

# Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: 2024100348

Project Title: Los Patos Underpass Removal Project

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Project Location: Santa Barbara

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

The Project would consist of the removal of the Los Patos Rail Bridge, a Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Bridge; installation of new fill material and ballast; and the placement of new tracks on that fill. The Project would also include the construction of temporary railroad tracks (commonly referred to as shoofly tracks) to maintain train travel while work on the main track takes place. Following the closure and removal of the Los Patos Way off-ramp (Exit 95) on southbound U.S. 101, which would occur under the U.S. 101 HOV Project, The proposed Project would involve demolition and removal of the Los Patos Rail Bridge, including its abutments, center pier, girders, and decking. The bridge would be replaced with solid fill material, and Los Patos Way south of the railroad tracks would be configured as a cul-de-sac. During bridge removal and construction, rail service would continue via a temporary bypass track (shoofly) built on UPRR right-of-way, crossing Los Patos Way and Cabrillo Boulevard. The shoofly would be supported by 8,000 cubic yards of fill and would include a bridge over Cabrillo Boulevard. The proposed Project would necessitate the removal of up to approximately 100 trees, with replacement planting planned, but with exact numbers and locations of replacement trees not known at this time. Grading and earthwork for the proposed Project is anticipated to last three weeks and the reconstruction of the rail components would be completed in two days (over one weekend).

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

The Project would result in significant and unavoidable effects to aesthetics, biological resources, and land use and planning related to required tree removal. The Project would result in significant and unavoidable effects to cultural resources due to the removal of the Los Patos Rail bridge. The Project would result in less than significant impacts to hazards with implementation of Mitigation Measure HAZ-1.

The Project would include the following mitigation measures.

- BIO-1 Worker's Environmental Awareness Training
- BIO-2 Nesting Bird Surveys
- BIO-3 Best Management Practices
- BIO-4 Pre-Construction Wildlife Surveys
- BIO-5 Tree Protection Plan
- CR-1 Historic American Engineering Record Documentation
- CR-2 Development of Interpretive Display
- CR-3 Salvaging of Materials for Reuse
- HAZ-1 Soil Management Plan

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 areas of controversy are known at this time.

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

Responsible agencies: California Department of Transportation, Union Pacific Railroad

Trustee agencies: California Department of Fish and Wildlife