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<b>SCH #</b>
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**Project Title:** Interstate 215/McCall Boulevard Interchange Improvements Project

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 City: San Bernardino Zip: 92401 County: Riverside

**Project Location:** County: Riverside City/Nearest Community: Menifee  
 Cross Streets: McCall Boulevard at Encanto Drive and Bradley Way Zip Code: 92586  
 Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 33 ° 42 ' 54.5 " N / 117 ° 11 ' 20.7 " W Total Acres: 86.1  
 Assessor's Parcel No.: 335-202-001 Section: 21/22/27/28 Twp.: 5 Range: 3 Base: San Bern  
 Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: Interstate 215 Waterways: Sun City Channel  
 Airports: N/A Railways: N/A Schools: Hans Middle School

**Document Type:**

CEQA:  NOP  Draft EIR NEPA:  NOI Other:  Joint Document  
 Early Cons  Supplement/Subsequent EIR  EA  Final Document  
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) \_\_\_\_\_  Draft EIS  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Local Action Type:**

General Plan Update  Specific Plan  Rezone  Annexation  
 General Plan Amendment  Master Plan  Prezone  Redevelopment  
 General Plan Element  Planned Unit Development  Use Permit  Coastal Permit  
 Community Plan  Site Plan  Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)  Other: Transportation

**Development Type:**

Residential: Units \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_  Transportation: Type Interchange  
 Office: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Mining: Mineral \_\_\_\_\_  
 Commercial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Power: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MW \_\_\_\_\_  
 Industrial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Waste Treatment: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_  
 Educational: \_\_\_\_\_  Hazardous Waste: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recreational: \_\_\_\_\_  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Water Facilities: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**

Aesthetic/Visual  Fiscal  Recreation/Parks  Vegetation  
 Agricultural Land  Flood Plain/Flooding  Schools/Universities  Water Quality  
 Air Quality  Forest Land/Fire Hazard  Septic Systems  Water Supply/Groundwater  
 Archeological/Historical  Geologic/Seismic  Sewer Capacity  Wetland/Riparian  
 Biological Resources  Minerals  Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading  Growth Inducement  
 Coastal Zone  Noise  Solid Waste  Land Use  
 Drainage/Absorption  Population/Housing Balance  Toxic/Hazardous  Cumulative Effects  
 Economic/Jobs  Public Services/Facilities  Traffic/Circulation  Other: GHG/Climate Change

**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

**Economic Development Corridor, Residential, and Commercial Retail**

**Project Description:** (please use a separate page if necessary)

The City of Menifee, in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), proposes operational improvements at the Interstate 215/McCall Boulevard interchange. The limits of work for this project are along I-215 between post mile (PM) R20.1 and PM 21.5 and on McCall Boulevard from Encanto Drive to Bradley Road. The improvements include adding a bike/Neighborhood Electric Vehicle (NEV) lane on both sides of the road/bridge, adding sidewalk on the north side of the road/bridge, modifying the associated on- and off-ramps, and improving the nearby intersections of McCall Boulevard/Bradley Road and McCall Boulevard/Encanto Drive (see attached pages for the complete Project Description).

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol	<input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # <u>8</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission
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<input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of
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### Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date March 29, 2024 Ending Date May 1, 2024

### Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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## **Interstate 215/McCall Boulevard Interchange Improvements Project Project Description**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in cooperation with the City of Menifee (City), proposes to construct the Project. The Project includes the widening of McCall Boulevard and the existing structure over I-215, adding a bike/Neighborhood Electric Vehicle (NEV) lane on both sides of the road/bridge, adding sidewalk on the north side of the road/bridge, modifying the associated on- and off-ramps, and improving the nearby intersections of McCall Boulevard/Bradley Road and McCall Boulevard/Encanto Drive in the City of Menifee, California. The existing Type L-1 Tight Diamond interchange configuration would not be modified. Caltrans is the lead agency under CEQA.

The following two alternatives are being studied in the EIR for this project:

- No-Build Alternative is Alternative 1.
- Build Alternative is Alternative 2 – Type L-1 Tight Diamond.

### **Alternative 1: No Build**

The “No Build” Alternative is considered the base case scenario and proposes that no improvements be implemented on the mainline facility and the existing overcrossing would not be widened. Without the project, the existing geometric deficiencies would not be corrected, conditions would continue to worsen with increased traffic volumes, and the queuing onto the mainline would continue to increase collision rates. In the No Build scenario, there would be an increase in congestion, specifically focused on the McCall Boulevard/Bradley Road and McCall Boulevard/Encanto Drive intersections, and level-of-service in the region would continue to deteriorate, which would result in the operational breakdown of both McCall Boulevard and I-215. The gap in pedestrian/bike/NEV connectivity and delays with public transit would continue to hamper the community’s use of alternative modes of transportation.

### **Alternative 2: Build Alternative**

The proposed project improvements include widening McCall Boulevard, the I-215 overcrossing, and the I-215 ramps. The existing Type L-1 Tight Diamond interchange configuration would not be modified. Additional improvements include signal modifications at the proposed northbound and southbound ramps intersections, the Bradley Road intersection, and the Encanto Drive intersection.

McCall Boulevard would be widened from two to three lanes in each direction from Sun City Boulevard to approximately 700 feet east of the Encanto Drive. The six through lanes would continue east where the ultimate facility is a six-lane Urban Arterial road. In the westbound direction, two lanes would be added/dropped at the Bradley Road intersection to match the four-lane facility west of the interchange in accordance with the City’s General Plan designation, which is a 4-lane Major road.

The I-215/McCall Boulevard bridge overcrossing would be widened to include two left turn lanes, with a painted median to provide shared storage for both directions of travel along McCall Boulevard. The widening would also include a bike/Neighborhood Electric Vehicle (NEV) lane and sidewalks on both sides of the road/bridge and sidewalks on the north side of the road/bridge, which would extend along McCall Boulevard to the Encanto Drive and Bradley Road intersections to connect with existing and future planned bike/NEV and pedestrian facilities. These proposed facilities are anticipated to connect to future projects that will provide Class II bicycle lanes along the roadway delineated by pavement striping and signage dedicated for bicycle travel along McCall Boulevard from Valley Boulevard in the west to Briggs Road in the east, consistent with the City General Plan.

A 1,500-foot deceleration lane would be constructed at the I-215 northbound off-ramp to improve operation of the I-215 mainline. The I-215 northbound and southbound on-ramps would be reconstructed and widened from one to two lanes with ramp metering to allow for additional storage and reduce backspill onto McCall Boulevard. The I-215 northbound and southbound off-ramps would be partially reconstructed to provide four turn lanes to allow for additional storage and reduce backspill onto I-215. All existing ramp skew angles and curb returns at McCall Boulevard would be realigned and improved to meet Caltrans' design standards to improve safety and accommodate the turn movements of Surface Transportation Assistance Act (STAA) trucks. The McCall Boulevard intersection improvements at Bradley Road and Encanto Drive include additional turn-lanes and standard pedestrian facilities such as two curb ramps and median pedestrian refuge islands. Landscaping features may be included as part of the project in the interchange.

During construction, temporary closures of the on-ramps and off-ramps may be necessary during construction; however, the improvements are largely located near the intersections and would be staged to minimize disruptions. The bridge overcrossing will be widened to north to allow for construction to be staged and ensure the existing four lane bridge would continue to be utilized by vehicles during construction. No closures of McCall Boulevard over I-215 are anticipated. Similarly, the local roadway improvements along McCall Boulevard, Encanto Drive, and Bradley Road would be staged to minimize disruptions and require minimal closures during construction.

The Build Alternative would impact areas in all four interchange quadrants and additional right of way may be required to accommodate the proposed improvements. Due to the new widening, the Build Alternative would temporarily impact businesses and commercial developments along both sides of McCall Boulevard from Sun City Boulevard to Encanto Drive during construction and may require some sliver right-of-way acquisitions; however, no substantial or negative economic impact to businesses is anticipated.

The improvements associated with the widening of McCall Boulevard would also require utility relocations. While the majority of the utilities within the project area are underground, there may be impacts to some utility poles and above ground boxes/vaults due to the widening improvements. Any existing utilities within the project area requiring relocation would be coordinated with the owner and operator of the utility.

Drainage in the project area is collected by various storm drain facilities and conveyed to the Sun City Channel, a regional flood control facility operated and maintained by the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. The Sun City Channel, which is located between Encanto Drive and I-215, conveys flows from east to west and traverses under I-215 via a reinforced concrete box (RCB) culvert, which is currently at capacity and has a history of flooding in the Avila Apartment Homes community. Since the interchange project is anticipated to increase the impervious surfaces in the area, the project may attenuate additional runoff tributary to the Sun City Channel/RCB through the use of detention/retention basins within the interchange.

Other project activities needed to support the design of the project include potholing and geotechnical investigations within the existing roadway and proposed improvement locations.