

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Subject: **SUMMARY – NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, ROUTE 15 IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY – CONSTRUCT ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS NEAR SAN DIEGO**

ISSUE:

The California Transportation Commission (Commission) is being asked to review and comment at the July 2007 Commission meeting on the following Notice of Preparation (NOP):

- 11-SD-15, PM 14.8/16.3, Route 15 in San Diego County - Construct roadway improvements near San Diego.

PROGRAMMING:

The proposed project would construct roadway improvements including a Direct Access Ramp (DAR) on State Route 15 near San Diego in San Diego County. The project is fully funded from the 2006 State Transportation Improvement Program, Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program, and San Diego's Transnet Program. The total estimated project cost is \$56 million. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2010-11.

ALTERNATIVES BEING CONSIDERED:

Alternatives for the project include:

- Hillery Drive Alternative: elevated ramp structure that would extend from the Hillery Drive/Westview Parkway intersection along the existing alignment of Hillery Drive and would continue eastward from the Hillery Drive terminus to connect with a new bridge structure within the I-15 Managed Lanes facility.
- Galvin Avenue Alternative: elevated ramp structure extending from the Galvin Avenue/Westview Parkway intersection eastward to a new bridge structure within the I-15 Managed Lanes facility.
- Maya Linda Road Alternative: elevated ramp structure extending eastward from the vicinity of the Maya Linda Road cul-de-sac to a new bridge structure within the I-15 Managed Lanes facility.
- Eastern Connection Alternative: elevated ramp structure extending westward from the east side of I-15 to a new bridge structure within the I-15 Managed Lanes facility.
- No-build Alternative.

POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:

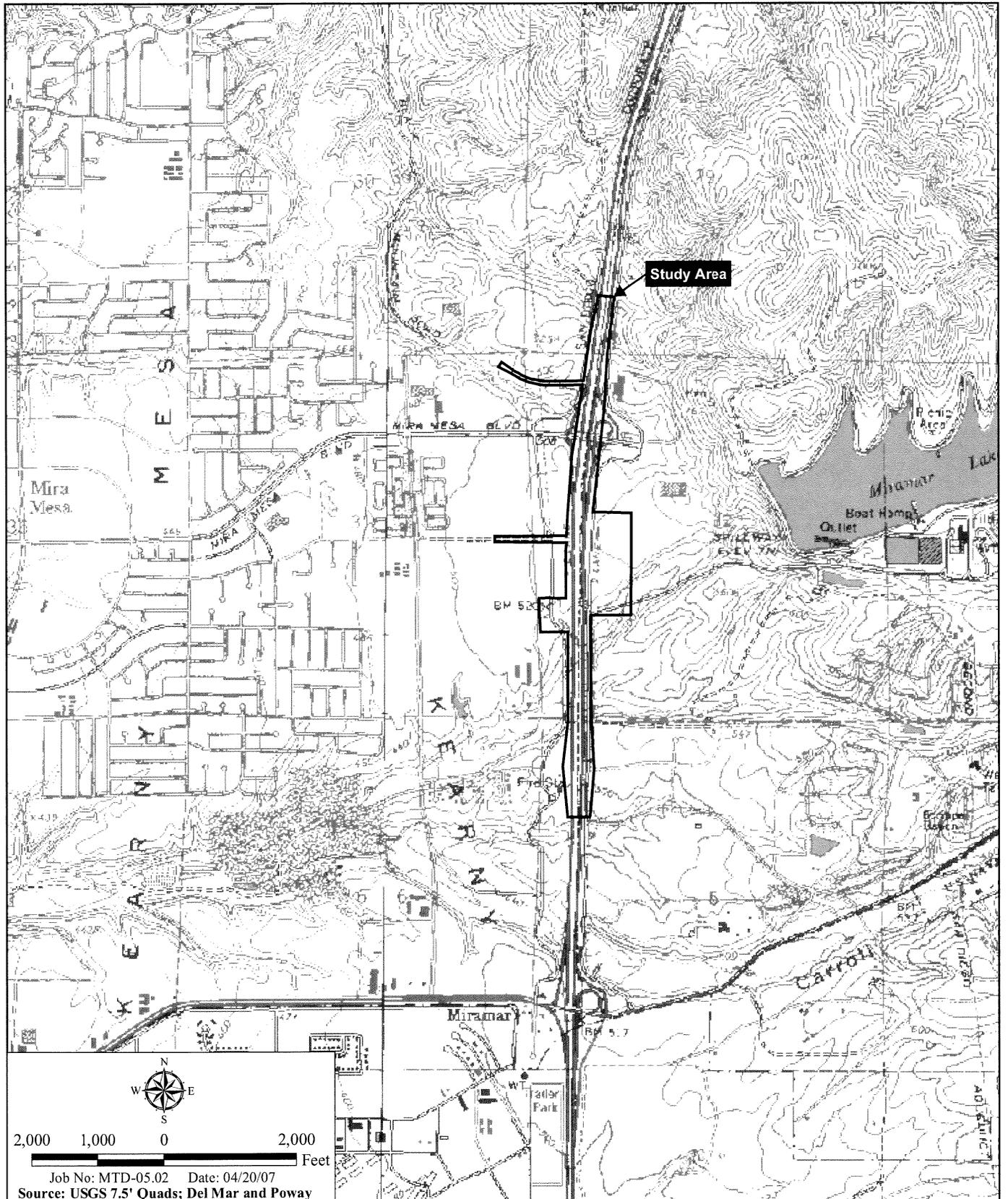
- Air quality
- Geology/soils
- Hydrology/water quality
- Noise
- Hazardous materials
- Traffic

Based on the potential for significant impacts in the form of air quality impacts, noise impacts, hazardous materials, and impacts to water quality, an Environmental Impact Report is being prepared for this proposed project.

PROPOSED MEASURES TO MINIMIZE HARM:

- Consider appropriate noise attenuation.
- Incorporate archeological surveys on project site.
- Use established water quality Best Management Practices on project site.
- Program to brief construction workers regarding environmental commitments.
- Employ Best Management Practices for erosion control.
- Test for aerially deposited lead.
- Control visible emissions from off-road diesel powered equipment.
- Incorporate design characteristics and aesthetic treatments to minimize visual impacts.
- Adherence to the South Coast Air Quality Management District Rules and Regulations.

Attachment



Project Location Map

MIRA MESA/SCRIPPS RANCH DAR

Figure 1