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Construction of an expressway from SR-86 to SR-111 in Brawley, Imperial County, California.

STATE ROUTE 78/111 BRAWLEY BYPASSIn Imperial County, California
11-IMP-78 & 111 KP L11.6/L25.3& 33.5/39.7**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT / REPORT**

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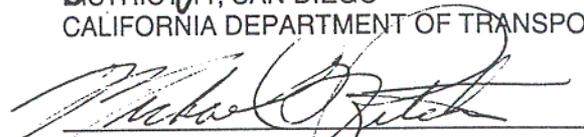
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State of California, Department of Transportation

COOPERATING AGENCIES

United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Natural Resource Conservation Service

RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
California Department of Fish and Game
Regional Water Quality Control Board
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(916) 498-5037AbstractThe proposed action is to construct State Route 78/111 Brawley Bypass as a four-lane divided expressway from State Route 86 (SR-86), northwest of the city of Brawley, to SR-111, southeast of the city of Brawley, in Imperial County, California. The purpose and need for the action is to reduce accidents, traffic congestion, and time delays on SR-78 and SR-111 within the city of Brawley and to accommodate increased regional and international traffic due to the North American Free Trade Agreement. Alternatives under consideration include a no build alternative and three build alternatives, one of which has several local access variations. Project environmental impacts include biological resources, farmland, community, economic, noise, and visual. Comments on this draft EIS are due by 8/14/01 and should be sent to John Chisholm, Caltrans District 11, at the above address.