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Project Title: Ontario International Airport (ONT) Connector Project

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Project Location: Rancho Cucamonga, Ontario, San Bernardino County
City County

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

The proposed Project would construct an underground 4.2-mile-long single tunnel (24-foot inner diameter, bidirectional tunnel) to provide a direct connection between Cucamonga Metrolink Station and ONT. The proposed Project includes the following components: 4.2-mile tunnel alignment, three passenger stations, a maintenance and storage facility (MSF), and an access and ventilation shaft (vent shaft). The proposed Project would include the operation of autonomous electric vehicles that would transport passengers to and from the stations, providing direct access from Cucamonga Metrolink Station to ONT. The proposed Project is located in the City of Rancho Cucamonga and the City of Ontario within San Bernardino County. The proposed Project site is a reversed L shaped project site consisting of Cucamonga Metrolink Station, Milliken Avenue, East Airport Drive, and ONT.

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

Air Quality - Cumulative—MM-AQ-1 would be implemented during construction to address potential impacts for particulate matter with diameter of 10 microns or less (PM10) and particulate matter with diameter of 2.5 microns or less (PM2.5) fugitive emissions and implement dust control measures to reduce impacts. However, the construction of the proposed Project would include PM10 and PM2.5 emissions, and development of the cumulative projects would, in combination with the proposed Project, exceed the same significance thresholds. Therefore, the proposed Project's contribution would be cumulatively considerable, and the cumulative impact would be significant and unavoidable.

Paleontological Resources - Project Specific and Cumulative—Although implementation of MM-PAL-1, MM PAL 2, MM-PAL-3 and MM-PAL-4 may allow for some recovery of small fossils and some fossil material, if safe access to spoils is available, the tunnel boring machine (TBM) used to excavate the tunnel prevents access to the rock face, and produces fragmented material, which precludes the recovery of larger fossils, and limits the amount of contextual information that may be collected for scientific purposes. Additionally, because the locations of potential paleontological resources are unknown, movement of the Project to avoid paleontologically sensitive geologic units, and thus avoid impacts on paleontological resources, is not feasible and the impact must occur for enhancement to take place, impacts to scientifically significant, non-renewable paleontological resources during boring of the tunnel would remain significant and unavoidable.

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

Potentially significant impacts but less than significant with mitigation (continued):

- Air Quality (during operation, MM-AQ-1); Biological Resources (MM-BIO-1, MM-BIO-2, MM-BIO-3); Cultural Resources (during construction, MM-CLT-1 and CLT-2); Geology, Soils, Seismicity, and Paleontological Resources (MM-GEO-1 through MM-GEO-6); Hazards and Hazardous Materials (MM-HAZ-1 and MM-HAZ-2); Hydrology and Water Quality (MM-HWQ-1, MM-HWQ-2 and MM-HWQ-3); Land Use and Planning (MM-TRA-1); Transportation and Traffic (MM-TRA-1); Tribal Cultural Resources (MM-TCR-1).

Areas of controversy: During the scoping period, 40 comments were received from various parties that raised issues of concern. These comments were used to determine the areas of potential controversy and issues to be resolved and are included in Appendix A of this Draft EIR. These issues of concern from the public are discussed within the technical sections of this Draft EIR and are summarized below: Impacts to air quality, impacts to hydrology and water quality, impacts to land use, impacts from noise and vibration, impacts to safety and security, impacts to transportation/traffic, impacts to utilities, operational and construction impacts, funding source, alternatives.

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

- Federal Transportation Authority,
- Federal Aviation Administration,
- Ontario International Airport Authority,
- California Regional Water Quality Control Board,
- State Water Resources Control Board,
- California Department of Transportation,
- State Historic Preservation Officer,
- South Coast Air Quality Management District,
- Omnitrans,
- San Bernardino County,
- City of Rancho Cucamonga, and
- City of Ontario.