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SCH #

Project Title: City of Porterville Butterfield Stage Corridor Project

Lead Agency: City of Porterville Contact Person: Jason Ridenour, Community Dev Dir
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 City: Porterville Zip: 93257 County: Tulare

Project Location: County: Tulare City/Nearest Community: Porterville
 Cross Streets: see attachment for project details Zip Code: 93257

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): ° ' " N / ° ' " W Total Acres:
 Assessor's Parcel No.: Section: Twp.: Range: Base:
 Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: Waterways:
 Airports: Railways: Schools:

Document Type:

CEQA: NOP Draft EIR NEPA: NOI Other: Joint Document
 Early Cons Supplement/Subsequent EIR EA Final Document
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) Draft EIS Other:
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Local Action Type:

General Plan Update Specific Plan Rezone Annexation
 General Plan Amendment Master Plan Prezone Redevelopment
 General Plan Element Planned Unit Development Use Permit Coastal Permit
 Community Plan Site Plan Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) Other:

Development Type:

Residential: Units Acres Transportation: Type
 Office: Sq.ft. Acres Employees Mining: Mineral
 Commercial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees Power: Type MW
 Industrial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees Waste Treatment: Type MGD
 Educational: Hazardous Waste: Type
 Recreational: Other: Transportation Facility
 Water Facilities: Type MGD

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

Aesthetic/Visual Fiscal Recreation/Parks Vegetation
 Agricultural Land Flood Plain/Flooding Schools/Universities Water Quality
 Air Quality Forest Land/Fire Hazard Septic Systems Water Supply/Groundwater
 Archeological/Historical Geologic/Seismic Sewer Capacity Wetland/Riparian
 Biological Resources Minerals Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading Growth Inducement
 Coastal Zone Noise Solid Waste Land Use
 Drainage/Absorption Population/Housing Balance Toxic/Hazardous Cumulative Effects
 Economic/Jobs Public Services/Facilities Traffic/Circulation Other: TCR

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

See Attachment

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

Please see attached project description.

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Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date July 16, 2021

Ending Date August 16, 2021

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group

Applicant: City of Porterville

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Date: 7/15/2021

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

Project Title

City of Porterville Butterfield Stage Corridor Project (Project)

Project Location

The Project is located within the City of Porterville California, approximately 241 miles south of Sacramento and 50 miles north of Bakersfield. The proposed site of Project runs generally north and south across the entire City of Porterville, east of State Route (SR) 65, from Tea Pot Dome Avenue/Avenue 128 to the south and Avenue 196 in Strathmore (unincorporated community within the County of Tulare) at the northerly extent. The facility, a non-motorized use path 12 ft in width, is approximately nine miles long, consisting of four segments.

Latitude and Longitude

The coordinates for the centroid of each segment is as follows:

Segment 1: 36° 2' 8.7", 119° 1' 6.096"

Segment 2: 36° 3' 57.096", 119° 1' 8.724"

Segment 3: 36° 5' 42.756", 119° 2' 6.072"

Segment 4: 36° 7' 45.588", 119° 3' 9.756"

General Plan Designation

A majority of the Project area is designated as road right-of-way, with small portions lying within land that is designated for Downtown Mixed Use, and Downtown Retail. Outside of the City limits, the Tulare County designations along the path are Misc. Rights of Way, Rural Agriculture.

Zoning

City: D-PS (Public & Semi-Public), D-GC (General Commercial), D-MX (Mixed Use)

County: Not Zoned (Right-of-Way)

Description of Project

Project Description

The Project consists of the development of a transportation facility for non-motorized users to provide safe, improved access to education, retail opportunities, job centers, housing and the city's transit center. The facility will utilize roughly nine miles of former Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) right-of-way now owned by the City between Tea Pot Dome Avenue/Avenue 128 to the south and Avenue 196 in Strathmore to the north. The Project's approximately nine mile area of potential effect (APE, the area that would be subject to ground-disturbing activities to construct the Project), and has a width of approximately 100 feet (112 acres total). The facility will consist of a Class 1 non-motorized multi-use path that, within the city limit, would also include amenities such as solar lighting, drought tolerant landscaping, drinking water stations, refuse receptacles, benches, wayfinding, and controlled lighted crossings. The Project would consist of a 12-foot paved path meandering through the width of the ROW in a manner best suited to avoid any irregularities of grade and to provide space for the amenities listed above. The project as proposed would facilitate the achievement of General Plan Implementation Policy PSCF-I-14, to "develop a safe and efficient trail network throughout the City that links parks and other key City destinations." Portions of the path that are outside of city limits, would still include the following amenities: solar lighting, drought tolerant landscaping and trash receptacles.

As part of the former UPRR right-of-way, there was a UPRR bridge which crossed the Tule River immediately west of the Main Street Bridge over the Tule River in the City of Porterville. The bridge was previously burned in a fire and the City had the superstructure removed, however the bridge foundation remains. The remaining substructure consists of a total of four concrete piers and a concrete abutment on the south side of the Tule River. Substructure elements are spaced at intervals of approximately 50-feet, resulting in a total distance of 200-feet between the northernmost pier and the abutment to the south. Based upon this information it appears that the northernmost approximately 130-feet of the railroad bridge consisted of timber trestle that was damaged in a fire and subsequently removed. It is assumed that the new bridge would construct new bridge foundations to support the superstructure instead of using the existing bridge foundations. The primary benefit of this approach is that it allows for removal of the existing piers which are within both the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) floodways, and placing the new foundations outside of the main channel. To provide the required floodway width for the CVFPB and FEMA, this approach will consist of a three-span prefabricated steel truss with span lengths of 140'. This span configuration minimizes the number of piers within the floodways and potentially mitigations some of the permitting issues.

Construction

Construction of the transportation facility for non-motorized users is anticipated to take approximately 48 months if funded as one comprehensive project. In the event the facility is funded in phases, phases would be defined to allow for 12-month construction periods, as much as feasible.

Operation and Maintenance

City staff from the Park and Recreation Department will handle the ongoing operation and maintenance of the facility.