



County of Orange

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Recirculated Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration

To: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties
From: County of Orange, OC Public Works
Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Recirculated Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the OC Loop Segments O, P, and Q Coyote Creek Bikeway Project

The County of Orange, OC Public Works is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed project. The County of Orange has prepared a Recirculated Mitigated Negative Declaration to determine the environmental effects of the proposed project. See limited changes to initial circulation per Executive Summary. After the initial IS/MND was circulated for public review from November 13, 2020 to December 15, 2020 and as a result of separate permit consultations with USACE, UPRR and BNSF Railroad, limited project change alternatives are proposed. County of Orange staff decided that additional analysis is warranted for 4 specific crossing locations, resulting in preparation of this Recirculated IS/MND, in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines section 15073.5. The remaining document remains unchanged from the initial circulation. Modifications and changes to the text of the IS/MND document are indicated with strikethrough for deleted text and underline for new text.

AGENCIES: The County of Orange requests that your agency review the scope and content of the environmental information relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project, in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15086(a).

ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERESTED PARTIES: The County of Orange requests your comments and concerns regarding environmental issues associated with the four new alternatives to the project.

Project Title: OC Loop Segments O, P, and Q Coyote Creek Bikeway Project

Project Description: The proposed 2.7-mile OC Loop Segment O, P, and Q Coyote Creek Bikeway Project is a component of a 66-mile regional bikeway corridor called the OC Loop. When constructed, the proposed project will close an existing bikeway gap in the OC Loop, increase the use of active transportation travel modes, enhance safety and mobility for non-motorized users, advance efforts to achieve greenhouse gas reduction goals, improve aesthetics, access and maintenance to the Coyote Creek Channel, and enhance public health. In addition, the proposed project is a safety and mobility enhancement for the County of Orange.

Project Location: The OC Loop Segment O, P, and Q Coyote Creek Bikeway Project involves the construction of a 2.7-mile bikeway along the Coyote Creek flood control channel (i.e., Coyote Creek Channel) in the City of Cerritos on the south, through the City of La Mirada, to the City of Buena Park to the north. The proposed project would, at its southern terminus, begin at the existing Coyote Creek Bikeway (in the City of Cerritos) at the confluence of the north and east forks of the Coyote Creek Channel. The proposed project would trend in a northeast direction for approximately 2.7 miles, where it connects to Segment R of the Coyote Creek Bikeway at La Mirada Boulevard in the City of Buena Park.

Significant Environmental Effects: The Recirculated IS/MND concludes that no significant unavoidable environmental effects would occur as a result of the proposed project. Potentially significant impacts related to aesthetics, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, noise, public services, recreation, transportation, tribal cultural resources, and mandatory findings of significance would be mitigated to a less than significant level.

Public Review Period/Responses and Comments: The Recirculated IS/MND will be available for public review and comment pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15087. The County will accept comments, specific to these changes for 32 days, starting on **August 13, 2021 to September 13, 2021**. All comments must be submitted in written format; either in a letter or email format. It is not necessary to resubmit comments previously made on the initial IS/MND. Please indicate a contact person for your agency/organization and send your responses or comments to:

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DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Recirculated IS/MND and associated materials are available for review during regular business hours at: County of Orange, 601 N. Ross Street, Santa Ana, CA 92701

The document is available online on the County of Orange's website at: <https://ocds.ocpublicworks.com/service-areas/oc-development-services/planning-development/current-projects/4th-district/oc-loop>