

**Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority**

**Date:** July 1, 2021

**To:** Governing Board Members

**From:** Sally Gee, Project Manager

**Through:** Mark Stanley, Executive Officer

**Subject:** Item 7: Consideration of a resolution ratifying conveyance of a Highway Easement and Temporary Construction Easement to the California Department of Transportation

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**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (LCWA) ratify conveyance of a Highway Easement and Temporary Construction Easement to the California Department of Transportation for the Transportation Improvement Project along State Route 1 at the Los Cerritos Wetlands and determine that the proposed action is Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District #12 requires a Highway Easement (Caltrans Parcel No. 104040-1) and a Temporary Construction Easement (Caltrans Parcel No. 104040-2) on LCWA property for their proposed Transportation Improvement Project along State Route 1 (Exhibit A - Maps). The project involves making improvements to the traffic signal and sidewalk on the corner of 1 St and Pacific Coast Highway in Seal Beach, CA. The permanent highway easement (Parcel No. 104040-1) comprises of 159sf from the western corner of the subject property which is necessary for the proposed curb ramp reconstruction and the upgrading of the existing traffic signals due to the deterioration and inefficient lighting. The temporary construction easement (Parcel No. 104040-2) is required for staging area for the proposed curb ramp reconstruction and the upgrading of the existing traffic signals due to deterioration and inefficient lighting. The improvements are expected to occur between June 17, 2021, and October 21, 2023, but at this time, Caltrans cannot ascertain the exact time period within the 28.5 months that the State's Contractor will utilize the temporary construction easement areas.

On February 11, 2021, Caltrans offered the LCWA a sum of \$6,600 for the two easements, which included a \$2,500 incentive payment for voluntary and expeditious conveyance of the easements within 60 days of the offer (Exhibit B – Offer Letter). The LCWA has reviewed all the materials from Caltrans regarding the easement and do not foresee any impacts to wetlands restoration activities planned for the property. To meet the incentive period, the documents were executed on April 12, 2021, by the Executive Officer after legal review of the documents and acknowledgement by the LCWA Chair.

Additionally, since the property was acquired with funding from the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) in 2010, approval for the conveyance and sale of the easements by the WCB was requested. WCB approved conveyance of the easement as long as funds from the purchase are used for maintenance of the property (Exhibit C – WCB approval).

*California Environmental Quality Act*

As the lead agency on this project under CEQA, Caltrans approved a Categorical Exemption determination on December 21, 2018, for improvements on State Route 1 (SR-1) between Crystal Heights Drive and the Orange/Los Angeles County Line in the cities of Newport Beach, Huntington Beach and Seal Beach (Exhibit D). The purpose of the project is to remove and upgrade existing traffic signals system at 20 intersections, remove and replace curb ramps, improve pavement conditions, and remove/replace guardrails to current Caltrans standards.

A NEPA/CEQA re-validation form was filed on November 13, 2020, to include new scope of incorporating 44 high visibility crosswalks, Class II bike lanes, upgrading existing drainage gates, proposed Complete Street Elements project improvements, and replacement of a concrete barrier in Seal Beach. It was determined that the original environmental document or CE remains valid (Exhibit E).

Caltrans determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, and is Categorically Exempt – Class 1d from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21084 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15300 et seq.

#### *CEQA Determination*

As a “responsible agency” under CEQA, the LCWA has considered the lead agency’s Categorical Exemption determination and has determined that no substantial changes in the project or in the circumstances under which it will be undertaken have occurred. Staff concurs with Caltrans that the project is Categorically Exempt – Class 1d from CEQA under Public Resources Code Section 21084 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15300 et seq.

**BACKGROUND:** The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing a Transportation Improvement Project along State Route 1 (aka Pacific Coast Highway) in Orange County California in the cities of Seal Beach, Huntington Beach, and Newport Beach, from Crystal Heights Drive (PM 13.0) to the Los Angeles/Orange county line (PM 32.7). The Project proposes to replace existing traffic signals, upgrade existing curb ramps to meet current American with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, adjust crosswalk striping to conform to the proposed ADA curb ramp configurations, relocate and/or adjust existing drainage facilities due to the ADA curb ramp improvements, modifications of concrete barriers, replace existing guard rails and existing traffic loop detectors, remove and replace existing asphalt concrete dike under metal beam guard rail and install new interconnect cable, rehabilitate/re-surface existing pavement, and restripe the overlay area to current Caltrans striping and delineation standards.

**FISCAL:** A lump-sum of \$6,600 will be paid to LCWA from Caltrans, and the funds will be used for ongoing maintenance of the Los Cerritos Wetlands. The FY 21/22 budget will be updated.





SOURCE: Mapbox, LCWA

Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Plan Program EIR

**Figure 2-4**  
South Area



**SUBJECT PROPERTY****PARCEL NUMBER: 104040-1,-2****ADDRESS: NORTHEAST OF SR-1/PCH, SOUTH OF 1<sup>ST</sup> STREET  
SEAL BEACH, CA 90740**

View looking southerly at subject property, north of 1<sup>st</sup> Street, north of  
SR-1/Pacific Coast Highway, in the county of Orange.

Appraiser: Jesse Perez, Jr.

December 1, 2020

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Highway Easement

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Temporary Construction Easement

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

DISTRICT 12

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*Making Conservation  
A California Way of Life.***February 11, 2021****Electronically sent: [sgee@rmc.ca.gov](mailto:sgee@rmc.ca.gov)**

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority, a California  
joint powers public agency, as of December  
28, 2010

Attn: Sally Gee, Project Manager  
100 N. Old San Gabriel Canyon Road  
Azusa, CA 91702

12-ORA-SR-1-PM-33.6

EA: 0P6909 (1215000149)

Parcel: 104040-1;-2

Grantor: Los Cerritos Wetlands  
Authority, a California joint powers  
public agency, as of December  
28, 2010

Dear Ms. Gee:

Per our discussion, you have requested that the State's offer be electronically sent. The property is identified as Caltrans Parcel No. 104040-1;-2, which is located north east of State route 1/Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) and south of 1<sup>st</sup> street, Seal Beach, CA 90740. Caltrans is presenting the Initiation of Negotiations in the amount of \$ 6,600.00 for one highway easement (Parcel No. 104040-1) and a temporary construction easement (Parcel No. 104040-2). This amount includes \$2,500.00 as an incentive for timely signing of the Right of Way Contract and the offer expires sixty (60) days from the initiation of Negotiations (Receipt Date of this package (2/11/21)).

The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing a Transportation Improvement Project along State Route 1 (aka Pacific Coast Highway) in Orange County California in the cities of Seal Beach, Huntington Beach, and Newport Beach, from Crystal Heights Drive (PM 13.0) to the Los Angeles/Orange county line (PM 32.7). The Project proposes to replace existing traffic signals, upgrade existing curb ramps to meet current American with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, adjust crosswalk striping to conform to the proposed ADA curb ramp configurations, relocate and/or adjust existing drainage facilities due to the ADA curb ramp improvements, modifications of concrete barriers, replace existing guard rails and existing traffic loop detectors, remove and replace existing asphalt concrete dike under metal beam guard rail and install new interconnect cable, rehabilitate/re-surface existing pavement, and restripe the overlay area to current Caltrans striping and delineation standards.

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The permanent highway easement (Parcel No. 104040-1) comprises of 159 SF from the western corner of the subject property which is necessary for the proposed curb ramp reconstruction and the upgrading of the existing traffic signals due to the deterioration and inefficient lighting. The temporary construction easement (Parcel No. 104040-2) is required for staging area for the proposed curb ramp reconstruction and the upgrading of the existing traffic signals due to deterioration and inefficient lighting. The miscellaneous site improvements within the highway easement and TCE areas will be replaced with plain cement concrete (PCC) by the State's contractor (where applicable) and there will be no impact to the cinderblock wall. At this time, Caltrans cannot ascertain the exact time period within the 28.5 months that the State's Contractor will utilize the temporary construction easement areas which will be from June 17, 2021 and expire on October 21, 2023.

Enclosed are several documents that need to be reviewed, completed, and signed. These documents are required for all written offers to owners of real property.

The following documents have been enclosed with their specific instructions for execution:

1. **Your Property Your Transportation Project** – This is an informational pamphlet of frequently asked questions and answers regarding Caltrans procedures. You may keep this for your records.

2. **Title VI Information Pamphlet** – entitled "Caltrans and You" states that all of Caltrans' services and benefits will be administered to the general public without regard to race, color, national origin or sex in compliance with Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. If you feel that any rights have been violated, you may contact the District 12 Equal Employment Office located inside the pamphlet.

3. **Title VI Statutes and Regulations** – This document explains the laws governing Title VI and defines the prohibited discriminatory actions.

4. **Title VI Discrimination Complaint Form** – This document is the form for filing a written Title VI discrimination complaint on issues and circumstances of the alleged discrimination.

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5. **Right of Way Title VI Survey** – All persons affected by the State transportation projects are requested to provide information requested on the form; however, furnishing of this information is voluntary.

6. **An Appraisal Map** – with indicated Right of Way line(s) relative to the subject parcel. You may keep this document for your records.

7. **Copy of Title Report** – The information on this document shows vesting interest and items affecting title.

8. **Certificate of Occupancy and Receipt of Relocation Information (Negative)** – This document certifies that no one will be displaced from the property as the State is only acquiring and utilizing vacant land only. This form must be completed and signed by the authorized agent and returned to me.

9. **Summary Statement Relating to the Purchase of Real Property or an Interest Therein** – This document informs all interested parties of their rights as a person or entity affected by a Caltrans proposed highway project. You may keep this document for your records.

10. **Appraisal Summary Statement** – This document represents a summary of the fair market appraised value of the property. You may keep these documents for your records.

11. **Right of Way Contract** – This document spells out "in writing" the terms of this transaction. If the Association accepts the State's offer to purchase the property, four (4) copies of the "original" contract must be signed by the authorized agent and returned to me.

12. **Payee Data Record** – This form is required when receiving payment from the State of California. This form must be completed and signed by the authorized agent and returned to me.

13. **Copy of Appraisal Report** – This report is to estimate the fair market value of the Caltrans Designated Parcel No. 104040-1;-2, including real property improvements where applicable.

14. **Permanent Highway Easement Deed (Parcel No. 104040-1)** – If you accept the State's offer, this document needs to be executed and notarized by a notary public. Please execute and forward original to me.

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As we previously discussed, Caltrans is hoping our request for the highway easement and temporary construction easement be added to your May meeting with the approval of Wildlife conservation Board. I have included the Right of Entry (ROE) as we discussed as this document will grant Caltrans possession to enter Los Cerritos Wetlands property. The ROE will allow Caltrans to meet the Right of Way Certification date of June 17, 2021, and allow time for Los Cerritos Wetland Authority to proceed with its lengthy process.

If Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority decides to accept the State's offer of \$6,600.00 for the highway easement and temporary construction easement. Please have the (4) Right of Way Contracts executed and returned to me in the enclosed envelope addressed: State of California, Department of Transportation, 1750 E. Fourth Street, Suite 100, Santa Ana, CA 92705, Attn: (Lilli Santiago). Please also return the completed Payee Data Record and the Certificate of Occupancy and Receipt of Relocation Information (Negative) forms. You will receive a fully executed right of way contract once I have received all of the required documents from you, and upon approval of the transaction by Caltrans. Please note, you may keep all of the other documents for the Los Cerritos Wetland Authority's records.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (657) 328-6346. Thank you for your attention and prompt response in this matter.

Sincerely,



Lilli Santiago  
Right of Way Agent  
District 12 – Office of Right of Way

Enclosures





Exhibit C - WCA Approval

Item 7: Caltrans Easement  
Gavin Newsom, Governor  
NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
**WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD**  
**Mailing address:** PO Box 944209  
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(916) 445-8448  
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3/29/2021

Mark Stanley  
Executive Officer  
Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority  
100 N. Old San Gabriel Canyon Road  
Azusa, California 91702

Dear Mr. Stanley,

The Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) provided funding (Grant Agreement No. WC-1007DT) for the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (LCWA) to acquire fee title to 100± acres (Property) for the Los Cerritos Wetland project in Orange County, WCB Project ID 2003222.

LCWA requests to sell a highway and a temporary construction easement (Easements) to Caltrans to implement its traffic signal and sidewalk improvement project. LCWA has reviewed all materials from Caltrans regarding the Easements and do not foresee any impacts to restoration activities planned for the property. WCB understands that the revenue generated from the sale of the Easements will be used to fund continued management of the property.

Accordingly, WCB approves of the proposed sale of the Easements to Caltrans and this letter constitutes written approval from WCB.

If you have any further questions, please contact John Walsh, Supervising Land Agent at (916) 322-9461.

Sincerely,

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John P. Donnelly  
Executive Director

Exhibit D Item 7: Caltrans Easement  
**CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM**

12-ORA-1

PM 13.0/33.7

0P680 (1216000002) &  
0P590 (1215000149)

Federal-Aid Project No. N/A

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Caltrans is proposing improvements on State Route 1 (SR-1) between Crystal Heights Drive and the Orange/Los Angeles County Line in the cities of Newport Beach, Huntington Beach and Seal Beach. Project 1 (EA 0P680) will improve 20 intersections between post-miles 13.0/33.6 and work activities include removal/replacement of existing traffic signals, replacement of existing signage associated with traffic signal improvements, upgrading existing curb ramps to current American with Disability Act (ADA) standards, adjustment of crosswalk striping, trimming existing median island, removal of existing pedestrian push buttons on the median island, relocation/adjustment of existing drainage facilities, and addition of 4 foot bike lane refuge strip adjacent to right-turn lane. Project 2 (EA 0P590) proposes improvements between post-miles 29.9/33.7 including cold plane overlay of existing pavement, removal/replacement of 31 existing traffic signal loop detectors, upgrade existing curb ramps to current ADA standards, restripe overlay area to pre-project condition, replacement of existing Metal Beam Guard Rail (MBGR) to current Caltrans approved Midwest Guardrail system (MGS) and end treatments, removal of existing AC dike under MBGR and replace with Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) dike, installation of new interconnect cable between Seal Beach Blvd and 12<sup>th</sup> Street/Balboa Drive. The purpose of the project is to remove and upgrade existing traffic signals system at 20 intersections, remove and replace existing curb ramps to current Caltrans standards, improve existing pavement condition between Warner Avenue and LA/OC County Line, and remove/replace existing MBGR with current MGS of current Caltrans standards. The need of the project is the existing signal systems at the 20 intersections are deteriorated over time due to weather and erosion by salt water in the area/majority of traffic signals are not utilizing high visibility light emitting diodes (LEDs), existing curb ramps along SR-1 do not conform to current Caltrans standards, cold plane and overlay of existing Warner to LA/OC County line is degraded due to distress wear and tear, and existing MBGR does not conform to current Caltrans MGS standards. The total Disturbed Soil Area (DSA) is anticipated to be greater than 1.0 acre. This project has both State and Federal funding. Most work will occur within Caltrans Right of way; however, right of way acquisition required includes temporary construction easements (TCEs) and permanent easements for highway purposes from private properties.

**CALTRANS CEQA DETERMINATION** (Check one)

- ☐ **Not Applicable – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency** ☐ **Not Applicable – Caltrans has prepared an Initial Study or Environmental Impact Report under CEQA**

Based on an examination of this proposal, supporting information, and the above statements, the project is:

- ☐ **Exempt by Statute.** (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)  
☒ **Categorically Exempt. Class 1d.** (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)

Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the following statements are true and exceptions do not apply:

- If this project falls within exempt class 3, 4, 5, 6 or 11, it does not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law.
- There will not be a significant cumulative effect by this project and successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time.
- There is not a reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.
- This project does not damage a scenic resource within an officially designated state scenic highway.
- This project is not located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Govt. Code § 65962.5 ("Cortese List").
- This project does not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

- ☐ **Exempt by General Rule.** [This project does not fall within an exempt class, but it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment (14 CCR 15061[b][3].)]

**SMITA DESHPANDE**

Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or  
Environmental Branch Chief

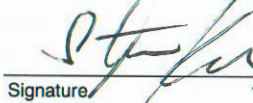


Signature

Date

**STEVE KINALY**

Print Name: Project Manager



Signature

Date

**NEPA COMPLIANCE**

In accordance with 23 CFR 771.117, and based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the State has determined that this project:

- does not individually or cumulatively have a significant impact on the environment as defined by NEPA, and is excluded from the requirements to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and
- has considered unusual circumstances pursuant to 23 CFR 771.117(b).

**CALTRANS NEPA DETERMINATION** (Check one)

- ☒ **23 USC 326:** The State has determined that this project has no significant impacts on the environment as defined by NEPA, and that there are no unusual circumstances as described in 23 CFR 771.117(b). As such, the project is categorically excluded from the requirements to prepare an EA or EIS under the National Environmental Policy Act. The State has been assigned, and hereby certifies that it has carried out the responsibility to make this determination pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 23, United States Code, Section 326 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 31, 2016, executed between the FHWA and the State. The State has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under:

☒ **23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)(26)**

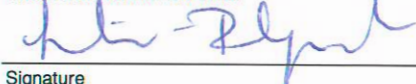
☐ **23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)( )**

☐ **Activity 2\_ listed in Appendix A of the MOU between FHWA and the State**

- ☐ **23 USC 327:** Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the State has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under 23 USC 327. The environmental review, consultation, and any other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by Caltrans pursuant to 23 USC 327 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated December 23, 2016 and executed by FHWA and Caltrans.

**SMITA DESHPANDE**

Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or  
Environmental Branch Chief



Signature

Date

**STEVE KINALY**

Print Name: Project Manager/DLA Engineer



Signature

Date

Date Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: 12/17/18

Date of ECR: 12/17/18



Exhibit D  
Item 7: Caltrans Easement  
**CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM**  
**Continuation Sheet**

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PM 13.0/33.7

OP680 (1216000002) &  
OP590 (1215000149)

Federal-Aid Project No. N/A

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***Each project alternative includes, as applicable, the following standardized features that are included as part of the project description (<http://www.dot.ca.gov/des/oe/construction-contract-standards.html>) Standardized features (such as Best Management Practices [BMPs]) are those features that are generally applied to most or all Department projects. These standardized or pre-existing features allow little discretion regarding their implementation and are not specific to the circumstances of a particular project. More information on each feature can be found in the applicable environmental consequences sub-sections of Chapter 2.***

No significant environmental consequences are anticipated with the proposed project. In addition to the measures related to construction noise, air pollution control, water pollution control, erosion, cultural resources, biological resources, and any subsequent requirements as given in the Caltrans Standard Specifications, the following conditions are required:

- 1) Temporary effects to trails may occur. However, the trails will continue to be open to the public at all times and will not diminish the function, key activities, features and attributes of the trails. A Traffic Management Plan (TMP) shall be prepared during the Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E) phase for implementation by the contractor prior to and during construction of any improvements. Temporary pedestrian access route (TPAR) and bicycle detours will need to be evaluated during PS&E. The TMP shall specify implementation timing of each plan element (prior notices, sign posting, detours, etc.) as determined appropriate by the Department. Adequate local emergency access shall be provided at all times to adjacent uses. Proper detours and warning signs shall be established to ensure public safety. The TMP shall be devised so that construction shall not interfere with any emergency response or evacuation plans. Construction activities shall proceed in a timely manner to reduce impacts.
- 2) The project lies within the coastal zone. Construction or maintenance activities shall not commence until a coastal permit exclusion determination or coastal development permit has been obtained from the California Coastal Commission and/or Certified Local Coastal Program agency(s) that hold jurisdiction. This should be completed during the PS&E phase for delivery projects.
- 3) Construction must be completed between Labor Day weekend and Memorial Day weekend to avoid impacts to coastal access during the high tourist season.
- 4) Equipment/materials shall not be restored outside of paved areas.
- 5) An Aerially Deposited Lead (ADL) investigation along with a Phase II study of all proposed deep foundations along with ADA ramps, property acquisition areas shall be conducted during the early stage of PS&E phase.

**Exhibit E  
NEPA/CEQA RE-VALIDATION FORM**

Item 7: Caltrans Easement

<b>DIST./CO./RTE.</b>	12-ORA-1
<b>PM/PM</b>	PM 13.0/33.7
<b>E.A. or Fed-Aid Project No.</b>	0P680/0P590(1216000002/1215000149)
<b>Other Project No. (specify)</b>	N/A
<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	PAVEMENT REHAB-TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVAL TYPE</b>	CE/CE 326
<b>DATE APPROVED</b>	12/21/18
<b>REASON FOR CONSULTATION (23 CFR 771.129)</b>	<i>Check reason for consultation:</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project proceeding to next major federal approval <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change in scope, setting, effects, mitigation measures, requirements <input type="checkbox"/> 3-year timeline (EIS only) <input type="checkbox"/> N/A (Re-Validation for CEQA only)
<b>DESCRIPTION OF CHANGED CONDITIONS</b>	<p>New scope includes Incorporation of Incorporate 44 high visibility crosswalks, Class II bike lanes and conflict zone (green paint) pavement markings in both directions of traffic on SR-1 between LA/Orange county line and Anderson Street in the cities of Seal Beach and Huntington Beach, upgrading of 15 existing drainage grates to bike-proof grates on SR within the proposed Complete Street Elements project limits, addition of a new high visibility marked crosswalk and trim the raised curb median nose on the south leg of the SR-1/Seal Beach intersection, widening of the right side of SR-1/Seal Beach Boulevard northbound approach intersection to add a standard width bike lane to the left of the right turn only lane and a six-foot wide sidewalk, reconstruction of curb ramp at the southeast corner of the Seal Beach Boulevard intersection and modify existing traffic signal to add a pedestrian signal head and relocation of pedestrian push button, addition of traffic signal loop detectors and bike push buttons within the proposed Complete Street Elements project limits, removal of approximately one mile of existing median concrete barrier Type 50 and replacing with current standard concrete barrier Type 60M/60K from south of Seal Beach Boulevard to north of Mariner Drive, replacement of the existing median concrete barrier Type 50 with a new Concrete Barrier Type 60MA (Mod) from the beginning to the end of two bridges: Bridge Across Anaheim Bay (Bridge No 55-0010) and Naval Ammunition Depo OH (Bridge No.55-0065). The work to be performed includes removal of the existing median concrete barrier Type 50, drilling and bonding dowels to attach the new barrier to the bridge decks, and construction of the new Concrete Barrier Type 60MA (Mod).</p>

**NEPA CONCLUSION - VALIDITY**

Based on an examination of the changed conditions and supporting information: [Check ONE of the three statements below, regarding the validity of the original document/determination (23 CFR 771.129). If document is no longer valid, indicate whether additional public review is warranted and whether the type of environmental document will be elevated.]

- ☒ The original environmental document or CE remains valid. No further documentation will be prepared.
- ☐ The original environmental document or CE is in need of updating; further documentation has been prepared and ☐ is included on the continuation sheet(s) or ☐ is attached. With this additional documentation, the original ED or CE remains valid.
- Additional public review is warranted (23 CFR 771.111(h)(3)) Yes ☐ No ☐
- ☐ The original document or CE is no longer valid.
- Additional public review is warranted (23 CFR 771.111(h)(3)) Yes ☐ No ☐
- Supplemental environmental document is needed. Yes ☐ No ☐
- New environmental document is needed. Yes ☐ No ☐ (If "Yes," specify type: \_\_\_\_\_)

**CONCURRENCE WITH NEPA CONCLUSION**

I concur with the NEPA conclusion above.

*Smita Deshpande*  
Signature: Environmental Branch Chief

Nov 13, 2020  
Date

*Steve Kinaly* 11-13-2020  
Signature: Project Manager/DLAE Date

**CEQA CONCLUSION:** (Only mandated for projects on the State Highway System.)

Based on an examination of the changed conditions and supporting information, the following conclusion has been reached regarding appropriate CEQA documentation: (Check ONE of the five statements below, indicating whether any additional documentation will be prepared, and if so, what kind. If additional documentation is prepared, attach a copy of this signed form and any continuation sheets.)

- ☒ Original document remains valid. No further documentation is necessary.
- ☐ Only minor technical changes or additions to the previous document are necessary. An addendum has been prepared and is ☐ included on the continuation sheets or ☐ will be attached. It need not be circulated for public review. (CEQA Guidelines, §15164)
- ☐ Changes are substantial, but only minor additions or changes are necessary to make the previous document adequate. A Supplemental environmental document will be prepared, and it will be circulated for public review. (CEQA Guidelines, §15163)
- ☐ Changes are substantial, and major revisions to the current document are necessary. A Subsequent environmental document will be prepared, and it will be circulated for public review. (CEQA Guidelines, §15162)  
(Specify type of subsequent document, e.g., Subsequent FEIR)
- ☐ The CE is no longer valid. New CE is needed. Yes ☐ No ☐

**CONCURRENCE WITH CEQA CONCLUSION**

I concur with the CEQA conclusion above.



Smita Deshpande  
Signature: Environmental Branch Chief

## NEPA/CEQA RE-VALIDATION FORM

Nov 13, 2020

Date

Steve Kinaly 11-13-2020  
Signature: Project Manager/DLAE Date

**CONTINUATION SHEET(S)**

*Address only changes or new information since approval of the original document and only those areas that are applicable. Use the list below as section headings as they apply to the project change(s). Use as much or as little space as needed to adequately address the project change(s) and the associated impacts, minimization, avoidance and/or mitigation measures, if any.*

**Changes in project design, e.g., scope change; a new alternative; change in project alignment**

New scope includes Incorporation of 44 high visibility crosswalks, Class II bike lanes and conflict zone (green paint) pavement markings in both directions of traffic on SR-1 between LA/Orange county line and Anderson Street in the cities of Seal Beach and Huntington Beach, upgrading of 15 existing drainage grates to bike-proof grates on SR within the proposed Complete Street Elements project limits, addition of a new high visibility marked crosswalk and trim the raised curb median nose on the south leg of the SR-1/Seal Beach intersection, widening of the right side of SR-1/Seal Beach Boulevard northbound approach intersection to add a standard width bike lane to the left of the right turn only lane and a six-foot wide sidewalk, reconstruction of curb ramp at the southeast corner of the Seal Beach Boulevard intersection and modify existing traffic signal to add a pedestrian signal head and relocation of pedestrian push button, addition of traffic signal loop detectors and bike push buttons within the proposed Complete Street Elements project limits, removal of approximately one mile of existing median concrete barrier Type 50 and replacing with current standard concrete barrier Type 60M/60K from south of Seal Beach Boulevard to north of Mariner Drive, replacement of the existing median concrete barrier Type 50 with a new Concrete Barrier Type 60MA (Mod) from the beginning to the end of two bridges: Bridge Across Anaheim Bay (Bridge No 55-0010) and Naval Ammunition Depo OH (Bridge No.55-0065). The work to be performed includes removal of the existing median concrete barrier Type 50, drilling and bonding dowels to attach the new barrier to the bridge decks, and construction of the new Concrete Barrier Type 60MA (Mod).

**Changes in environmental setting, e.g., new development affecting traffic or air quality;**

There are no changes in environmental setting.

**Changes in environmental circumstances, e.g., a new law or regulation; change in the status of a listed species.**

There are no changes in environmental circumstances.

**Changes to environmental impacts of the project, e.g., a new type of impact, or a change in the magnitude of an existing impact.**

There are no changes to environmental impacts.

**Changes to avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation measures since the environmental document was approved.**

There are changes to avoidance, minimization and/or mitigation measures.

**Changes to environmental commitments since the environmental document was approved, e.g., the addition of new conditions in permits or approvals. When this applies, append a revised Environmental Commitments Record (ECR) as one of the Continuation Sheets.**

An Environmental Commitments Record (ECR) has been updated and is attached.

July 1, 2021 – Item 07

RESOLUTION 2021 – 08

RESOLUTION OF THE LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY TO  
RATIFY CONVEYANCE OF A HIGHWAY EASEMENT AND  
TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT TO THE CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THEIR PROPOSED  
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ALONG STATE  
ROUTE 1 AT THE LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AND DETERMINE  
THAT THE PROPOSED ACTION IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM  
THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

WHEREAS, the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (LCWA) has been established between the Coastal Conservancy, the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, the City of Seal Beach and the City of Long Beach to facilitate the acquisition, protection, conservation, restoration, maintenance and operation and environmental enhancement of the Los Cerritos Wetlands; and

WHEREAS, the LCWA has further been established to focus on projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects within the Los Cerritos Wetlands; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) requires use of portions of LCWA's property for State highway purposes, a public use for which Caltrans has the authority to exercise the power of eminent domain; and

WHEREAS, this action will authorize conveyance of a highway easement (Caltrans Parcel No. 104040-1) and temporary construction easement (Caltrans Parcel No. 104040-2) to Caltrans for the proposed Transportation Improvement Project along State Route 1 (Pacific Coast Highway); and

WHEREAS, rather than going through the expense, time, effort, and risk to both parties in determining the compensation for the property by eminent domain litigation, Caltrans has offered LCWA the sum of \$6,600 for such property interests, which includes a \$2,500 incentive payment for voluntary conveyance of such property interests without the need for eminent domain proceedings; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans, as the lead agency, has determined that this project is Categorically Exempt – Class 1d from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Public Resources Code Section 21084 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15300 et seq.; NOW

Therefore be it resolved that the LCWA hereby:

1. FINDS that the LCWA concurs with the lead agency's Categorical Exemption determination under CEQA pursuant to PRC 21084 and CEQA guidelines 15300.
2. FINDS that this action is consistent with the purposes and objectives of the LCWA.

3. ADOPTS the staff report dated July 1, 2021.
4. RATIFIES authorizing the Executive Officer to enter into an agreement for conveyance of a highway easement (Caltrans Parcel No. 104040-1) and temporary construction easement (Caltrans Parcel No. 104040-2) to Caltrans for the proposed Transportation Improvement Project along State Route 1 (Pacific Coast Highway).

*~ End of Resolution ~*

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY  
On July 1, 2021

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LCWA Chair

ATTEST:

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David Edsall, Jr.  
Deputy Attorney General