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Air Resources Board	Office of Historic Preservation			
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California Highway Patrol				
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Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.			
Coastal Commission	San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy			
Colorado River Board	San Joaquin River Conservancy			
Conservation, Department of	Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy			
Corrections, Department of	State Lands Commission			
Delta Protection Commission	SWRCB: Clean Water Grants			
Education, Department of	SWRCB: Water Quality			
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Vina Plains Rehabilitation Project Project Description

The California Department of Transportation, using state and federal funding, proposes to rehabilitate State Route (SR) 99 through repaving activities, drainage improvements, and construction of appurtenant infrastructure. The limits of work occur between post mile (PM) 0.0 to 12.5, in Tehama County.

The purpose of the project is to restore the facility to a state of good repair so that the roadway will be in a condition that requires minimal maintenance. The project is needed because the pavement within the project limits is in a fair state of repair, requiring ongoing maintenance efforts. Additionally, it was determined that select culverts warrant replacement. Moreover, Caltrans would install fiber optic broadband in accordance with Senate Bill 156 (Chapter 112, Statutes of 2021), which expands the State's broadband fiber optic infrastructure and increases internet connectivity for families and businesses.

With the exception of pulling fiber optic line through existing conduit (installed as part of the approved South Avenue Safety Project), no improvements are proposed between PM 4.28 and 4.74.

Project implementation would include the following improvements:

Pavement

- SR 99 pavement rehabilitation warrants different treatments along various sections of the roadway. Paving activities include:
 - Cold-plane and overlay.
 - Full re-construction of the travel way thickness.
 - o Full re-construction of the road shoulder.
 - Pavement widening (four to eight feet), where applicable, in accordance with shoulder width and soft median standards.
- Install shoulder backing to support edge of pavement.
- Repave or reconstruct existing road and driveway connections to conform to the proposed pavement treatments.

Signs and Delineation

- Upgrade/replace signs in accordance with current standards.
- Install/apply raised retroreflective pavement markers, as well as sprayable thermoplastic pavement striping/marking throughout the project corridor.

Traffic Monitoring Stations

Four traffic monitoring stations would be modified through loop and piezo replacement at the following locations: PM 0.112, 5.079, 11.091, and 12.254.

Worker Safety Pullouts

To provide for worker safety, paved maintenance vehicle pullouts would be installed at the following locations: PM 0.112R, 5.079R, and 11.091R.

Traffic Safety

- Replace steel-post guardrail in-place and transition railing at bridge sites. No work is proposed on the bridge decks.
- Replace existing shoulder and centerline rumble strips.
- Trees would be removed at PM 7.0 (east side of the highway) to increase sight distance for the traveling public.

Pedestrian Safety

Project implementation includes various pedestrian improvements in the community of Los Molinos (PM 11.9 to 12.1). The two-block segment between North Center and Josephine Streets (eastside of highway) and Josephine and Orange Streets (westside of highway) would be improved through the installation of sidewalks, curb ramps, curb, gutter, and driveways.

Tree Planting

As part to the proposed project, tree planting would occur along the proposed sidewalk improvements referenced above. Work would include irrigation system installation.

Lighting

Project implementation would include upgraded lighting along the SR 99 pedestrian improvement area referenced above.

Rail Element Wall

To minimize impacts to environmentally sensitive areas (i.e., wetlands), rail element walls (REW) would be constructed along various segments of SR 99. REW installation allows for shoulder widening without widening the fill prism. The REW consists of metal beam guardrail posts and rails. The posts are driven into the fill slope approximately four feet from the proposed edge of pavement. Thereafter, one to three rails are attached to the posts to retain the fill material.

Disposal/Borrow Sites

Project implementation would include approximately 24.42 acres of ground disturbance; maximum excavation depth is estimated at 10 feet. Minor clearing and grubbing may be required. Excess soil material and construction debris (e.g., asphalt grindings) would become the property of the contractor. No disposal and/or borrow sites are proposed.

Drainage Improvements

As part of the proposed project, drainage improvements, consisting of culvert installation/replacement, drainage inlet installation/replacement, and over side drain replacement, would be performed at 25 locations.

Design Pollution Prevention Infiltration Areas

To help maintain long-term water quality, Design Pollution Prevention Infiltration Areas (DPPIA) would be installed as part of the proposed project. The DPPIAs would serve to provide long-term treatment of road runoff through infiltration. The DPPIAs would be installed approximately three feet from the edge of pavement, would be three to ten feet wide, and between 100 and 2,000 feet long depending on the location. The soil would be amended as needed to ensure proper treatment.

New Impervious Area

The new impervious area is estimated at 13.87 acres.

<u>Staging</u>

Three staging areas have been identified along the project corridor: PM 2.8, 5.5, and 6.8.

<u>Utilities</u>

SR 99 supports overhead and underground phone, fiber optic internet and telephone, water, and electric utilities throughout the project corridor. Minor utility relocation activities would occur in Los Molinos.

Broadband Middle-Mile Network Program

The Broadband Middle Mile Network (BMMN) consists of open access, state-owned high-capacity fiber optic lines that carry large amounts of data at higher speeds over longer distances between local networks. The proposed broadband would increase internet connectivity for families and businesses.

In accordance with the BMMN Program, fiber optic conduit/line would be installed primarily via open trenching; directional boring would be used to traverse multiple streams that bisect

the highway. In one instance, conduit would be attached directly to a box girder bridge. In addition, splice vaults would be installed at regular intervals along the route.

Open Trenching

Open trenching would occur in the travelway and road shoulder through the use of a ditch witch. Open trenching would be approximately 0.25 feet wide x 3 feet deep. Shallower trenching may be necessary in some locations. Four conduits would be installed vertically within the trench. As part of conduit installation, the trench would be partially backfilled with two inches of sand. All open trenching would be backfilled with clean fill material and treated with an underground warning tape.

Directional Boring

The directional boring process includes a boring pit and a receiving pit. Each pit is approximately 50 feet wide x 75 feet long. Starting at the boring pit, a drill pipe would be bored subsurface (±10 feet deep) to the receiving pit. The conduit is then attached to the drill pipe and pulled back to the boring pit. A drilling lubricant (i.e., bentonite) would be used to facilitate the drilling process.

Right-of-Way

Caltrans would acquire temporary construction easements at various locations to conform driveways and public roads, and to accommodate culvert installation. A permanent right-of-way easement would be required along SR 99 in Los Molinos: PM 11.85 to 12.04 (±0.09 acres) on the westside of the highway, and 11.90 to 11.98 (±0.08 acres) on the eastside of the highway.

Traffic Management

Project construction would utilize one-way reversing traffic control as needed.

Schedule

Working days for the Vina Plains Rehabilitation Project are estimated at 120 days. Caltrans would like to construct the Vina Plains Rehabilitation and South Avenue Roundabout Projects at the same time, which is estimated at a combined 160 working days.