

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal**Form F**

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: City of Porterville Butterfield Stage Corridor ProjectLead Agency: City of PortervilleContact Name: Jason Ridenour, Community Development DirectorEmail: jridenour@ci.porterville.ca.usPhone Number: (559) 782-7460Project Location: Porterville, unincorporated Tulare County,
*City*Tulare County
County

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

Please see attached project description.

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

Please see attached MMRP.

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

No known areas of controversy.

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

No known responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

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.

Chapter 4 Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

This Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) has been formulated based upon the findings of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Butterfield Stage Corridor Project in the City of Porterville. The MMRP lists mitigation measures recommended in the IS/MND for the Project and identifies monitoring and reporting requirements.

Table 4-1 presents the mitigation measures identified for the proposed Project. Each mitigation measure is numbered with a symbol indicating the topical section to which it pertains, a hyphen, and the impact number. For example, AIR-2 would be the second mitigation measure identified in the Air Quality analysis of the IS/MND.

The first column of **Table 4-1** identifies the mitigation measure. The second column, entitled “When Monitoring is to Occur,” identifies the time the mitigation measure should be initiated. The third column, “Frequency of Monitoring,” identifies the frequency of the monitoring of the mitigation measure. The fourth column, “Agency Responsible for Monitoring,” names the party ultimately responsible for ensuring that the mitigation measure is implemented. The last columns will be used by the City to ensure that individual mitigation measures have been complied with and monitored.

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Table 4-1. Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program				
Mitigation Measure/Condition of Approval	When Monitoring is to Occur	Agency Responsible for Implementing Mitigation	Agency Responsible for Monitoring	Verification of Compliance (name/date)
Biological Resources				
BIO-1: WEAP Training				
Prior to initiating construction activities (including staging and mobilization), all personnel associated with Project construction shall attend mandatory Worker Environmental Awareness Program (WEAP) training, conducted by a qualified biologist, to aid workers in identifying special status species that may occur in the Project area. The specifics of this program shall include identification of the sensitive species and suitable habitats, a description of the regulatory status and general ecological characteristics of these species, and review of the mitigation measures required to reduce impacts to biological resources within the work area. A fact sheet conveying this information, along with photographs or illustrations of sensitive species with potential to occur onsite, shall also be prepared for distribution to all contractors, their employees, and all other personnel involved with construction of the Project. All employees shall sign a form documenting that they have attended WEAP training and understand the information presented to them.	Prior Construction to	City of Porterville	City of Porterville	
BIO-2: Operational Hours				
Prior to initiating construction activities (including staging and mobilization), all personnel associated with Project construction shall attend mandatory Worker Environmental Awareness Program (WEAP) training, conducted by a qualified biologist, to aid workers in identifying special status species that may occur in the Project area. The specifics of this program shall include identification of the sensitive species and suitable habitats, a description of the regulatory status and general ecological characteristics of these species, and review of the mitigation measures required to reduce impacts to biological resources within the work area. A fact sheet conveying this information, along with photographs or illustrations of sensitive species with potential to occur onsite, shall also be prepared for distribution to all contractors, their employees, and all other personnel involved with construction of the Project. All employees shall sign a form documenting that they have attended WEAP training and understand the information presented to them.	During Construction	City of Porterville	City of Porterville	

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BIO-3: Avoidance				
The Project's construction activities shall occur, if feasible, between September 16 and January 31 (outside of nesting bird season) in an effort to avoid impacts to nesting birds.	September 16 and January 31	City of Porterville	City of Porterville	
BIO-4: Nesting Bird Pre-Construction Survey				
If activities must occur within nesting bird season (February 1 to September 15), a qualified biologist shall conduct pre-construction surveys for active nests within 30 days prior to the start of construction. The survey shall include the proposed work area and surrounding lands within 500 feet. If no active nests are observed, no further mitigation is required. Raptor nests are considered "active" upon the nest-building stage.	February 1 to September 15	City of Porterville	City of Porterville	
BIO-5: Pre-Construction Surveys				
A qualified biologist will perform a pre-construction survey of the Project area for roosting bats, American badger, San Joaquin kit fox (200 feet of proposed work) and the western pond turtle within 30 days prior to the start of construction. The biologist shall determine the appropriate construction setback distances or provide instructions to ensure compliance with State and federal laws protecting the species.	30 days prior to the start of construction	City of Porterville	City of Porterville	
Cultural Resources				
CULT-1: Archaeological Remains				
Should archaeological remains or artifacts be unearthed during any stage of Project activities, work in the area of discovery shall cease until the area is evaluated by a qualified archaeologist. If mitigation is warranted, the Project proponent shall abide by recommendations of the archaeologist.	During Construction	City of Porterville	City of Porterville	
CULT-2: Human Remains				
In the event that any human remains are discovered on the Project site, the Tulare County Coroner must be notified of the discovery (California Health and Safety Code, Section 7050.5) and all activities in the immediate area of the find or in any nearby area reasonably suspected to overlie adjacent human remains must cease until appropriate and lawful measures have been implemented. If the Coroner determines that the remains are not recent, but rather of Native American origin, the Coroner shall notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) in Sacramento within 24 hours to permit	During Construction	City of Porterville	City of Porterville	

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the NAHC to determine the Most Likely Descendent of the deceased Native American.				
Hazards and Hazardous Materials				
HAZ-1: Transportation of Hazardous Materials				
Prior to the issuance of a grading permit or the planting of any trees, the City shall ensure that a Phase II ESA shall be conducted to determine the presence or absence of a significant impact to the subject site from hazardous materials. The Phase II ESA may include but may not be limited to the following: (1) Collection and laboratory analysis of soils and/or groundwater samples to ascertain the presence or absence of significant concentrations of constituents of concern; (2) Collection and laboratory analysis of soil vapors and/or indoor air to ascertain the presence or absence of significant concentrations of volatile constituents of concern; and/or (3) Geophysical surveys to ascertain the presence or absence of subsurface features of concern such as USTs, drywells, drains, plumbing, and septic systems. The findings and conclusions of the Phase II ESA shall become the basis for potential recommendations for follow-up investigation, site characterization, and/or remedial activities, if found to be warranted.	Phase II ESA	City of Porterville	City of Porterville	
HAZ-2: Presence of Hazardous Materials				
In the event the findings and conclusions of the Phase II ESA reveal the presence of significant concentrations of hazardous materials warranting further investigation, the City shall ensure that site characterization shall be conducted in the form of additional Phase II ESAs in order to characterize the source and maximum extent of impacts from constituents of concern. The findings and conclusions of the site characterization shall become the basis for formation of a remedial action plan and/or risk assessment.	Phase II ESA	City of Porterville	City of Porterville	
HAZ-3: Presence of Hazardous Materials - Assessment				
If the findings and conclusions of the Phase II ESAs, site characterization and/or risk assessment demonstrate the presence of concentrations of hazardous materials exceeding regulatory threshold levels, prior to the issuance of a grading permit, the City shall complete site remediation and potential risk assessment with oversight from the applicable regulatory agency including, but not limited to, the Cal-EPA Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) or Regional Water	Phase II ESA	City of Porterville	City of Porterville	

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Quality Control Board (RWQCB), and Tulare County Department of Environmental Health Services. Potential remediation could include the removal or treatment of water and/or soil. If removal occurs, hazardous materials shall be transported and disposed at a hazardous materials permitted facility.				
Tribal Cultural Resources				
TRC-1: See MM CULT-1				
Should archaeological remains or artifacts be unearthed during any stage of Project activities, work in the area of discovery shall cease until the area is evaluated by a qualified archaeologist. If mitigation is warranted, the Project proponent shall abide by recommendations of the archaeologist.	During Construction	City of Porterville	City of Porterville	