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SCH #: 2021040498

Project Title: Tulare Six-Lane and Paige Avenue Interchange Improvement

Lead Agency: Caltrans

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Project Location: Tulare (*City*) Tulare (*County*)

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

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to widen State Route 99 in the City of Tulare from south of the Avenue 200 Overcrossing to north of the Prosperity Avenue Overcrossing between post miles 25.2 and 30.6 in Tulare County. One lane would be constructed in each direction in the existing freeway median to create a six-lane freeway. The existing Paige Avenue Interchange would be reconfigured and two roundabouts would be added on Paige Avenue at Blackstone Street and Laspina Street.

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

Vehicle Miles Traveled
Based on the induced Vehicle Miles Traveled analysis, the project would increase Vehicle Miles Traveled by 19,759,200 after the deduction for truck Vehicle Miles Traveled.

Mitigation Measures
Caltrans would provide $432,000 in funding to subsidize the vanpool program at the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency for five years.

Caltrans would provide five years of funding in the amount of $1,500,000 to subsidize the round-trip bus service for Route 20 on the Tulare County Area Transit.

Caltrans would provide five years of funding in the amount of $1,500,000 to subsidize the round-trip bus service for Route 40 on the Tulare County Area Transit.

Caltrans would provide five years of funding of $1,250,000 to subsidize round-trip bus service for Route 11x on the Tulare County Area Transit.

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 15 full right-of-way acquisitions estimated for the proposed project that include three commercial businesses, two vacant commercial parcels, four miscellaneous/governmental used parcels, two of which are operating as a canal, and six vacant residential zoned parcels.

The project would result in noise impacts that require the consideration of noise abatement.

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

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Federal Highway Administration
California Transportation Commission
Tulare County Association of Governments
City of Tulare
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
Tulare County Regional Transit Agency
Tulare County Area Transit