

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Ref: **SUMMARY – NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, ROUTE 76 IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY – WIDEN TO SIX-LANE HIGHWAY NEAR BONSALL**

## **ISSUE:**

The California Transportation Commission is being asked to review and comment at the December 2005 Commission meeting on the following Notice of Preparation (NOP):

- 11-SD-76, PM 7.8/12.6. Widen to six-lane highway near Bonsall in San Diego County.

## **PROGRAMMING:**

The total project cost is \$170 million. The overall project is not fully funded. The project is currently funded with Demonstration Funds, Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Funds, Federal Section 115 Funds and TRANSNET Funds, for a total of \$25 million. The project is fully funded through the environmental phase. The primary funding source is TRANSNET, but the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) is considering pursuing future State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) dollars. Construction will be segmented into three stages. The first stage is scheduled to begin in October 2007.

## **ALTERNATIVES BEING CONSIDERED:**

- Existing Alignment – widen from two lanes to six lanes utilizing existing roadway.
- Southern Alignment – build six-lane facility on new alignment south of the San Luis Rey River.
- Split-Facility Alignment – build three westbound lanes along existing alignment and three eastbound lanes on proposed Southern Alignment.
- No Build.

**POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:**

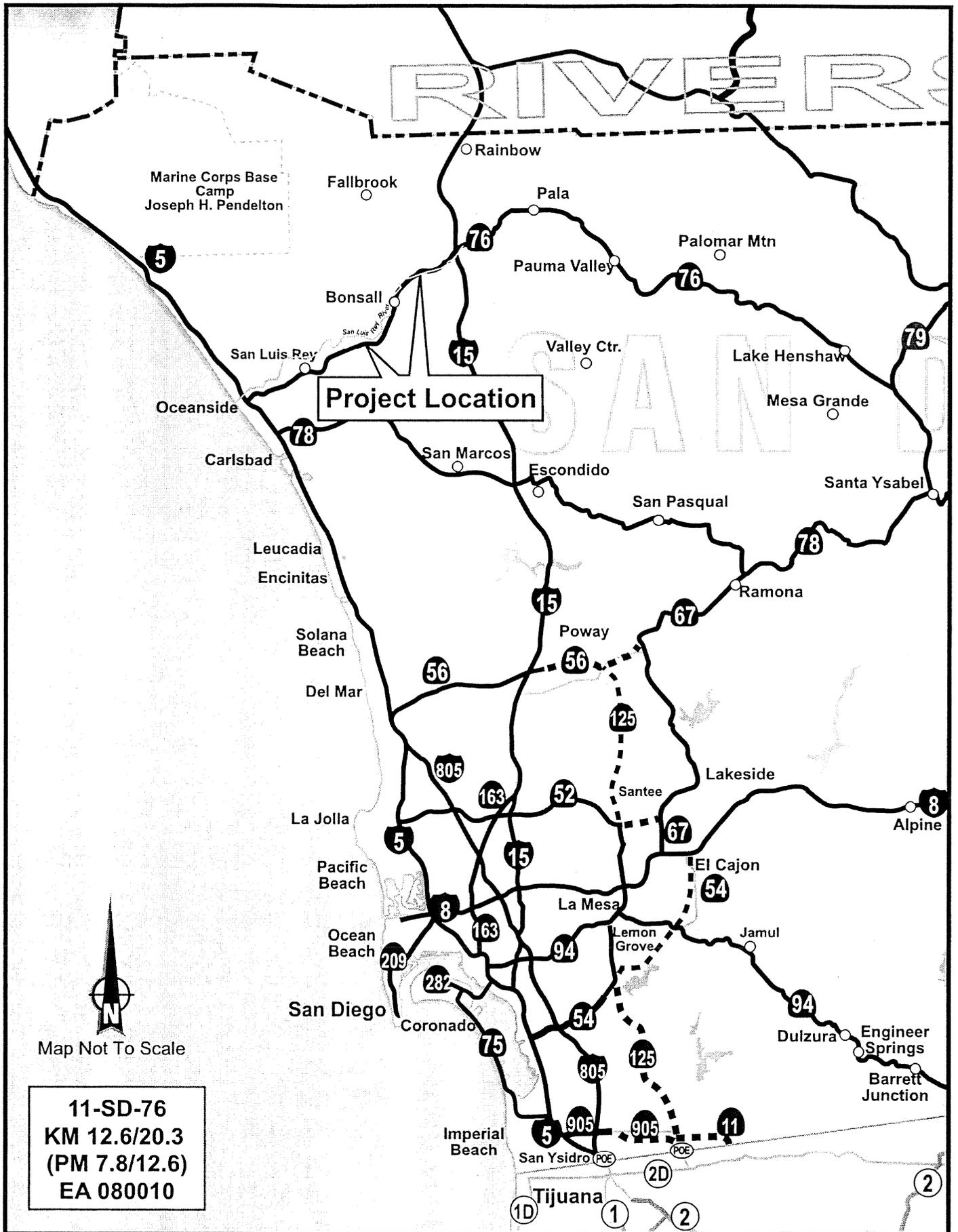
- Endangered species and habitat
- Cultural resources
- Wetland impacts to the San Luis Rey River
- Noise
- Community impacts
- Visual impacts

Based on the potential for significant impacts to the San Luis Rey River basin and adjacent sensitive habitats, an Environmental Impact Report is being prepared for this proposed project.

**PROPOSED MEASURES TO MINIMIZE HARM:**

- Avoidance of cultural and natural resources.
- Removal of arundo, an invasive species, from portions of the San Luis Rey River.
- Noise attenuation.
- On and off-site mitigation for impacts to the San Luis Rey River.
- Reduce visual impacts of cut/fill slopes, retaining or sound barrier walls, and views of the river valley.

Attachment



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FIGURE 1  
 PROJECT LOCATION MAP