

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: City of Porterville Villa Street Reconstruction Project

Lead Agency: City of Porterville

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Project Location: Villa Street, Porterville Tulare County
City *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 Villa Street Reconstruction Project (Project)

Project Location

The City of Porterville is located in the southeastern portion of the San Joaquin Valley, at the base of the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The City is approximately 70 miles south of Fresno and 50 miles north of Bakersfield, in the south central portion of Tulare County. Visalia, the County seat, is approximately 30 miles to the northwest. Neighboring communities include Strathmore, Springville, Terra Bella, Tipton, Pixley, Woodville, Richgrove, and Lindsay. Sequoia National Park is approximately 50 miles to the northeast. Porterville is served by State Routes 65 and 190 and is approximately 17 miles east of State Route (SR) 99, a major San Joaquin Valley transportation arterial. Success Reservoir (Lake) and Dam are located on the Tule River approximately five miles east of Porterville. The Project is for the road reconstruction of Villa Street between Olive and Henderson Avenues and is directly adjacent to the following Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 252-072-044, 252-251-021, 252-251-023, 252-260-031, 252-260-032, 252-293-006 and 252-293-007. The total Area of Potential Effect (APE) is approximately 6.62 acres.

Latitude and Longitude

The coordinates for the centroid of the road reconstruction Project are: 36.041427 N. -119.015033 W.

General Plan Designation

Project Area	General Plan Designation
General Plan Land Use(Onsite):	ROW
General Plan Land Use (Adjacent lands):	North: Medium Density Residential
General Plan Land Use (Adjacent lands):	South: General and Service Commercial
General Plan Land Use (Adjacent lands):	East: Medium Density Residential, Low Density Residential, High Density Residential, Retail Centers, Professional Office, General and Service Commercial
General Plan Land Use (Adjacent lands):	West: Medium Density Residential, Low Density Residential, Neighborhood Commercial, High Density Residential, Professional Office, General and Service Commercial

Zoning

Project Area	Zone District
Zoning (Onsite):	ROW
Zoning (Adjacent Lands):	North: RM-2 Medium Density Residential
Zoning (Adjacent Lands):	South: CG General and Service Commercial
Zoning (Adjacent Lands):	East: RM-2 Medium Density Residential, RS-2 Low Density Residential, RM-3 High Density Residential, PO Professional Office, CG General and Service Commercial
Zoning (Adjacent Lands):	West: RM-2 Medium Density Residential, RS-2 Low Density Residential, CN Neighborhood Commercial, RM-3 High Density Residential, PO Professional Office, CG General and Service Commercial

Description of Project

Project Description

The City of Porterville proposes to reconstruct a portion of Villa Street between Olive and Henderson Avenues, approximately one mile in length, to provide safe, improved access to retail opportunities, job centers, housing and other facilities in the city. The reconstruction would include the widening of Villa Street to the standard width of 60 ft right of way; upgrading traffic signal equipment at the intersections at Putnam Avenue and Morton Avenue; replacement of the bridge over Porter Slough; installation of a box culvert at Porter Slough; and the extension of the existing pipe culvert at Porter Slough Ditch. The activities located near the slough would most likely require environmental permitting efforts associated with the crossing of Porter Slough. The reconstruction would also entail the installation of new concrete improvements where necessary along the one-mile stretch. Some of these activities would involve property acquisition as necessary. (See APN's above.) Porter Slough activities include the following:

- Complete demolition of the existing bridge over the Porter Slough (constructed in 1930 and modified in 1953) which is a continuous three (3) span reinforced concrete (RC) slab on RC pier walls and RC diaphragm abutments with monolithic wingwalls. The proposed span configuration is 3 @ 16 feet.
- The proposed Porter Slough bridge structure will be a 10 ft x 10 ft, precast concrete box with culvert headwalls and wingwalls.
- Channel excavation and regrading in the Porter Slough Ditch of approximately 7,000 square feet = 0.16 acre.
- Bridge removal & grading for box culvert of approximately 3,000 square feet = 0.07 acre.
- Placing riprap rock slope protection along the banks for erosion protection.
- Installing geotextile fabric Class 8 in compliance with Caltrans Std. Spec. Section 72-1.03 for erosion protection.
- The soil beneath the existing floor would be excavated and recompact prior to the construction of the new concrete floor.
- Any utilities encountered will be rerouted just outside the culvert.
- Remove portion of storm drain and outfall
- Remove portion of wood hand rail/ramp on existing bridge
- Remove portion of water line

Construction

Generally, construction would occur between the hours of 7 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. This road reconstruction project would require temporary staging and storage areas for materials and equipment; all prospective staging areas are within the Project APE.

Reconstruction of the approximately one-mile section of Villa Street is anticipated to take six months. Likely construction equipment would include excavators, backhoe, compaction rollers and work trucks.

Although construction is not expected to generate hazardous waste, field equipment used during construction has the potential to contain various hazardous materials such as diesel fuel, hydraulic oil, grease, solvents, adhesives, paints, and other petroleum-based products.

Maintenance

City staff would handle the ongoing future maintenance of the Project area and project related infrastructure.

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 Villa Street Reconstruction 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 in the Porter Slough Phase of the Project (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 to Construction	City of Porterville	City of Porterville	
BIO-2: Operational Hours				
Construction shall be conducted during daylight hours to reduce disturbance to wildlife that could be foraging nocturnally within work areas.	During Construction	City of Porterville	City of Porterville	
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: Pre-Construction Nesting Bird Survey				
If activities must occur within nesting bird season (February 1 to September 15), a qualified biologist shall conduct pre-construction surveys for Swainson's hawk nests onsite and within a 0.5-mile radius. These surveys will be conducted in accordance with the Recommended Timing and Methodology for Swainson's Hawk Nesting Surveys in California's Central Valley (Swainson's Hawk Technical Advisory Committee, 2000) or current guidance. In addition to the focused Swainson's hawk survey, a qualified biologist shall conduct a pre-construction survey for all other nesting birds within 10 days prior to the start of construction. The survey shall include the proposed work area and surrounding lands within 50 feet. All raptor nests will be considered "active" upon the nest-building stage.	February 1 to September 15	City of Porterville	City of Porterville	

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BIO-5 (Pre-Construction Bat Survey)				
If the Project proposes to remove or trim any trees, a pre-construction survey for bats will be conducted at dusk no more than 7 days before scheduled vegetation removal by a qualified biologist. A focused study in accordance with CDFW guidelines will be conducted should bats be detected in the trees marked for removal. If no bats are detected, no further actions are required.	No more than 7 days before scheduled vegetation removal	City of Porterville	City of Porterville	
BIO-6 (Pre-construction Survey)				
A qualified biologist shall conduct a pre-construction survey of Project areas within 30 days prior to vegetation clearing or ground disturbing activities. Goals of this survey include a search for potentially active for San Joaquin kit fox. Environmentally sensitive areas will be flagged for avoidance. If potentially active dens or suitable habitat for regionally occurring special status fossorial mammals are detected during the pre-construction surveys, avoidance measures for denning San Joaquin kit fox will be required and/or construction monitoring if avoidance is unattainable. Project-Related Impacts to Special Status Plant Species.	Within 30 days prior to vegetation clearing or ground disturbing activities	City of Porterville	City of Porterville	
Cultural Resources				
CUL-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	
CUL-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 the NAHC to determine the Most Likely Descendent of the deceased Native American.	During Construction	City of Porterville	City of Porterville	
Tribal Cultural Resources				
TRC-1: See MM CUL-1 and CUL-2				
	During Construction	City of Porterville	City of Porterville	