

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Santa Ana River Trail Project, Segments 2, 2A, and 3A

Lead Agency: Riverside County Transportation Commission

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Project Location: Corona, Riverside County
City County

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

The Proposed Project involves installing multi-use trails in SART Phases 2, 2A, and 3A which are located within the Prado Dam Flood Control Basin area of the Santa Ana River in unincorporated Riverside County, California. The Proposed Project will construct a 2.78-mile gap in the 110-mile planned alignment, connecting to or narrowing the distance from existing constructed portions of the trail upstream and downstream of Prado Basin. The Proposed Project include construction of a Class I asphalt/concrete bicycle path with decomposed granite pedestrian and equestrian path with a general design, as follows: Eight-to-ten-foot bicycle path travel way with two-foot shoulders, five percent maximum slope, two percent maximum cross fall path and shoulder slopes, minimum 2 to 1 foot slope ratio for cut/fill slopes, signage and striping along the trail, implementation of drainage improvements, and application of native hydroseed mix along graded slope areas of the new trail phases. The construction phasing and activities are expected to take approximately 12 months to complete for each individual trail phase. Construction is anticipated to be initiated in 2025 and be completed by 2026 with construction expected to last 12 months for each trail phase.

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

Biological Resources - No special-status plant species are present. However, there are special-status wildlife species and include least Bell's vireo (LBV) and coastal California gnatcatcher (CAGN). The project site is also part of the Western Riverside County Multi-species Habitat Conservation Plan and is designated as Critical Habitat by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for the LBV and CAGN. There are also sensitive habitats (i.e., coastal sage scrub) that would be removed to construct the trail. Mitigation Measures BIO-1 through BIO 7 would reduce these impacts to less than significant.

Cultural Resources - There are three historic-period cultural resources that would be avoided during construction. The potential to affect archaeological historical resources during project ground disturbance is considered low. Mitigation Measure CUL-1 was identified and would reduce impacts to less than significant.

Geology and Soils - One geological unit contained in the Project area has a low to high paleontological potential, increasing with depth. Mitigation Measures GEO-1, GEO-2, GEO-3, and GEO-4 were identified and would reduce these impacts to less than significant levels.

Recreation - The proposed Project was determined to result in adverse physical impacts on the environment but would be mitigated to less than significant levels with the mitigation measures noted above.

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

None.

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

United States Army Corps of Engineers
United States Fish & Wildlife Service
California Department of Fish & Wildlife
Regional Water Quality Control Board
City of Corona