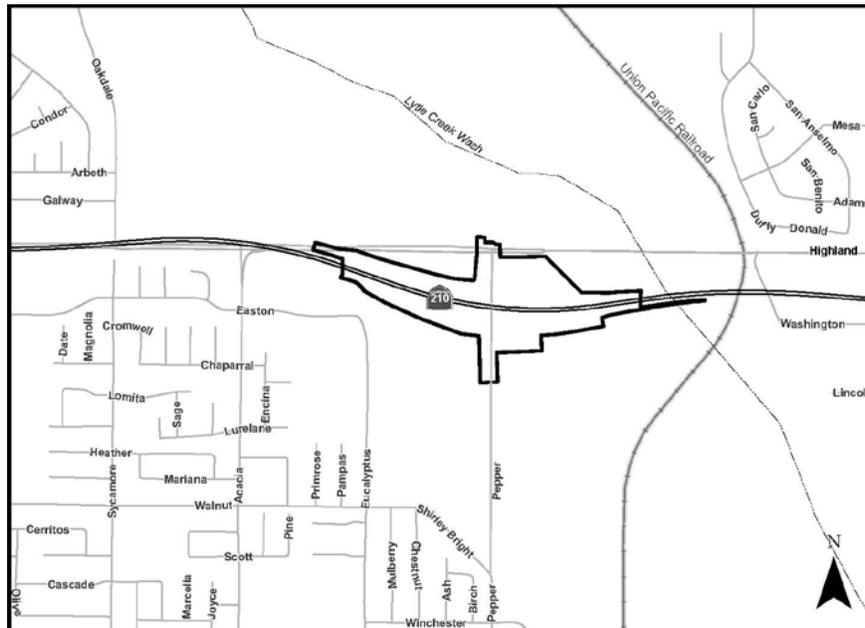


State Route 210/Pepper Avenue New Interchange Project

City of Rialto, San Bernardino County, California
District 08-SBD-210 (PM 19.3/20.1)
PN 0800020180
EA 08-443940

Initial Study [with Proposed Negative Declaration]/Environmental Assessment



Prepared by the
State of California Department of Transportation

The environmental review, consultation, and any other action required in accordance with applicable Federal laws for this project is being, or has been, carried out by Caltrans under its assumption of responsibility pursuant to 23 USC 327.



May 2014

General Information about This Document

What's in this document:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), as assigned by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), has had this Initial Study/Environmental Assessment (IS/EA) prepared, which examines the potential environmental impacts of the alternatives being considered for the proposed project located along SR-210 within portions of the jurisdictional limits of the Cities of Rialto and San Bernardino, as well as a portion of unincorporated San Bernardino County, California. Caltrans is the lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Caltrans is also the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This document tells you why the project is being proposed; what alternatives have been considered for the project; how the existing environment could be affected by the project; the potential impacts of each of the alternatives; and the proposed avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation measures.

What you should do:

- Please read the document.
- Additional copies of this IS/EA, as well as the related technical studies, are available for review at:

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251 West 1st Street
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http://www.sanbag.ca.gov/projects/interchange_210pepper.html

- Attend the Open House Public Meeting: Monday, June 2, 2014
- We'd like to hear what you think. If you have any comments regarding the proposed project, please attend the Open House Public Meeting and/or please send your written comments to Caltrans by the deadline.
 - Send comments via postal mail to:

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Please use "SR-210/Pepper Avenue New Interchange" in the subject line of the email.
- Be sure to send comments by the deadline: June 20, 2014

What happens next:

After comments are received from the public and reviewing agencies, Caltrans, as assigned by FHWA, may: (1) give environmental approval to the proposed project, (2) do additional environmental studies, or (3) abandon the project. If the project is given environmental approval and funding is appropriated, Caltrans could design and construct all or part of the project.

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Construct a new diamond interchange along State Route 210 at Pepper Avenue (postmile 19.3 to postmile 20.1) in the City of Rialto, San Bernardino County, California.

**INITIAL STUDY [with Proposed Negative Declaration]/
Environmental Assessment**

Submitted Pursuant to: (State) Division 13, California Public Resources Code
(Federal) 42 USC 4332(2)(C) and 49 USC 303

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PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Pursuant to: Division 13, Public Resources Code

Project Description

San Bernardino Associated Governments, in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the City of Rialto, proposes to construct a new interchange on State Route 210 at Pepper Avenue within portions of the jurisdictional limits of the Cities of Rialto and San Bernardino, as well as a portion of unincorporated San Bernardino County, California.

Determination

This proposed Negative Declaration (ND) is included to give notice to interested agencies and the public that it is Caltrans' intent to adopt an ND for this project. This does not mean that Caltrans' decision regarding the project is final. This ND is subject to change based on comments received by interested agencies and the public.

An Initial Study has been prepared for this project, and pending public review, Caltrans expects to determine from this study that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment for the following reasons:

The proposed project would have no effect on:

- Farmlands/Timberlands, or Coastal Zones, or Wild and Scenic Rivers;
- Consistency with State, Regional, and Local Plans and Programs;
- Community Character and Cohesion, or Parks and Recreational Facilities;
- Cultural Resources, or Paleontology.

In addition, the proposed project would have less than significant effects to:

- Growth, or Visual/Aesthetics;
- Hydrology and Floodplain, or Water Quality, or Geology and Soils;
- Air Quality, or Noise;
- Traffic and Transportation/Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities;
- Utilities and Emergency Services;
- Natural Communities, or Plant Species, or Animal Species
- Wetlands and Other Waters;
- Threatened and Endangered Species.

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California Department of Transportation

Date

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