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Project Name:

CV Link, WDID No. 7A333165001

Receiving Water:

Salton Sea

Location:

City or area: Coachella Valley, Riverside County, California

Longitude/ Latitude: E33°44'33.65"/N116°23'52.45"

Township/Range: Township: 3 South, 4 South, 5 South, and 6 South; Range: 4 East, 5 East, 6 East, 7 East, and 8 East.

Project Description:

The proposed Project consists of:

- CV Link is a proposed non-auto, multi-modal transportation path network that passes through 12 jurisdictions, including eight incorporated cities (Palm Springs, Cathedral City, Rancho Mirage, Palm Desert, Indian Wells, La Quinta, Indio, Coachella), unincorporated county lands and three Native American tribes (Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, Cabazon Band of Mission Indians, Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians, and County of Riverside).
- The length of the Proposed Project route is ±44 miles with the potential maximum length of ±49 miles
- CV Link will also incorporate and expand the Tahquitz Creek Trail in Palm Springs between South Palm Canyon Drive and the Whitewater Channel.
- CV Link will enhance connectivity⁷ between major employment, residential, recreational, and institutional centers throughout the valley, while facilitating and promoting the use of alternative modes of transportation, including walking, bicycles, low speed electric vehicles (LSEVs), and mobility assistance devices.

In order to address the above needs, the following objectives (goals) are proposed and considered for the design of the project alternatives:

- Create a regional multi-modal transportation facility that interconnects the highest intensity land use corridor in the Coachella Valley with neighborhoods, schools, parks, tourist destinations, retail centers, high density residential development, and employment centers, to enhance community livability and cohesiveness.
- Help the Coachella Valley comply with the Global Warming Solutions Act (AB 32) and the Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act (SB 375) by encouraging zero-emission transportation technologies, transit, and active transportation.
- Promote healthy lifestyles through the provision of infrastructure where people can safely travel and recreate by means of active transportation.
- Limit conflicts between motor vehicle traffic, pedestrians and bicyclists, reduce injuries and fatalities, and create a pleasant user experience by providing grade separated crossings (bridges and undercrossings) of major roadways to the greatest extent possible.
- Support “safe routes to schools” efforts by providing connections to K-12 schools in three school districts and to higher education opportunities.
- Optimize the use of underutilized flood control rights-of-way, enhance stormwater maintenance infrastructure, and improve emergency response access.

Proposed Schedule (Start-up, duration, and completion dates):

The work is schedule to be performed between Mid 2017 and Mid 2021.

Action:

Pending

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