

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Bakersfield 99 Rehabilitation II (South)

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Project Location: Bakersfield, Kern County

City

County

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

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to resurface, restore, and rehabilitate State Route 99 in Kern County from post miles 21.15 to 24.60. An auxiliary lane will be constructed between California Avenue and the southbound State Route 99 to eastbound State Route 58 connector ramp. The auxiliary lane will require the construction of a new retaining wall, widening of the California Avenue Undercrossing, and replacement of the Palm Avenue Overcrossing. Also, a soundwall will be constructed between the Wilson Road Overcrossing and the Wible Road Overcrossing.

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

During construction, short-term degradation of air quality is expected from the release of particulate emissions (airborne dust) generated by excavation, grading, hauling, and other activities related to construction. A temporary increase in traffic resulting from construction would create a localized increase in emissions from traffic. The ruderal habitat next to State Route 99 has very low habitat value, and the inner area of the ramp loops offers limited denning and foraging habitat. The project will temporarily disturb up to the entire 173 acres of urban habitat within the project limits. These areas are near active kit fox sightings and have the potential to be used for kit fox dispersal and foraging. Greenhouse gas emissions impacts of non-capacity-increasing projects like the Bakersfield 99 Rehabilitation II (South) project are considered less than significant under CEQA because there will be no increase in operational emissions. However, construction equipment, traffic delays, and material processing and delivery may generate short-term greenhouse gas emissions during construction. A soundwall is proposed as part of noise attenuation for an apartment complex next to State Route 99. All potential effects have been determined to be Less Than Significant under CEQA.

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

N/A.

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

N/A.