bridge locations. The proposed rehabilitation activities would occur within the existing right-of-way limits, and would meet current transportation design standards, while avoiding and/or minimizing impacts to the environment.

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

**Biological Resources:** 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. The biological study area is located entirely within the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (CVMSHCP); Caltrans will consult with the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission (CVCC) to ensure the project is a covered activity and consistent with CVMSHCP. Caltrans as a signatory to the CVMSHCP is obligated through CVMSHCP Section 6.6.2 to contribute funds to CVCC for the acquisition of conservation lands, management and monitoring. Additionally, Caltrans will comply with the applicable avoidance and minimization measures to avoid or reduce impact. 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.

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

Coachella Valley Conservation Commission (CVCC)