memorandum

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subject Request to Correct FTIP Project ID of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Form (RIV180142) Discussed at June 22, 2021 TCWG Meeting

The City of Coachella requests that the correct FTIP Project ID of the PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Form (RIV180142) discussed at the June 22, 2021 Transportation Conformity Working Group (TCWG) Meeting be identified for the widening of Dillion Road from two to six lanes from Cabazon Road/Avenue 48 to the SR-86 Southbound interchange (Project). The correct FTIP Project ID for the Dillion Road Project is RIV180145. The City understands that to provide the correct FTIP Project ID, the item will need to be included on the May 24, 2022 TCWG meeting agenda. We are available to attend the meeting to describe the issue and request. Following is an explanation of the issue.

On June 22, 2021, the SCAG TCWG met to discuss the Dillion Road Project which was the 14th Project listed on the Agenda and provided on your website at: https://scag.ca.gov/project-level-conformity. The information included the following which shows an File Description number as RIV180142.

File Description:
RIV180142 – Not a POAQC – Hot Spot Analysis Not Required

Completion Date:
06/22/2021
Category:
PM Hot Spot
Downloads:
RIV180142
When downloading the RIV180142 PDF, it included the following Project Description that includes an improvement from two lanes to six lanes from Cabazon Road/Avenue 48 to SR-86.

_The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in cooperation with the Dillon Road Joint Powers Authority (JPA), proposes to widen the Dillon Road corridor from two to six lanes from Cabazon Road/Avenue 48 to the SR-86 Southbound interchange and reconstruct the existing bridge with new twin parallel bridges to span over the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel (CVSC) ("the Project"). The purpose of the Project is to provide infrastructure improvements to the structurally deficient Dillon Road Bridge, address future traffic congestion associated with the increase in forecasted travel demand, and enhance safety along the Dillon Road corridor. The total length of the Project is 0.68 miles. Caltrans and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BLA) are joint lead agencies under NEPA. The City of Coachella is the lead agency under CEQA. The Project objectives are to provide infrastructure for future planned development, avoid or minimize adverse traffic effects associated with the forecasted travel demand within the Project area, correct the existing hydraulic deficiencies at the CVSC, and enhance safety along the Dillon Road corridor. One build alternative and a No Build Alternative are proposed for this project. The proposed alternatives are further discussed below._

The above description is described in the RTP/SCS as well as provided on the 2021 FTIP Project List with the number RIV180145 as shown below.

RTP Description for RIV180145 includes the improvement of Dillon Road from 2 to 6 lanes from Cabazon Road to SR-86.

_The FTIP Description provided below for RIV180145 is widening Dillon Road from 2 to 6 lanes from Cabazon Road to SR-86._
We are currently processing the Air Quality Report and Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the Dillion Road Project. We understand that the improvement of Dillion Road from two to six lanes from Cabazon Road to SR-86 is correct but the number identified in the SCAG TCWG agenda is incorrect.

We request a correction to the number on the SCAG TCWG agenda from RIV18042 to RIV18045 so that when Caltrans accesses the Working Group website, the correct number is provided.

Please let me know if you need any additional information to make the requested correction. My contact information is below. We also request that you confirm that this request can be included on the May 24, 2022 TCWG meeting agenda.

Thank you.

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