

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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FROM: TLMA - Transportation Dept.

SUBMITTAL DATE:
January 12, 2007

SUBJECT: Adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for Environmental Assessment 40761 Adoption of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan and approval of the Date Palm Drive/Interstate 10 Interchange project, Western Coachella Valley Area, **Fourth Supervisorial District**

RECOMMENDED MOTION: ADOPT a Mitigated Negative Declaration for Environmental Assessment 40761, ADOPT the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (Appendix L) and APPROVE the Date Palm Drive/Interstate 10 Interchange project.

BACKGROUND: The Date Palm Drive Interchange is a cooperative project between the County of Riverside, Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration to upgrade the existing interchange to a six lane partial cloverleaf interchange. The interchange improvement is needed to relieve existing congestion and accommodate planned growth in the Coachella Valley. The proposed project would reduce future air quality and traffic impacts that will occur if new infrastructure is not built.

The Initial Study/Environmental Assessment (IS/EA), a joint California Environmental Quality Act/National Environmental Policy Act document, has evaluated all impacts associated with the interchange reconstruction and concluded that it could have resulted in significant impacts to federally listed endangered species; the Coachella Valley fringe-toed lizard, and the Coachella Valley milk-vetch. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has determined that the project, as proposed, is not likely to jeopardize either species. A Conservation Plan for Interstate 10 corridor interchanges and associated arterials has been created in cooperation with the agencies listed above and the Coachella Valley Association of Governments to mitigate species impacts through the purchase of 1795 acres of conservation land.

Based on the IS/EA the proposed project would result in short term construction related impacts to traffic, noise, air quality, fugitive dust and water quality and long term hazardous waste, water quality, plants and wildlife, and visual impacts. All feasible measures have been incorporated into the project design and construction specifications to lessen their effect. None of the impacts are considered significant after mitigation measures are incorporated.

GAJ:ldc


George A. Johnson
Director of Transportation

REVIEWED BY EXECUTIVE OFFICE
DATE 1/16/07
Departmental Concurrence

Dep't Recomm.:	☐ Consent	☒ Policy
Per Exec. Ofc.:	☐ Consent	☒ Policy

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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

EA No. 40761

SCH# 2004061164

PROJECT NAME: Date Palm Drive/Interstate 10 Interchange Reconstruction

DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION: The proposed project consists of widening the existing overcrossing on both sides to accommodate six lanes, a raised median, sidewalks in each direction, and a Class II bike lane in each direction in addition to realignment of the eastbound and westbound direct on- and off-ramps, adding single-lane westbound and eastbound loop on-ramps from northbound and southbound Date Palm Drive. The proposed project is located along Interstate 10 in central Riverside County, at Date Palm Drive approximately 3.4 miles east of the existing I-10 interchange at Palm Drive/Gene Autry Trail.

1. The project [☐ will ☒ will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☐ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA
3. ☒ A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
4. Mitigation measures [☒ were ☐ were not] made a condition of the approval of this project.
5. A Mitigation Monitoring plan was [☒ was not ☐] adopted.
6. A statement of Overriding Considerations [☐ was ☒ was not] adopted for this project.

☒ The project will not have a significant effect on the environment and a Negative Declaration has been adopted pursuant to CEQA and may be examined, along with administrative record, at the Transportation Department, 4080 Lemon Street, 8th fl, Riverside, California 92501.

☐ The Final EIR may be examined, along with administrative record, at the Transportation Department, 4080 Lemon Street, 8th fl, Riverside, California 92501.

Laurie Dobson Correa Title Principal Planner Date 4/10/07

George A. Johnson Title Director of Transportation Date 4/10/07

HEARING BODY OR OFFICER

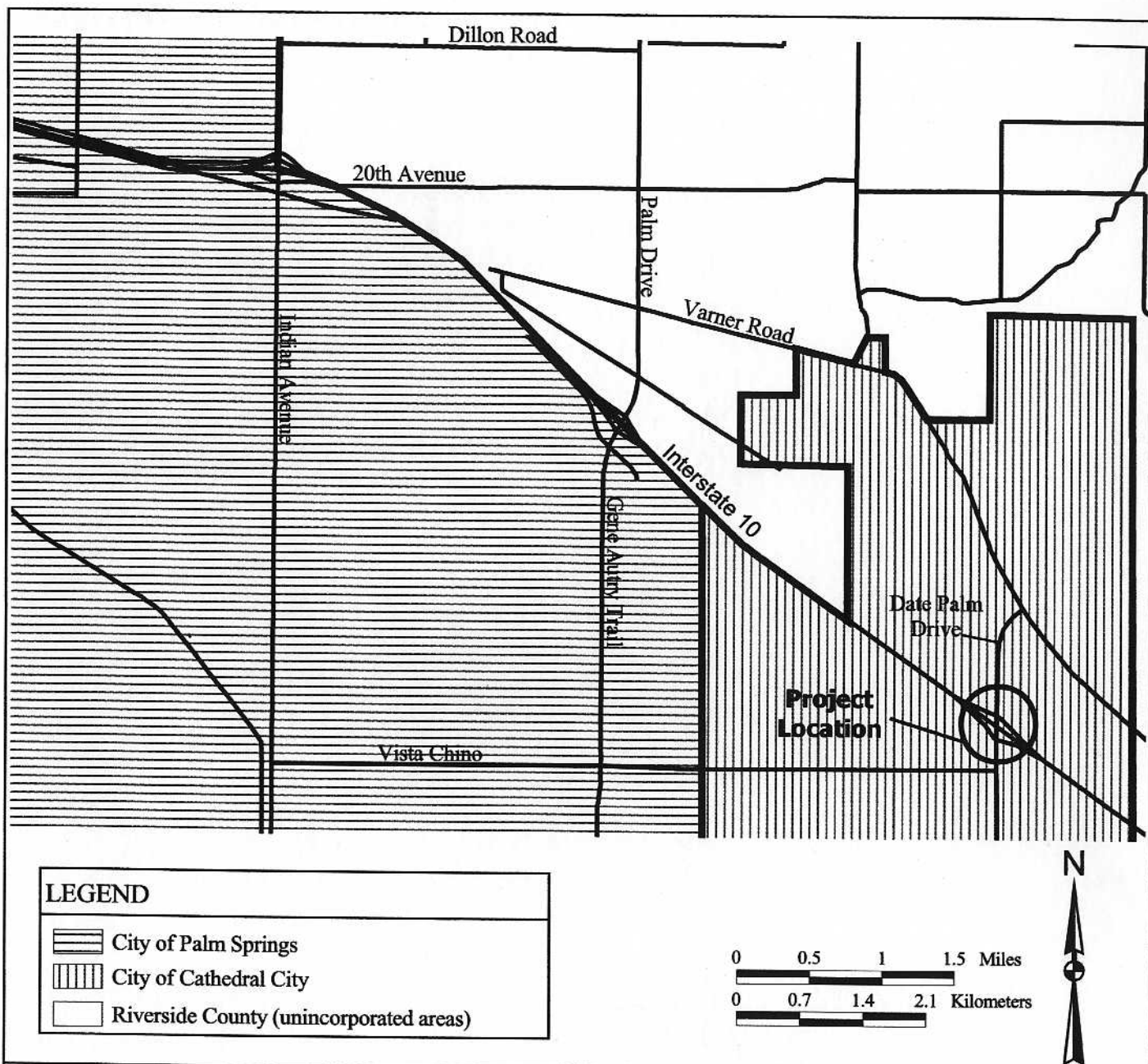
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ACTION ON PROJECT

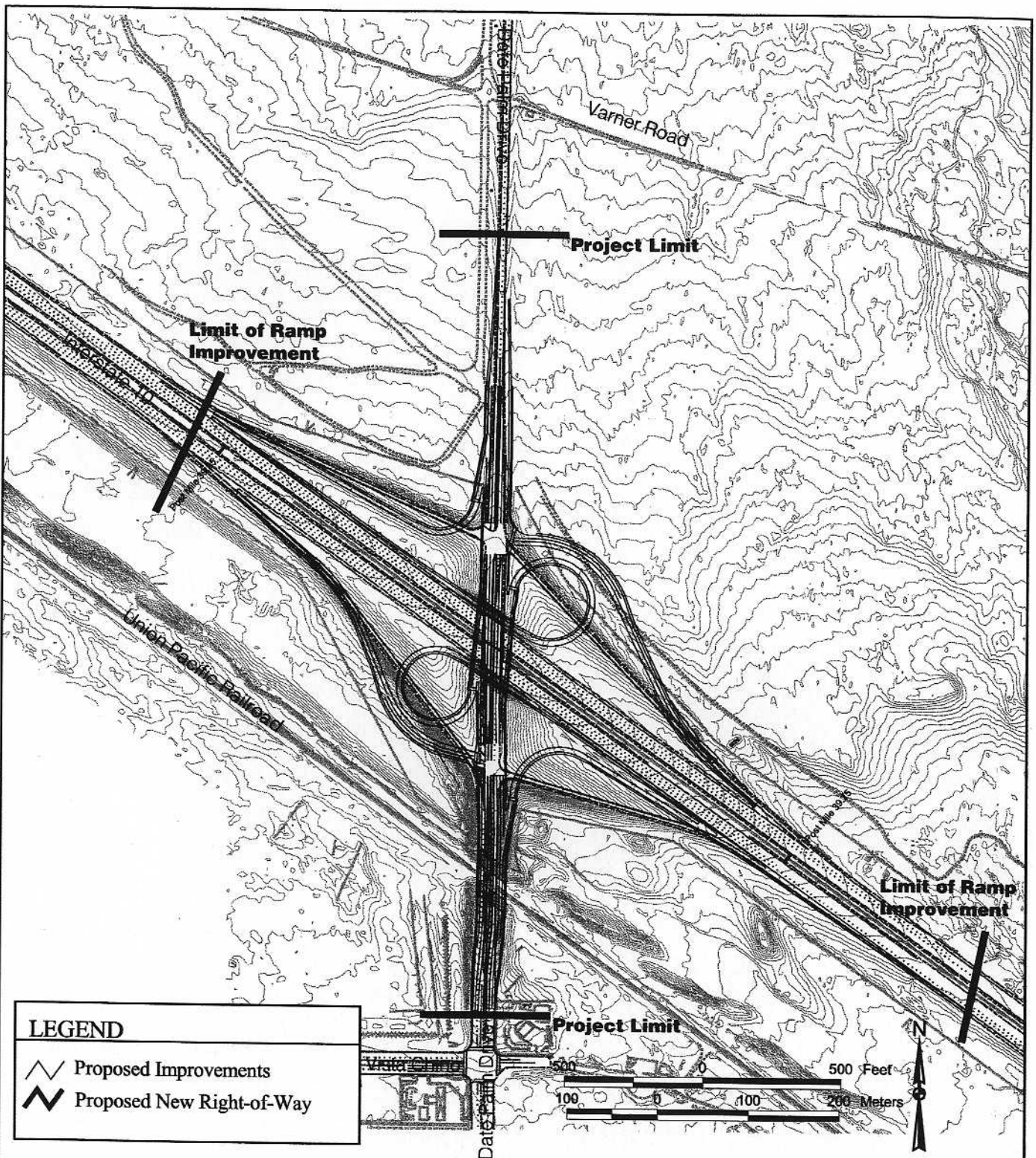
 Approval
 Disapproval

Verifying: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

For County Clerk Use



**Interstate 10 - Date Palm Drive Interchange
Location Map
Figure 1-3**



**Interstate 10 - Date Palm Drive Interchange
Alternative 2A-Complete Reconstruction Improvements
Figure 2-2**