

Mitigated Negative Declaration

Pursuant to: Division 13, Public Resources Code

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 12, in cooperation with the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), proposes to improve the local interchange at Interstate 605 (I-605) and Katella Avenue. The project is located within the limits of the City of Los Alamitos, in Orange County, on I-605 from PM 1.1 to 1.6. The I-605/Katella Avenue Interchange is located approximately 1.3 miles north of the I-405/I-605 junction, and approximately 5 miles south of State Route 91 (SR-91). Within the vicinity of the proposed project, I-605 has four general purpose lanes in each direction and one high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane in each direction. From the I-405 interchange to Katella Avenue, there is an auxiliary lane in each direction and a sound barrier along the northbound right shoulder. The purpose of the proposed project is to improve interchange traffic operations, and improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities within the project limits.

Determination

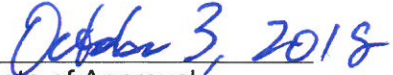
Caltrans has prepared an Initial Study for this project, and following public review, has determined from this study that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment for the following reasons:

The proposed I-605/Katella Avenue Interchange Improvements project would have no effect on the following resources: Agriculture and Forest Resources, Mineral Resources, and Population and Housing.

In addition, the proposed I-605/Katella Avenue Interchange Improvements project would have less than significant effects to: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Recreation, Noise, Public Services, Transportation/Traffic, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Utilities and Service Systems.

With mitigation measures incorporated, the project would have less than significant effects to: Biological Resources (WET-1), Cultural Resources (PAL-1), and Mandatory Findings of Significance.


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Date of Approval

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