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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Guadalupe Active Partnership for Signalization and CAPM to Santa Maria (GAPS-CAPM)

Lead Agency: California Department of Transportation

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Project Location: Guadalupe, Santa Mara (*City*) Santa Barbra County (*County*)

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

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes a Capital Preventive Maintenance (CAPM) project with intersection improvements on State Route 166 from post miles 0.0 to 8.9 and State Route 1 from post mile 48.9-49.3 in Santa Barbara County. A Capital Preventive Maintenance project is the result of a strategic decision to make cost-effective repairs on an existing roadway that is in generally fair condition with a considerable remaining service life (15 to 30 years). Traffic signalization will be incorporated at the State Route 1/State Route 166 and Obispo Street/State Route 166 intersections. Improvements will be made on the Union Pacific Railroad at-grade crossing with the inclusion of a pre-signal. The project includes replacing and adding Transportation Management Systems, removing and adding single-post and two-post signs, replacing sign panels, and rehabilitating or reconstructing sidewalk curb ramps to meet Americans with Disabilities Act standards.
The proposed project will incorporate biological mitigation measures to so the projects effects will be less than significant.

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

The proposed project only has impacts that are significant for biological resources. The following biological impacts to waterways will be mitigated for to less then significant levels. About 0.12 acre (5,377 square feet) of open agricultural drainage ditches will be converted to 359 linear feet of closed culvert to accommodate the roadway expansion and sidewalk addition. An on-site enhancement of about 0.37 acre (16,131 square feet) of ditches will be constructed to ensure a 3-to-1 replacement ratio for permanent impacts. About 0.83 acre (35,962 square feet) of ditches are expected to be temporarily impacted and will be restored within Caltrans' right-of-way at a 1-to-1 replacement ratio. To ensure the success of the on-site enhancement to the ditches, a one-year plant establishment period will be required, which would include ongoing inspections, weeding, and replacement. Additionally, five years of post-construction monitoring will be required as a condition of the Regional Water Quality Control Board permit. Restoration plantings will be detailed in Caltrans' Landscape Architecture Landscape Planting Plan and developed in coordination with a Caltrans biologist. Before construction, Caltrans would prepare a Mitigation and Monitoring Plan (MMP) to mitigate impacts to vegetation and natural habitats at the open agricultural ditches. The Mitigation and Monitoring Plan would be consistent with federal and state regulatory requirements and would be amended with any regulatory permit conditions as required. Caltrans would implement the Mitigation and Monitoring Plan as necessary during construction and immediately following project completion.

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 applicable.

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

Responsible Agency: California Transportation Commission, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Trustee Agencies: City of Guadalupe, City of Santa Maria, and County of Santa Barbara