

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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SCH# 2019029065

Project Title: Merced Seismic Retrofit Project

Lead Agency: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Contact Person: David Farris
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City: Fresno Zip: 93721 County: Fresno

Project Location: County: Merced County City/Nearest Community: City of Merced, Gustine, Los Banos
Cross Streets: SR59, SR152, and SR140 Zip Code:
Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds):
Assessor's Parcel No.: Section: Twp.: Range: Base:
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 59, 152, 140 Waterways: San Joaquin River, Bear Creek, Los Banos Creek
Airports: Railways: Schools:

Document Type:

CEQA: [] NOP [] Draft EIR NEPA: [] NOI Other: [] Joint Document
[] Early Cons [] Supplement/Subsequent EIR [X] EA [] Final Document
[] Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) [] Draft EIS [] Other:
[X] Mit Neg Dec Other:

Local Action Type:

[] General Plan Update [] Specific Plan [] Rezone [] Annexation
[] General Plan Amendment [] Master Plan [] Prezone FEB 13 2019 [] Redevelopment
[] General Plan Element [] Planned Unit Development [] Use Permit [] Coastal Permit
[] Community Plan [] Site Plan [] Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) [X] Other: Transportation

Development Type:

[] Residential: Units Acres
[] Office: Sq.ft. Acres Employees [X] Transportation: Type Highway
[] Commercial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees [] Mining: Mineral
[] Industrial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees [] Power: Type MW
[] Educational: [] Waste Treatment: Type MGD
[] Recreational: [] Hazardous Waste: Type
[] Water Facilities: Type MGD [] Other:

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

[X] Aesthetic/Visual [] Fiscal [X] Recreation/Parks [X] Vegetation
[] Agricultural Land [] Flood Plain/Flooding [] Schools/Universities [X] Water Quality
[] Air Quality [] Forest Land/Fire Hazard [] Septic Systems [] Water Supply/Groundwater
[X] Archeological/Historical [X] Geologic/Seismic [] Sewer Capacity [X] Wetland/Riparian
[X] Biological Resources [] Minerals [] Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading [] Growth Inducement
[] Coastal Zone [] Noise [] Solid Waste [] Land Use
[] Drainage/Absorption [] Population/Housing Balance [X] Toxic/Hazardous [] Cumulative Effects
[] Economic/Jobs [X] Public Services/Facilities [] Traffic/Circulation [X] Other: Utilities/Section 4(f)

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

State Highway

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

The project would seismically retrofit seven bridges on State Routes 59, 140, and 152 in Merced County to increase structural integrity by adding steel column casings and retrofitting hinges with pipe seat extenders and cable restrainers. The work would bring the bridges up to current standards and minimize the risk of collapse during a seismic event. The project would also upgrade the non-standard bridge railings. In addition, 8-foot shoulders would be added on the Los Banos Creek/West Branch Mud Slough bridge (Bridge Number 039-0090). The bridge currently has no shoulders and does not match the approaching roadway, which has 8-foot shoulders.

State Clearinghouse Contact: (916) 445-0613

State Review Began: 2 - 13 - 2019

SCH COMPLIANCE 3 - 14 - 2019

Project Sent to the following State Agencies

- X Resources
Boating & Waterways
Central Valley Flood Prot.
Colorado Rvr Bd
Conservation
CDFW # 4
Cal Fire
Historic Preservation
Parks & Rec
Bay Cons & Dev Comm.
DWR
CalSTA
Aeronautics
CHP
Caltrans#
Trans Planning
Other
Education
Food & Agriculture
HCD
OES
State/Consumer Svcs
General Services
Cal EPA
ARB: Airport & Freight
ARB: Transportation Projects
ARB: Major Industrial/Energy Resources, Recycl.& Recovery
SWRCB: Div. of Drinking Water
SWRCB: Div. Drinking Wtr #
SWRCB: Div. Financial Assist.
SWRCB: Wtr Quality
SWRCB: Wtr Rights
X Reg. WQCB # 5F
Toxic Sub Ctrl-CTC
Yth/Adlt Corrections
Corrections
Independent Comm
Delta Protection Comm
Delta Stewardship Council
Energy Commission
X NAHC
Public Utilities Comm
Santa Monica Bay Restoration
X State Lands Comm
Tahoe Rgl Plan Agency
Conservancy
Other:

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Please forward late comments directly to the Lead Agency

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Reviewing Agencies Checklist

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If you have already sent your document to the agency please denote that with an "S".

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Resources Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Office of Historic Preservation
<input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction
<input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol	<input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # <u>6</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission
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<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency
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<input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	<input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board	<input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy
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<input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
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<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # <u>4</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>California Transportation Commission</u>
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<input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission	

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date 02/15/19 Ending Date 03/31/19

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 2/12/19

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To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed are fifteen (15) copies of the Draft Initial Study with Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation for the proposed Merced Seismic Retrofit Project. These copies are to be distributed by your office per the enclosed Notice of Completion.

The draft environmental document will be publicly noticed and circulated for comment from February 15, 2019 through March 31, 2019.

If you have any questions or comments, please call David Farris at (559) 445-6328.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Farris".

DAVID FARRIS
Associate Environmental Planner

Enclosures:

1. 15 Copies of Draft Environmental Document
2. Notice of Completion

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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