

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Subject: **DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, ROUTE 11 IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY – CONSTRUCT A DIRECT ACCESS ROAD (DAR) TO CONNECT ROUTE 15 TO THE COMMUNITIES OF MIRA MESA AND SCRIPPS MIRAMAR RANCH**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) review and comment at the December 2008 Commission meeting on the following Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR):

- 11-SD-15, PM 15.1/16.4, PPNO 0661E, Construct a direct access ramp (DAR) on Route 15 in San Diego County.

PROGRAMMING:

This project in San Diego County would construct a direct access ramp on Route 15 from just south of the Carroll Canyon Road overcrossing to just north of Mira Mesa Boulevard undercrossing. The project is fully funded in the 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) with Regional Improvement Program, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality, and local transportation funds. The estimated cost of the project is \$56,798,000, capital and support, and is estimated to begin construction in Fiscal Year 2009-10.

ALTERNATIVES BEING CONSIDERED:

The DEIR identifies three alternatives:

- Hillery Drive Alternative – This alternative proposes an elevated ramp structure that would extend at grade from the Hillery Drive/Westview Parkway intersection transitioning to an elevated structure along the existing Hillery Drive alignment connecting with a new structure within the I-15 Managed Lanes facility.

- Galvin Avenue Alternative – This alternative proposes an elevated ramp structure that would extend at grade from the Galvin Avenue Drive/Westview Parkway intersection eastward to a new structure within the Route 15 managed lanes facility. This alternative also includes a new transit center, a new park-and-ride lot, and an access road connecting the proposed structure to the existing park-and-ride lot west of the Mira Mesa Boulevard interchange.
- No Build Alternative.

POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:

Potential significant environmental effects identified at this phase of the project include:

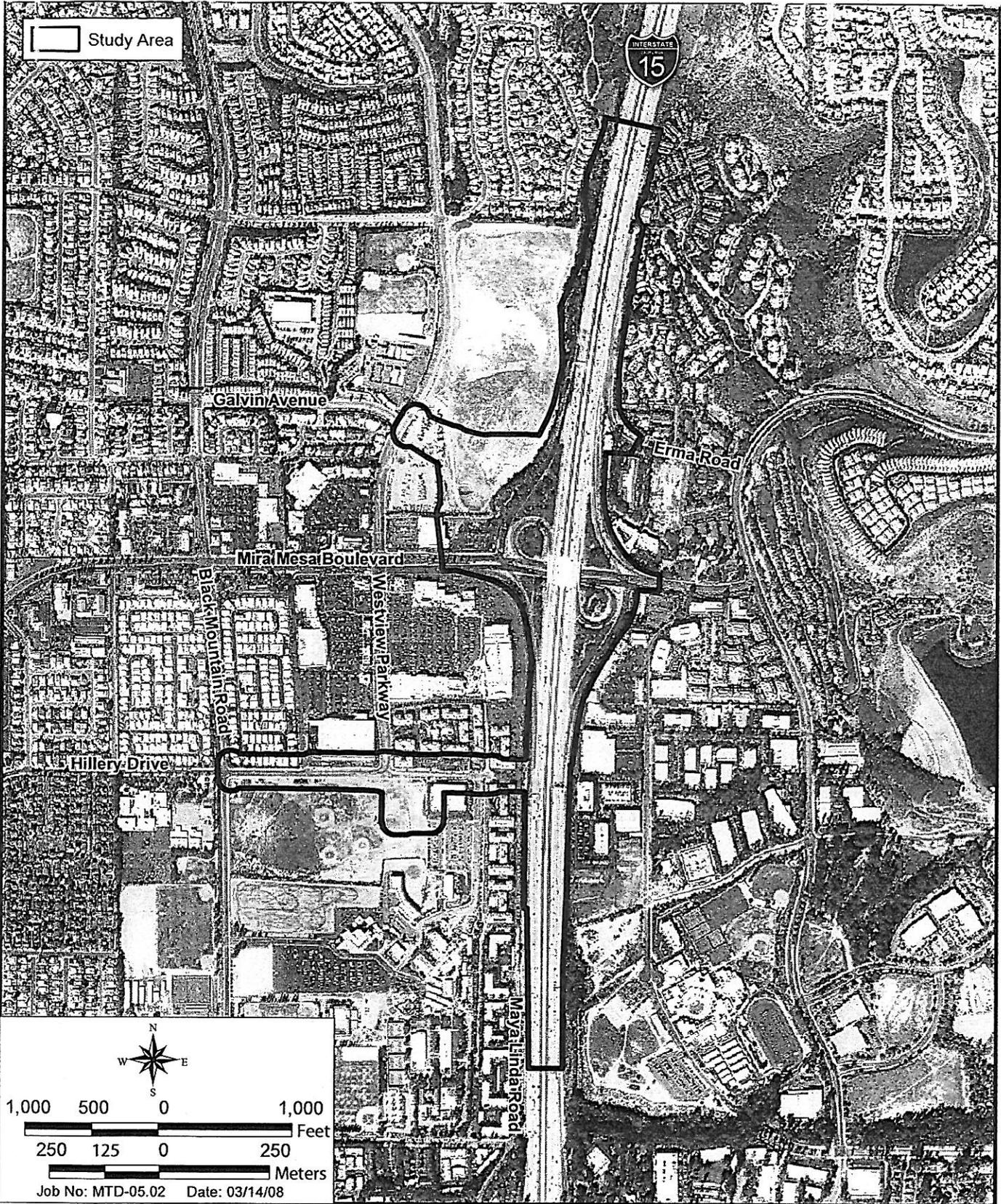
- Landscape
- Visual
- Community
- Water Quality

Because of the potentially significant environmental impacts listed above, an Environmental Impact Report is being prepared.

PROPOSED MEASURES TO MINIMIZE HARM:

- Incorporate engineering design to blend slopes into existing natural areas.
- Vine planting and architectural treatments on retaining walls.
- Use of lighting, signage, and visual screening walls.
- Traffic calming measures including narrow travel lanes, curb extensions, and all-way traffic controls.
- Minimize construction footprint and implement water quality best management practices.

Attachment



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Project Vicinity Map

MIRA MESA/SCRIPPS RANCH DAR PROJECT EIR/EA

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