

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: N/A

Project Title: Los Alamos Connected Community

Lead Agency: Caltrans

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Project Location: Los Alamos Santa Barbara
City *County*

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

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to construct pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure to connect residential areas to the downtown community corridor and to Olga Reed Elementary School on State Route 135 from 0.1 mile south of the U.S. 101/135 separation to post mile 0.73 in Santa Barbara County.

An Initial Study has been prepared by Caltrans District 5. On the basis of this study, it is determined that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the environment for the following reasons:

The project would have no effect on agriculture and forestry resources, energy, land use planning, mineral resources, population and housing, public services, transportation, tribal cultural resources, utilities and service systems, and wildfire.

The project would have no significant effect on aesthetics/visual resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hydrology and water quality, hazards and hazardous materials, noise, and recreation with the implementation of Caltrans' Standard Specifications, Standard Special Provisions, and avo

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

No significant or potentially significant effects on the environment are anticipated by this project.

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

Minor hedge trimming and tree removal are anticipated for the project, which could potentially affect bird nesting habitat. No special-status species were found during biological surveys and, if vegetation removal is required to take place during nesting season, a qualified biologist will conduct preconstruction and nesting surveys to assess the project area for potential impact.

For the project, 26 properties were evaluated in and adjacent to the project area. Of those, 10 were found eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and California Register of Historical Resources as contributors to the proposed Historic District. Two of the properties were found eligible individually. If needed, the project will implement nonstandard specifications for work taking place near eligible properties and/or the establishment of environmental sensitive areas.

Greenhouse gas emissions are anticipated during the construction phase of the project. It is expected that the new infrastructures would reduce the overall use of greenhouse gas-generating vehicles, reducing overall long-term emissions. Caltrans Special Specifications listed in the Hazards and Hazardous Materials section will be implemented to reduce the amount of greenhouse gas emissions and potential climate change impacts.

Olga Reed Elementary School sits in the project area along Centennial Street. If construction takes place during the school year, access to the school will be provided through the construction zone using appropriate methods such as traffic control.

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

California Transportation Commission (CTC)
State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)